

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

December 13, 2022
BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Valerie Tyson, Brenda Goode, Beverly Scott, Bonnie Hill, Liz Lowder, Vanessa Mullinix, Frances Whalen, Avonda Thomas, Tito Thomas, Charles Curcio, Bonnie Ward, Jody Hopper, Christopher Curruthers, Nancy Vasser, Sarah Allen

Retiring Council Members Present:

Anne Harwood, Mayor
Larry Milano, Council member

Council Members Present:

Gary Lowder, Mayor
Demar Huntley, Mayor Pro Tem
Deloris Chambers
Dale Ward
Charles Council

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

Bonnie Hill, of 131 Spruce St., requested an officer at the school crosswalk in the mornings and reported speeding at the school. She requested council fund a school resource officer (SRO) for Badin Elementary with grant support.

Frances Whalen, of 51 Lake St., requested council approve a date change for Better Badin's Celtic Festival. The original approved application for March 18, had to be changed to May 13.

Avonda Thomas, of 907 Sherman St., requested council consider adding an alley closure discussion to the January agenda. The request is to close the alley from Jackson to Sumpter Streets. She also invited everyone in Badin to a Christmas Caroling event at 6 p.m., Dec. 22 on Roosevelt St. Westbrook community center will serve refreshments.

Jody Hopper, of 51 Maple St., requested more policing at Badin Elementary School.

Christopher Curruthers, owner of 307 Sumpter St., shared a letter requesting alley closure at Jackson and Sumpter streets. Topic was originally discussed and tabled in 2008.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anne Harwood called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add 12(a) – Audit Report to the agenda: Milano

Second: Huntley

Vote Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 12(b) – Celtic Festival date change request: Milano

Second: Huntley

Vote Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 12(c) – Alley closure discussion to the agenda: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 14(a) – RPO TAC appointments to the agenda: Lowder

Second: Huntley

Vote Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 24 – Council Minute to the agenda: Lowder

Second: Huntley

Vote Passed/Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve November 8, 2022 Public Hearing regarding social district: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve November 8, 2022 Public Hearing regarding deer overpopulation:

Milano

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve November 8, 2022 Public Hearing regarding street name changes:

Milano

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve November 8, 2022 Regular Meeting: Chambers

Second: Lowder

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Mayor Harwood reflected on 14 years of council service, seven as mayor. She thanked staff, Chambers, Milano, and Almond who all served throughout her tenure.

Thai Vang, District Court Judge swore in Charles Council and Dale Ward as Badin Town Council members.

Almond gave statements for former Mayor Anne Harwood and former Councilman Larry Milano and thanked them for their service.

Council elected a Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore. Results were as follows:

Mayor – Gary Lowder elected Mayor

Deloris Chambers voted for Deloris Chambers for mayor.

Gary Lowder voted for Gary Lowder for mayor.

Demar Huntley voted for Gary Lowder for mayor.

Dale Ward voted for Gary Lowder for mayor.

Charles Council voted for Gary Lowder for mayor.

Mayor Pro-Tempore – Demar Huntley elected Mayor Pro-Tempore

Deloris Chambers voted for Deloris Chambers for mayor pro-tem.

Gary Lowder voted for Demar Huntley for mayor pro-tem.

Demar Huntley voted for Demar Huntley for mayor pro-tem.

Dale Ward voted for Demar Huntley for mayor pro-tem.

Charles Council voted for Demar Huntley for mayor pro-tem.

Mayor Lowder called for a brief recess to allow outgoing and incoming members to change seats.

Wil Huneycutt, CPA, distributed and presented Badin's fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 audit report with Local Government Commission (LGC) recommendations and reports.

Motion to change date of Better Badin's Celtic Festival to May 13: Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed Jackson/Sumpter streets alley closure. Council needs more time to review information and would like to set up a meeting with Christopher Curruthers and Tito Thomas to discuss further. Almond will set up meeting with Chambers, Almond, Charles Council, Curruthers, and Thomas.

