

## **BADIN TOWN COUNCIL – EMERGENCY MEETING**

March 26, 2024

BADIN TOWN HALL

### **VISITORS**

None.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gary Lowder, Mayor

Demar Huntley, Mayor Pro Tem

Charles Council

Dale Ward

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Deloris Chambers

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Jay Almond, Town Manager

Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk

Opening prayer by Dale Ward.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Lowder called the meeting to order.

### **BUSINESS**

Lowder said Chambers was unable to attend the meeting but supports the resolution for the grant.

Almond, with the help of Becker Morgan, is completing an application from NC Department of Commerce for a 5% matching Rural Downtown Economic Development grant with an April 1, 2024 electronic submittal deadline. The grant is for work in Badin Conference Center. The application for requires a resolution by council supporting the application and authorizing a 5% match. Almond presented a Resolution to Submit an Application for the North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Downtown Economic Development Grant. The application for a \$250,000 grant and a town match of \$12,500. Ward asked about raising the match amount and requesting more funds. Council discussed an increase. Almond suggested there may not be time to rework the application, and recommended adding text to the resolution specifying 5% to say “Town of Badin is authorized to commit 5% matching funds required” rather than a general reference to matching funds.

Motion to apply for \$500,000 if we can get it together with updated data by the application deadline, if not, go for \$250,000: Ward

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/4-0

Motion to approve Resolution to Submit an Application for the North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Downtown Economic Development Grant pending the added text of 5%: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/4-0

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn special called meeting: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes Prepared by: Amanda Bowers

Minutes approved April 9, 2024.