

**BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

April 8, 2025

BADIN TOWN HALL

**VISITORS**

Jody Hopper, Sarah Allen, Tito Thomas, Dave Andrews

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Demar Huntley, Mayor

Charles Council, Mayor Pro Tem

Deloris Chambers

Dale Ward

Gary Rife

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jay Almond, Town Manager

Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk

Stephen Smith, Police Chief

Terry Eudy, Public Works Director

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tito Thomas thanked council and staff for work around town and with the festival. He said he is working on something and was asked to gather council and citizen input on an afterschool/outreach center/senior center/food bank. Almond suggested he use a survey or mailer to get citizen opinions. If in that situation it's what the town would do. Thomas said it could be on his Roosevelt St. property, but he is also looking at another property.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Huntley called the meeting to order.

**AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

Motion to add 7(a) three special event applications: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve March 11, 2025 Regular meeting minutes: Chambers

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**BUSINESS**

Council discussed sponsorship amounts for Badin Waterfront Park amenities selected by the council. Almond presented a cost chart with each item to be sponsored including shipping costs. Almond check on discounted shipping for multi-item purchases.

Motion to set sponsorship prices at: \$1,020 picnic table, \$400 grill, \$1,250 coal ash can, \$525 trash can: Rife  
Second: C. Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed event applications.

Motion to approve Badin Lake Triathlon event application: Rife  
Second: Ward  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve West Badin Festival event application: Ward  
Second: C. Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed Juneteenth event application. Chief Smith's recommended the host request 2 deputies from the sheriff's office. Council will revisit in May regular meeting to verify deputy coverage. Almond will notify applicant.  
Motion to table until May regular meeting for applicant notice: C. Council  
Second: Chambers  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed draft letter to Dollar General property owner and corporate office on property condition.

Motion to send letter to tenant, Dollar General, and property owner and email images of property condition: Ward  
Second: C. Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection May 6, 2025.
- 8 Loads of brush for February.
- Mowing and spraying has started.
- New Waterfront Park rules sign has been posted.
- Almond will contact contractor about mowing waterfront Park.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

- Chief Smith reported 2,114 calls for service in March.

Almond got no response from Employment Security or Facebook on police vacancies.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented financial report ending April 4, 2025. March revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax.

Ward asked if we know how much we will lose from Alcoa demolishing buildings and the town's property tax change after revaluation. Almond is waiting for information from Stanly County tax office and we're estimated to lose \$3,600 per year from building loss.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Almond reported the following:

1. Huntley to Stanly County Convention & Visitors Bureau 8:30 a.m. Wed., Apr. 9.
2. Storm water survey complete and scope of work being finalized.
3. NCDOT recommended reviewing parking restrictions after Falls Rd. paving.  
Town might can use temporary police no parking signs for now. Ward said curbs should be painted at the Boyden St. crosswalk.
4. Staff is waiting for offers for the municipal medical insurance.
5. Badin Town Hall will be closed April 18 for Good Friday.
6. Council will convene for a budget retreat 9 a.m., April 30 in Badin Town Hall.
7. Council will host a public hearing 6:45 p.m., May 13, 2025 in Badin Town Hall on the FY26 municipal budget.
8. Next Regular Council Meeting 7 p.m. Tues., May 13, 2025 in Badin Town Hall.

Motion to convene for a budget retreat at 9 a.m., April 30, and May 1<sup>st</sup> if needed in Badin

Town Hall: Chambers

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to host a public hearing at 6:45 p.m., May 13, 2025 in Badin Town Hall to discuss the FY26 municipal budget: C. Council

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Ward asked if NCDOT could have contractors collect debris, and replace stop signs. Almond said they won't remove safety signs until holes in pedestrian paths are filled.

Ward would like 32 Kirk Place on code enforcement. Swimming pool at burnt house on Falls Rd. needs pumping out. Could add dates/pictures to project tracker. Stop sign brush cleared on Poplar St. at Chestnut St., now Chestnut needs same. Ward requested a copy of asset lists for three departments.

Rife reported a dead tree leaning toward his neighbor's house possibly on town property.

C. Council would like to set a date for surplus auction with details and pictures of items.

Huntley said town property on Cedar St. was surveyed, and asked if we can send a letter. Almond and Huntley met with Carl Farris about park amenity sponsorship. He also mentioned a driveway of the church parking lot on Sherman and Jackson streets. Need 33

Cedar St. on the code list. Rife said he'd like to see a fence at 33 Cedar. Huntley said they need to get creative about hiring police officers.

Motion to have a special meeting 7 p.m., April 15 in Badin Town Hall: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn April 8, 2025 Regular Meeting: Ward

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved May 13, 2025.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.