

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

February 12, 2019
BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Imari Scarbrough Lattimore, Hilton Butler, Mary Butler, David Andrews, Kelly Aldridge, Kevin Thomas, Sam Smith, Randy Mann, Jeff James, Nancy Vasser, Pat Leonard, James Carriker, Jody Hopper, Brenda Humphries, Wallace Humphries, Joey Hicks, Jeff Littlefield.

Council Members Present:

Anne Harwood, Mayor
Deloris Chambers, Mayor Pro Tem
Ernest Peoples

Council Members Absent:

Larry Milano

Staff Present:

Jay Almond, Town Manager
Wayne Carter, Property Maintenance Supervisor
Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk

Staff Absent:

Bryan Lambert, Police Chief

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Albemarle resident Joey Hicks, whose mother lives in Badin, asked about work on Willow Street and reported talking with construction workers. He requested an update from Town Hall.

Pat Leonard complained of vegetation on former golf course. She read in Town of Badin Ordinance 10-3 that weeds are a nuisance and property owners should be coded. She said her backyard is full of animals, she believes her property value is lower because of the growth and she's afraid to let her grandchildren outside.

Nancy Vasser said she believes overgrowth at the former golf course is unsafe for family, pets, or the elementary school. She believes property values have declined and the town should address vegetation in the undeveloped area through the town's nuisance ordinance.

Stanly County Schools Superintendent Dr. Jeff James introduced himself and North Stanly High School Principal, Dr. Randy Mann.

Kevin Thomas of Lynn Thomas Grading addressed resident concerns regarding Willow Street. He assured them Willow Street is not a secondary project. The dirt underground is unsuitable due

to high volumes of rain. Rock underground is causing delays. They are doing their best. He is on the job site every 2-3 days and requested residents ask him questions anytime he is there. He estimated a timeline of 6 weeks for project completion.

Almond suggested residents seek information from Town Hall rather than work crews.

CALL TO ORDER

Harwood called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Chambers

Second: Peoples

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Mayor Harwood administered Oath of Office to Gary Lowder who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of former Council member Ryan Hatley. Hatley resigned an at-large council seat in December. Lowder promised to do everything in his ability to make Badin a better place.

Jeff Littlefield, Division Maintenance Engineer from NC Department of Transportation, discussed the condition of and maintenance requirements of NCDOT trees along Falls Road in the Badin Central Business District. Trees are in DOT right of way. Local tree expert says these trees are 100 years old but are aesthetic. Littlefield asked the town's approval for DOT to remove the trees. There are 6 trees considered hazards. He's not sure about stump removal. If town wants to replant other types of trees in the right of way for aesthetic purposes, DOT would have to approve it. Harwood would like to see tree replacement program information.

Motion to allow NCDOT to remove the six hazardous trees along Falls Road: Lowder

Second: Peoples

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Sam Smith, Engineer from Chambers Engineering, presented council with detailed images of the planned planter median on Falls Road at Hwy 740 in Badin. DOT approval is needed and normally takes about 3-4 weeks. There are 3 shrubs and an annual planting bed planned.

Motion to proceed with design as laid out and to submit to NCDOT: Peoples

Second: Chambers

Vote: Second/Unanimous

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

- 105 Maple St. – Attorney filed complaint with Clerk of Court 12/28/18. No update yet.
- 104 Pine St. – Judge ordered premises cleaned and civil penalties paid no later than 2/15/19. If owner fails to abate and pay, Town may abate and lien for the cost.

- 95 Nantahala St. – Owner progressing toward compliance, given 90 days to comply.
- 44/46 Falls Rd. – Items remain in open storage on property and public sidewalk.

505 Jackson St. – furniture and trash piled up at curb.

406 Grant St. – mattress and debris all over back yard visible from Sherman St.

314 Sumpter St. – Trash scattered over front yard.

305 Washington St. – Dilapidated pool and debris in back yard.

709 Sherman St. – Debris and open storage in side and back yard visible from road.

62 Cedar St. – Debris and trash in back yard.

60 Cedar St. – Debris and trash in back and side yard visible from road.

56 Cedar St. – Debris and trash around house and 3 vehicles on jack stands or vehicle ramps.

41 Willow St. – Open storage in back yard.

Bogan's Garage – Garbage.

198 Stanly St. – Trash in front yard.

92 Maple St. – Sofa in yard.

81 Maple St. – Trash in front yard.

103 Maple St. – Trash in back yard.

POLICE REPORT:

Lambert reported 2,715 calls for service for January.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Carter reported the following:

- Public Works collected 5 loads of brush for February.
- Next limb/brush collection will be March 5, 2019.
- Feb. 18th will begin last round of leaf collection.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending February 8, 2019. January revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Vanessa Mullinix accepted appointment as a member to the Stanly County CVB.
2. Chambers and Mullinix to attend CVB 8:30 a.m. Wed., Feb. 13th in Stanly Commons.
3. Chambers to attend CCOG meeting 6:15 p.m. Feb. 13th, in CCOG Charlotte office.
4. Stanly County COG to meet 6:30 p.m., Feb. 26th in Oakboro new community building in Oakboro District Park. Must RSVP.
5. Next Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Tues., March 12, 2019 in Badin Town Hall.
6. Council to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) to discuss matters pursuant to NCGS 143-318-11(a)(4).

Council discussed dates for Budget Retreat including Apr. 26, 29, 30 and May 10, 11.

Chambers invited council to Black History Breakfast at 9 a.m., Feb. 16th at McDonald Chapel AME Zion Church.

Motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) to discuss matters pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4): Peoples

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council re-entered regular session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Harwood called for a motion to adjourn February 12, 2019 regular meeting.

Motion: Chambers

Second: Peoples

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved March 12, 2019