

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
February 17, 2025

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, February 17, 2025, 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, Mayor O'Chat led a prayer.

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

Agenda

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

Minutes

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the January 13, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Councilman Padgett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Clerk Southard presented a resolution to repeal State Law 2024-57 where the State Legislation changed local government rules that would make downzoning only allowable if affected property owners approved.

Councilman Dale made a motion to accept the Resolution in Support of House Bill 24, An Act to Restore the Authority for Local Governments to Initiate Downzoning. Councilman Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Chat stated that last year resident Juli Cosgrove recommended having new Town street signs and directional signs so that they all matched and would make the Town look better. Mayor O'Chat asked if the Town Council agreed as we would need to budget for it in the new fiscal year. Clerk Southard stated that there are funds in the Capital Outlay for this fiscal year as well. The Town Council discussed replacing signs to keep it consistent and asked Clerk Southard to look into the cost.

Department Reports

Finance: Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$694,203.18.

Budget: Clerk Southard stated that Property Taxes, Motor Vehicle Taxes and Local Sales Tax are paid through December. She asked if the Town Council would consider where they may want to spend the remaining \$650 in Contributions this fiscal year.

Planner: Clerk Southard stated that she approved two permits; a new house at 121 Pine Needle Circle and a new house at 141 Millicent Ct.

ILA: None

Streets: Councilman Padgett stated that Chimney Branch Rd. needs potholes filled and would like to see the entrance to Lake Arthur re-striped.

Emergency Manager: None

Town Hall: None

Events: Councilman Crose stated that the ball is rolling for Bogue Day.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Clerk Southard stated she is taking a Master Municipal Clerks Academy Course in Wilmington on Friday, April 25th.

Adjournment

At 6:30 p.m. Councilman Padgett made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

_____ ROBERT O'CHAT, MAYOR

_____ SHAWNE SOUTHARD, TOWN CLERK