

**BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

July 11, 2023

BADIN TOWN HALL

**VISITORS**

Liz Lowder, Polly Martin, Sarah Allen, Jenny Henderson, Jody Hopper, Lenora Council, Avonda Thomas, Tito Thomas, Barbara Rinehardt, Dave Andrews

**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**

None.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lowder called the meeting to order.

**AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

Motion to add 11(a) Need for town lawyer: Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 11(b) Duke Utility Pole: Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 11(c) Library Project Contractor estimates: Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve June 13, 2023 Public Hearing minutes regarding Spruce St. parking:

Huntley

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve June 13, 2023 Public Hearing minutes on the FY 2023/24 proposed budget: Council

Second: Ward  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve June 13, 2023 Regular Meeting: Council  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve June 22, 2023 Special Called Meeting: Ward  
Second: Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve June 27, 2023 Special Called Meeting: Council  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **BUSINESS**

Motion to adopt Ordinance 23-4 prohibiting parking on a portion of Spruce St. between Cedar and Pine Streets: Huntley  
Second: Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Charles Council said an NCLM attorney was surprised the town did not have an attorney. Huntley spoke with former Badin attorney, Clegg Mabry who is out of municipal work, but he recommended some municipal attorneys. Ward suggested town council meet with them.

Duke Energy is installing metered electricity next to town hall for Tho's Pizza, which needs 3-phase power, so Duke needs pole replacement on town property. Mayor Lowder said he is fine with a new pole, but urges council to remember the motor pool needs to be expanded.

Motion to allow Duke Energy to replace pole on town property: Council  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Ward presented estimates from two construction companies, S&D Construction and Jason Smith Construction, to remodel the library bathroom using Vann Foundation grant funds.

Motion to hire Jason Smith Construction to remodel library bathroom: Ward  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection August 1, 2023.
- 6 Loads of Brush collected for July.
- Speed signs on Boyden have been installed.
- Speed bump installed on Sumpter St.
- Public Works laborer Robert Burbank resigned.
- Barry Vanhoy started work on Monday and Jim Miller will start Wednesday.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

- Chief Smith reported 1,542 calls for service in June.

- Ilderton is waiting for equipment for the new truck.

Chambers would like to see officers patrolling more frequently. People are still speeding.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented financial report ending June 30, 2023. June revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax.

Almond presented financial report ending July 5, 2023.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Almond reported the following:

1. Demar Huntley will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., July 12.
2. RRRPO TAC and TCC were cancelled.
3. Sharp contract underway. Copier and printers installed in administrative department.
4. Stuart St. surface patching is complete.
5. Sumpter St. speed bump and signage are installed.
6. Fill dirt for West Badin Park shed has been purchased.
7. Next Regular Council Meeting is 7 p.m. Tues., Aug. 8, 2023 in Badin Town Hall.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Ward and Charlie Council presented a list of drainage problem areas. Ward said town may be able to rent equipment to do some of the work. Some drain covers have moved and need to be replaced. Ward and Eudy will look at areas to determine what town can do in-house.

Huntley noted issues with a new event, Aquafest. Some town businesses weren't aware of the event. Town council may need to modify the application to include portable bathrooms and cleanup. Mayor Lowder suggested notifying business owners of events. Town council also discussed a parking fee for the waterfront park. Once the park is developed parking will end.

Mayor Lowder gave an update on deer overpopulation. The Department of Veterans in Virginia arranged state approved veteran hunting in the state park to thin the deer population. Town Council needs to contact representatives, Morrow Mountain, and 3 Rivers Land Trust.

Charles Council scheduled an audio/visual system assessment for the council meeting room and is working on donation.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn July 11, 2023 Regular Meeting: Huntley

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved August 8, 2023.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.