

**TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
August 17, 2026**

The Town Council of Bogue met on Monday, August 17, 2026, at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road.

Mayor Robert O'Chat called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor O'Chat led the pledge of allegiance and Councilmember Crose led the prayer.

Town Clerk Owens took roll call.

Council Members present were Mayor O'Chat, Councilmember Cannon, Councilmember Crose, Councilmember Dale, Councilmember Parker, and Councilmember Taylor. Clerk Owens and Attorney Boggs.

Agenda

Mayor O'Chat asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion of dates for the Santa sleigh ride in December and additional transformer/outlets to Carteret Craven Electric poles within the town limits for the addition of holiday lighting and approve the agenda. Councilmember Dale made the motion to approve the amendments to the agenda, Councilmember Crose seconded the motion, motion carried.

Minutes

Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve July 20, 2026, regular meeting minutes Councilmember Parker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Unfinished Business

Mayor O'Chat stated there was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

Mayor O'Chat stated the scheduled public hearing was cancelled as the applicants withdrew their applications before the August planning board meeting, they signed a withdrawal document, so nothing regarding that tonight. We will move on to the Santa sleigh ride date selection. The Town of Cape Carteret are holding their Santa ride on December 15 and 16, which is Tuesday and Wednesday. Mayor O'Chat stated he spoke with Chaplain Caldwell, who did our Santa ride last year, and he has tentatively blocked Monday, December 14, and Thursday, December 17, 2026, for Bogue. Councilmember Parker motioned she likes December 17. Councilmember Cannon seconded December 17. Councilmember Crose stated school is out on December 18. Unanimous vote for Thursday, December 17, 2026, as the day for Bogue Santa sleigh ride through town. Mayor O'Chat said he would call Chaplain Caldwell and tell him December 17, 2026, is the date that was chosen by the council, we will pick a time at another meeting. Mayor O'Chat said that on last Thursday, he rode through town with a representative from Carteret Craven Electric Company, viewing potential electric poles along NC Highway 24 and Bogue Loop Road. There is a total of six poles with potential to be used for additional holiday decorations. Two on Bogue Loop Road before Forest Line Drive and Wild Oak Lane and four on NC Highway 24, by K and K Realty, Coastal Mulch, between metal building and White Oak Church of God and the last one near the house with the big live oak trees. The cost is one hundred eighty-five dollars per pole one thousand one hundred

dollars for six poles to have outlets installed. Councilmember Parker asked if this was a one-time fee. Mayor O'Chat said yes additional fee is for electric usage when holiday decorations are in use. They would be staggered along the road. Councilmember Crose inquired if we have the lights. Mayor O'Chat said we would need to order more but need to go through what the town currently owns. Councilmember Parker motioned to approve installation of the six outlets by Carteret Craven Electric Company at eleven hundred dollars, Councilmember Crose second, motioned passed unanimously. Councilmember Parker said we can order lights now. Mayor O'Chat said we need to assess what lights the town currently has, we need to know what to order and get a count of the original lights. Mayor O'Chat said they will need to be plugged in and evaluated. Mayor O'Chat advised he would contact the CCEC representative to schedule the installation.

Department Reports

Finance: Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$532,079.00

Budget: Clerk Owens stated that the sales tax has been received by the town through June, Property tax through July, vehicle tax through June and Utilities Franchise tax through the first quarter.

Planner: no report

ILA: Mayor O'Chat asked if there was anything new with the ILA. Councilmember Dale said nothing new.

Streets: Mayor O'Chat reported nothing new. Nicky picked up limbs from the rights of way after the storm. Councilmember Crose asked if that comes out of his line-item budget. Mayor O'Chat advised it did.

Emergency Manager: no report.

Town Hall: Councilmember Dale no report.

Events: Councilmember Cannon and Councilmember nothing to report

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Mayor O'Chat stated the next Town Council meeting is September 21, 2026.

Councilmember Parker asked if the noise complaint from July had been resolved. Mayor O'Chat stated it was resolved.

Councilmember Taylor said he would bring dirt to the sign at the East end of town to raise it up a bit for easier maintenance. Mayor O'Chat said he needs to get an easement. Attorney Boggs asked the clerk to find the survey. Clerk Owens stated the survey was sent to the attorney last week. Attorney Boggs will work on the deed this week. Councilmember Cannon asked who maintains the sign area and the grass in front of the cow pasture? Mayor O'Chat said that the North Carolina Department of Transportation mows the right of way and Nicky maintains the sign area, it is exceptionally soft.

Adjournment Council member Crose made a motion to adjourn, Council member Dale seconded, town council meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m. with a unanimous vote.

ROBERT O'CHAT, MAYOR

BARBARA OWENS, TOWN CLERK