

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
June 17, 2024

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, June 17, 2024, at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road.

Mayor Robert O'Chat called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mike Crose led a prayer.

Council members present; Mayor O'Chat, David Padgett, Albert Taylor, Mike Crose, John Dale, and Allison Cannon. Also, present; Town Attorney Donna Boggs and Town Clerk Shawne Southard.

Agenda

Councilman Taylor made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman Dale seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Councilman Crose made a motion to approve the May 20, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Councilwoman Cannon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Mayor O'Chat stated that the agenda for the meeting was to approve the 2024-25 Budget and to reevaluate what is permitted in the Town for businesses. If there is a business in Town currently operating, they may continue to operate; the changes would be for new businesses only.

Tom Burnham at 104 Pine Ct. asked why is this an issue now, what brought it about now to reevaluate the permitted uses. Mayor O'Chat stated that the County is growing and the Town wanted to get everything updated. He stated that it is not uncommon for towns to update their permitted uses from time to time.

Steph Krzich at 116 Marsh Harbour Dr. wanted to state for the record that she approved of all businesses currently in the Town and to keep in mind traffic and population increases when considering what the Town will be approving.

Paul Winstead at 105 Hunting Bay Dr. stated that he is there to support Bogue Sound Distillery.

Ken Mitchell at 116 Pine Needle Circle stated that as a resident of Bogue he would like them to be permitted for outdoor music.

Donald Skinner at 1530 Salter Path Rd. asked why the Town wants to take out certain businesses. He enjoys Bogue Sound Distillery and wants them to have outdoor music.

Art Kalmowitz at 253 Jones Ridge Ln. stated that he is there to support Bogue Sound Distillery.

Sam Shipp at 104 Hunting Bay Dr. stated he is concerned about future businesses not being allowed in Town and that will hurt his future plans on what he can do on his property.

Unfinished Business

None

Public Hearing

Councilman Padgett made a motion to go into a Public Hearing for the proposed 2024-2025 Budget. Councilman Dale seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Chat asked if anyone had any comments regarding the proposed budget. There were no comments.

Councilman Crose made a motion to go out of the Public Hearing for the proposed 2024-2025 Budget. Councilman Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Dale made a motion to approve the proposed 2024-2025 Budget as presented. Councilman Padgett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to go into a Public Hearing for the Table of Permitted and Special Uses. Councilman Dale seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Chat stated that the Planning Board met on June 6th to go over what was in the Table of Permitted and Special Uses and recommended the proposed changes.

Tom Burnham at 104 Pine Ct. asked what the process was to get a Special Use Permit.

John and Donna Riddle at 400 Safe Harbour asked if Outdoor Entertainment is not allowed in the Town. They stated that they enjoy listening to music.

Paul Winstead at 105 Hunting Bay Dr. stated that the Town is not unique as having residential next to business. People love outdoor music.

Joann Parker at 151 Chimney Branch Rd. stated that when Bogue Sound Distillery first opened was outdoor music allowed. She stated that when she opened her business, she found out exactly what is allowed and she agrees that outdoor entertainment would bother her if it opened next to her house.

Donald Skinner at 1530 Salter Path Rd. stated that if you limit what businesses can happen in Town you limit people coming to the town.

Ken Mitchell at 116 Pine Needle Circle asked if citizens of Bogue have any recourse for these changes.

Steven Pool a resident of Stella spoke as a musician stating that Bogue Sound Distillery is a good establishment.

Sam Shipp at 104 Hunting Bay Dr. asked to have a better understanding of what Outdoor Entertainment covers.

Donna Riddler at 400 Safe Harbour stated that the verbiage is vague and unenforceable.

Joann Parker at 151 Chimney Branch Rd. stated that you simply need to get a Special Use Permit.

Kim Goovaerts at 401 Park Ave. asked what the difference between the military and Bogue Sound Distillery was.

Jacob Gurney at 100 Millicent Ct. asked what an entertainment facility is.

Sam Shipp at 104 Hunting Bay Dr. stated there is a big demand for storage units and that they need to stay.

Susan Langston at 402 Pettiford Rd. stated that it's hard to see what is best for the future and safety of Bogue.

Councilman Taylor stated that after listening to the comments he feels that people are getting sidetracked on specific things; if someone wants to have business in Bogue they need to bring a Special Use Permit for their particular want. We have a major problem with Highway 24 traffic, we are trying to do the best we can.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to go out of the Public Hearing for the Table of Permitted and Special Uses. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Padgett stated it hurts his heart to hear what I've heard tonight and that he didn't want people to leave the meeting tonight thinking they are not proud of the Town. We need to think this out and try to listen to both sides. Give us some grace on this and let us try to come back to this.

Councilman Crose said thank you to all for coming out; we appreciate your input. We are trying to do what is best for the Town.

Councilman Crose made a motion to vacate the moratorium on permits for residential uses. Councilwoman Cannon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to extend the moratorium for businesses only until July 16th. Councilwoman Cannon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Dale made a motion to table the vote on the Table of Permitted and Special Uses and the Special Use Permit application. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

None

Department Reports

Finance: Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$653,943.05.

Budget: Mayor O'Chat stated that for the fiscal year 2023-2024 the Town had collected 76.88% of budgeted income and spent 66.91% of the budgeted expenses. There is \$652 left in the Contributions.

Councilwoman Cannon made a motion to split the \$652 between Hope Mission and Western Carteret EMS & Fire Department; \$326 each. Councilman Padgett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Planner: None

ILA: Mayor O'Chat stated that June 22nd will be a retirement party for Chief Hunter.

Streets: None

Emergency Manager: None

Town Hall: None

Events: Councilwoman Cannon stated that we tentatively have been approved to use Bogue Field for Bogue Day next year.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Joann Parker stated how grateful she is of the Town Council and as a resident she was embarrassed by what happened tonight by a few people that are not getting what they want.

Adjournment

At 7:24 p.m. Councilman Padgett made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

_____ ROBERT O'CHAT, MAYOR

_____ SHAWNE SOUTHARD, TOWN CLERK