

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

April 13, 2021

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Dale Ward, Jenny Henderson, Charles Curcio, Dexter Hinson

Council Members Present:

Anne Harwood, Mayor

Deloris Chambers, Mayor Pro Tem

Gary Lowder

Larry Milano

Demar Huntley

Staff Present:

Jay Almond, Town Manager

Stephen Smith, Police Chief

Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk

Darrin Dissler, Police Officer

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jenny Henderson invited council to two upcoming events. Badin Historic Museum will host an open house 2-5 p.m., May 23, to celebrate museum founder, David Summerlin, and museum volunteers. A June 13 Tour of Homes event showcasing the local French Connection through seven homes. \$15 tickets may be purchased in the Badin Inn or Loafers and Legends.

Dale Ward noted Spruce St. ditch repairs, Pine St. Park playground equipment, town property on Cedar St. housing debris, and pot holes on Stanly St.

CALL TO ORDER

Harwood called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve March 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes: Chambers

Second: Lowder

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

William R. Huneycutt, CPA was unable to attend April meeting to present council with the FY 2019 – 2020 municipal audit. Will attend May meeting.

Council reviewed parking patterns to allow off-street parking on Holly Place. Harwood would like resident opinions on 60 degree parking vs 90 degree parking. Almond suggested posting letters.

Motion to restrict parking on Holly Place: Lowder
Second: Milano
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to hold public hearing at 6:45 p.m., May 11th regarding parking on Holly Place: Lowder
Second: Chambers
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed sidewalk repairs. Powell Bill funds will allow for sidewalk trip hazard removal using Precision Safe Sidewalks. Lowder would like to move forward as long as it will not interfere with other planned projects.

Motion to move forward with Precision Safe Sidewalks sidewalk repairs: Milano
Second: Chambers
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council considered parking restrictions on Nantahala St, between Henderson and Boyden. A request was made for parking restriction signage on Nantahala due to lane blocking. Parking is currently prohibited on all sections of Nantahala controlled by NCDOT. The section in question is municipal and lacks signage.

Motion for public hearing on parking restrictions on Nantahala from Henderson to Boyden: Chambers
Second: Lowder
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council will need to set two public hearings, one in May and one in June, regarding the FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget to gather public input.

Motion to host public hearing 6 p.m. May 11th for public input on FY 2021-22 proposed budget: Lowder
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Smith gave the March police report.

- There were 2,084 calls for duty in March.
- Officer in radar training this week.

Council discussed code enforcement on Cherry St and the town owned property on Cedar St. Town can put up a fence on Cedar St. property.

Motion to get estimates for fence installation on town's Cedar St. property before budget retreat: Huntley
Second: Milano
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS:

Jay Almond reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection will be May 4, 2021.
- Semi-annual town clean-up is on-going through noon April 15th. Eight Loads have been collected so far.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report period ending April 9, 2021. Tax revenue from property, occupancy, and sales & use tax.

Police Department has ordered a new Dodge Durango fully equipped and should be here by early June. Budget amendment will be needed for purchase.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Deloris Chambers will attend CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Apr. 14th through teleconference.
2. Deloris Chambers will attend CCOG meeting Apr. 14th through conference call.
3. Almond will meet Atlantic Railways officers 2:30 p.m., April 15th in Atlantic Railway office.
4. Almond will participate in a Centralina COG municipal public service forum 1 p.m., Apr. 19th.
5. Town Council budget retreat will be 11 a.m., Tues., Apr. 27 in Badin Conference Center.
6. Council will meet with NC League of Municipalities 1:30 p.m., May 5th.
7. Next Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Tues., May 11th, in Badin Conference Center.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Chambers commented on the tree clearing on Wood St.

Milano mentioned Stanly St. pot holes. Peter Ascuitto said that county commissioners will discuss this issue at their budget retreat.

Milano stated North Stanly High School had a masonry program at one time.

Huntley said the Badin Recreation Park sign is overgrown.

Council discussed potholes in town. One in Post Office parking lot, one on Falls Road beside Badin Mart.

Lowder will try to schedule an appointment with Lee Ainsworth.

Almond mentioned endorsement for county projects.

ADJOURNMENT:

Harwood called for a motion to adjourn April 13, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved May 11, 2021