

**TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
September 21, 2026**

The Town Council of Bogue met on Monday, September 21, 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 led the prayer.

Mayor O'Chat 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 holiday lighting and approve the agenda. Councilmember Crose made the motion to approve the amendments to the agenda, Councilmember Parker seconded the motion, motion carried.

Minutes

Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve August 17, 2026, regular meeting minutes Councilmember Dale 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 there is a resolution in the packet (see attached) for a request to have a magistrate for Western Carteret County. There used to be a magistrate in the Cedar Point County office years ago located in the building inspector's office. The resolution will need to go before the state. Attorney Boggs asked if there was a holding cell in the building? Mayor O'Chat said there is no holding cell. Mayor O'Chat asked if there was a motion? Councilmember Dale made a motion to approve the resolution requesting a magistrate for Western Carteret County, Councilmember Crose seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor O'Chat stated the next item is discussion of holiday decorations for the town.

Councilmember Cannon has been looking at ideas from Mosca design. There is a preliminary order of three wreaths with lights along with two year-round designs that would be located at the beginning of the town limits. She stated that the decorations include upgrades to marine grade fixtures that will extend the life of the decorations. The full quote is seven thousand seven hundred thirty-four (\$7,734.00) dollars all inclusive, which also includes an eighteen percent (18%) discount. Councilmember Cannon stated that the decorations would be delivered before Thanksgiving if they are ordered this week. Councilmember Dale made a motion to purchase the five (5) decorations as presented from Mosca Design, for a total of seven thousand eight hundred (\$7,800.00) dollars, Councilmember Parker seconded the motion, motion carried.

Department Reports

Finance: Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$548,205.00

Budget: Mayor O'Chat stated that the sales tax has been received by the town through July, Property tax through August, vehicle tax through August and Utilities Franchise tax through the second quarter.

Planner: no report

ILA: Mayor O'Chat asked if there was anything new with the ILA. Councilmember Dale said nothing new. There will be a quarterly meeting in October.

Streets: no report

Emergency Manager: no report.

Town Hall: Councilmember Dale no report.

Events: Councilmember Cannon and Councilmember working on Christmas and party

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Mayor O'Chat stated the next Town Council meeting is October 19, 2026.

Adjournment Council member Dale made a motion to adjourn, Council member Crose seconded, town council meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. with a unanimous vote.



ROBERT O'CHAT, MAYOR



BARBARA OWENS, TOWN CLERK





RESOLUTION REQUESTING MAGISTRATE IN WESTERN CARTERET COUNTY

Whereas, Western Carteret County has experienced tremendous growth in population and traffic causing an increase in law enforcement presence and interaction over the last 10 yrs; and

Whereas, the Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) for the Town of Cape Carteret & Emerald Isle Police Departments as well as the Sheriff's Office have seen an increase in calls for service, more so those calls for service that result in arrest; and

Whereas, currently the only magistrate's office for Carteret County is located in Beaufort and having a magistrate in Western Carteret would enable LEO's to process arrests more efficiently and return to their jurisdiction promptly; and

Whereas, the magistrate's office in Beaufort is approximately twenty-five miles each way and each arrest or process currently takes three to four hours of out of jurisdiction time. Additionally, a magistrate in Western Carteret County would facilitate obtaining essential documents such as arrest warrants, search warrants, DWI Processing, Involuntary Commitment documentation, and other affidavits necessary for LEO's as well as for citizens obtaining process paperwork; and

Whereas, the Towns of Cape Carteret, Emerald Isle, Cedar Point, Peletier, and Bogue realize the tremendous impact and efficiency having a magistrate in Western Carteret County would have for all of law enforcement agencies and citizens.

Now, therefore, the Towns of Cape Carteret, Emerald Isle, Cedar Point, Peletier, and Bogue support this resolution to request a magistrate be located in Western Carteret County.

Will Baker	Kyle Lagos	Dale Sowers	Scott Hartsell	Bobby O'Chat
Mayor	Mayor	Mayor	Mayor	Mayor



[Signature]
date: 9-21-26

Christmas Light Options 2026

Here are some possible choices for the new Bogue Christmas lights from Mosca Design in Youngsville, NC.

The cost includes marine upgrade with dielectric grease and rubber washer for each bulb. (estimated total charge for upgrade~\$289.12)

The marine upgrade was highly recommended due to the coastal location.

- **Lighted 5 Ft pole mount wreaths (3) -80 bulbs each** with ornaments and bows on each side -One for each end of town on Hwy 24 and one on Bogue Loop Rd.
- **One 5x6 Ft Crab-161 bulbs** for new pole
- **One 5.5x8 Ft Anchor-155 bulbs** for new pole
- **Shipping~\$800-\$900**

We could consider using the Crab and Anchor designs at the ends of town for a year-round look, but there are plenty of other options available if we want to look at other choices.

Total estimated cost including shipping and marine upgrade for bulbs is \$7,400





