

TOWN OF BOGUE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
October 21, 2024

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, October 21, 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 September 16, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Councilwoman Cannon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Citizen Comments**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

John Odom of Prestige Surveying presented a plat to divide Donald Blais property on Chimney Branch Road parcel #538500935662000 into two lots. Mayor O'Chat shared that the Planning Board recommended the division.

**Councilman Dale made a motion to approve the new plat dividing parcel #538500935662000 into two lots. Councilman Padgett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

John Odom of Prestige Surveying presented a recombination of the following parcels on West Hilltop Drive; #538520824432000, #538520728465000, #538520726496000, #538520727284000 and #538520729165000. Taking five parcels and combining them to create four parcels. Mayor O'Chat stated that he was concerned with the access easement from the new Tract 1 to Tract 3 not being wide enough for emergency vehicles to get in. Mr. Odom said he can fix that.

**Councilman Padgett made a motion to approve the recombination plat with the changes Mr. Odom will make for the access easement on Tract 1 and Tract 3 on West Hilltop Drive under parcel #538520824432000, #538520728465000, #538520726496000, #538520727284000 and #538520729165000. Councilman Dale seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor O'Chat shared a proclamation for Shirley Page. Councilwoman Cannon read the proclamation to the Town Council.

**Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the Shirley Page Proclamation. Councilman Dale seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Clerk Southard presented a Grant Project Ordinance for the remaining funds of \$53,575 of the American Rescue Funds. The funds must be allocated by the end of this year or the Town will forfeit them. Councilman Padgett asked to hold off on this so that the Councilmembers can look over the allocation.

**Department Reports**

*Finance:* Mayor O’Chat stated total cash funds are \$656,150.

*Budget:* Clerk Southard stated that Property Taxes, Motor Vehicle Taxes and Local Sales Tax are all paid through August. She also stated that the annual audit has started.

*Planner:* None

*ILA:* None

*Streets:* None

*Emergency Manager:* None

*Town Hall:* None

*Events:* Councilwoman Cannon stated Bogue Field offered up some dates for the Bogue 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; with the local festivals it is suggested we take one of the September dates. All four dates offered are on Sundays. The Town Council recommended reserving the September 21, 2025 date. Councilwoman Cannon stated that Weeks Farm is reserved for the Town’s Christmas Celebration on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and that she is working on the event.

**Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements**

Clerk Southard stated that Mallard Propane is getting their property surveyed to confirm who owns the billboard and the shrubbery around it and will let me know the results. If the billboard and shrubbery are theirs, they will take care of cutting it all back. She also stated that Western Carteret Fire and EMS will have an open house on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. She also stated that Cape Carteret is planning on not allowing Hunting Bay residents with golf carts to use their town streets as of January 1, 2025. Clerk Southard spoke at the Town of Cape Carteret’s meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> and asked the Commissioners to please reconsider allowing Hunting Bay residents the use of their town streets for their golf carts. Lastly, the clerk looked up how much it would be to have new street signs in Bogue; it will be about \$5000 without labor for 26 signs, the clerk is waiting on an official quote.

**Adjournment**

**At 6:41 p.m. Councilman Padgett made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

\_\_\_\_\_ ROBERT O’CHAT, MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_ SHAWNE SOUTHARD, TOWN CLERK