

**BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – EMERGENCY MEETING**

October 3, 2024  
BADIN TOWN HALL

**VISITORS**

Jeff Ashbaugh, Jake McClellan, Chris Coleman, Grey London

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gary Lowder, Mayor  
Demar Huntley, Mayor Pro Tem  
Dale Ward

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Deloris Chambers  
Charles Council

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jay Almond, Town Manager  
Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk

Opening prayer by Dale Ward.  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.  
Mayor Lowder called the meeting to order.

**BUSINESS**

Ashbaugh of Benesch, McClellan and London of Miles-McClellan, and Coleman of Becker Morgan attended to address unresolved issues on the waterfront park project. Almond summarized the waterfront park project status. Original Phase 1 cost estimate in 2022 was about \$1.2 million. Town secured a General Assembly appropriation and a PARTF grant for \$1.5 million. Inflation pushed the estimate to at least \$1.9 million. The council needs to approve a path forward for either best possible result for \$1.5 million, or raise approximately \$500,000 to fund original plan. London said the walking trail is 80-percent done. Soil testing agency ECS said the parking lot base was at water level and recommended a fix which exhausted the \$22,000 contingency. Miles-McClellan initiated the fix to get ahead of the hurricane. A stable base had to be in place before proceeding or the cost would increase. Miles-McClellan fronted the cost for that parking lot fix. Town will need \$24,000 to replace the contingency. Ashbaugh said PARTF will work with grantees on adjustments but required items for the \$500,000 grant must be in place. PARTF expectations for playground and pavilion quality will be high. Almond said proposed changes must be approved by PARTF before implementing. Lowder would rather build small with room to grow. Council discussed decreasing restroom costs. Council consensus is to do the small walkway at the pavilion in a later phase, town will address site furnishings, and Ward will contact Culp Lumber Company about a pavilion lumber donation. London will scale down amenities to meet \$1.5 million. Ward would like details on proposed playground equipment. Jake McClellan said to check with him prior to any amenity purchase to verify ADA approval.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn October 3, 2024 Emergency Meeting: Ward  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved October 8, 2024.  
Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.