Motion to table alley closure discussion until after meeting with Curruthers and Thomas:

Charles Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to appoint Charles Council as delegate and Deloris Chambers as alternate to the Centralina COG Board of Delegates: Huntley
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to appoint Chambers as voting member and Huntley as alternate to the Stanly County CVB Board: Council
Second: Ward
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to appoint Charles Council as voting member and Dale Ward as alternate to the RRRPO TAC Board: Huntley
Second: Ward
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Current Planning Board members are as follows:

- | Members (1 year term) | Alternates (1 year term) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Daisy Washington, Chair | - Anne Faulkenbury |
| - Sandra Watkins | - Sue Dalton |
| - Jerry Hudson | |
| - Gary Rife | |
| - Detrica Watkins | |

Motion to reappoint current planning board members: Lowder
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed Roger Hardister's removal from Board of Adjustment for health.
Motion to move Dan Dalton from alternate to open seat and appoint Steve Lowder as alternate: Lowder
Second: Huntely
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to appoint Valerie Tyson to replace Roger Hardister: Ward
Second: Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

New Planning Board members are as follows:

- | Members (3 year term) | Alternates (1 year term) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| - Gene Carlis | - Steve Lowder |
| - Brian Cribb | - Jim Miller |
| - Steve Grey | |
| - Ted Romaine | |
| - Dan Dalton | |
| - Valerie Tyson | |

Council discussed implementation of social districts at Loafers & Legends and Roosevelt Street. Almond will look into social districts, long term permit options through town hall, and signage to assist law enforcement.

Council made a motion in November 2022 to prohibit feeding of deer in town limits.

Motion to rescind and repeal motion to draft an amendment to the animal ordinance prohibiting feeding of deer in town limits, citing NCGS 160A-75: Ward

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Following the November 2022 council meeting, Town Hall received a letter from the Stanly County Register of Deeds requesting the town's support for veterans through a "Thank You for Your Service" Day proclamation. Although December 6 has passed, Council may adopt the proclamation to promote veteran recognition.

Motion to approve "Thank You for Your Service" proclamation: Chambers

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

1913 Badin Inn co-owner Jennifer Owens submitted a small business development grant application for up \$1,500 to offset waterline installation expense necessary for a sprinkler system for the business. Council learned of another business that may apply for the grant.

Motion to table until the next meeting to give other applicant a chance to apply before making a decision: Huntley

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection will be Jan. 3rd.
- Public Works will soon begin adding mulch in playgrounds.
- Outdoor light at library has been replaced.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Smith reported 2,036 calls for service in November.

School Resource Officer (SRO) grant and school crossing were discussed. Ward requested contracted patrol hours be added to the monthly police report. Lowder would like to meet with sheriff about school crossing.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending Dec. 9, 2022. Nov. revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax. Ward requested the \$30,000 donation received from Jim Vann for the library be put in the library line item. Council will discuss how to spend the

grant. Ward will contact Jim Vann to determine fund spending options. Ward requested a breakdown in the financial report showing what is paid to the county for police service.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Updates: Wood St. median in progress, West Badin Park shed soil grading complete, Almond needs contractor contact information re: relocate playground from Badin Recreation Park to Pine St. Park, ARP will fund storm water project, NCDOT completed Falls Rd. storm drain repair at U Can Get It salon.
2. Demar Huntley will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Dec. 14.
3. Town Hall will be closed Dec. 23, 26, and 27 in observance of Christmas and Jan. 2 in observance of New Year.
4. Council was presented with schedules for Stanly County COG meetings, Local Government Liaison meetings and Town of Badin municipal holidays.
5. Next Regular Council Meeting 7 p.m. Tues., Jan. 10, in Badin Town Hall.

Lowder noted need for office hours on town hall door, and website updates. Said voicemail not working, and council will have a planning session 6:30 p.m., Jan. 11 in Badin Town Hall.

Council discussed changing sign-in sheet. Lowder will work with staff to create one. Ward requested minutes be emailed to council the week of meeting to look over.

COUNCIL MINUTE

Lowder thanked Milano and Harwood for their service to the town.

Chambers thanked everyone and said the important thing is love for the community.

Huntley thanked Milano for support and teachings, and Harwood for taking time to help. He thanked council members for their support.

Milano thanked everyone.

Charles Council spoke of Badin and said council is here to support staff.

Ward spoke of Badin and his love for the town.

ADJOURNMENT:

Lowder called for a motion to adjourn the December 13, 2022 regular meeting.

Motion: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved January 10, 2023.