

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

June 8, 2021

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Dale Ward, Jody Hopper, Peter Ascitutto, Jenny Henderson, Mecca Gramling, Ernest Peoples, Linda Kraeft

Council Members Present:

Anne Harwood, Mayor
Deloris Chambers, Mayor Pro Tem
Gary Lowder
Demar Huntley

Council Members Absent:

Larry Milano

Staff Present:

Jay Almond, Town Manager
Stephen Smith, Police Chief
Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dale Ward mentioned infrastructure, trash on Cedar St., and right-of-way limb & brush growth.

Peter Ascitutto announced Badin Lake Triathlon and races in October. He said he will propose to county commissioners up to \$10,000 matching grants to municipalities to assist with parks. He asked that towns show support if they like the idea.

Mecca Gramling, organizer for a planned Juneteenth celebration in West Badin Park June 18 and 19, reported plans for parking restrictions along the park and part of Lincoln St. for a parade. Based on previous event attendance and anticipated growth, Chief Smith recommends three (3) off-duty officers.

Ernest Peoples commended Ascitutto on his park proposal with. He said entryways and inner city need attention. Side ditches are overgrown, West Badin Park has grass growing behind wall at basketball court. Peoples also sought updates on his request for street name changes in West Badin.

CALL TO ORDER

Harwood called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve May 11, 2021 Public Hearing Minutes regarding FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget:
Lowder
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve May 11, 2021 Public Hearing Minutes regarding restricted parking on Nantahala Street: Lowder
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve May 11, 2021 Public Hearing Minutes regarding Holly Place parking: Lowder
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous.

Motion to approve May 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes: Lowder
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Council adopted FY 2021-2022 Town of Badin Municipal Budget Ordinance. Lowder asked why Public Works Dept. Budget is lower than previous budget year. Almond said salaries decreased and Powell Bill covers most infrastructure repairs & maintenance.

Motion to adopt FY 2021-2022 Town of Badin Municipal Budget Ordinance: Lowder
Second: Chambers
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed parking restrictions on Nantahala Street between Boyden and Henderson streets.

Motion to table Nantahala St. parking restrictions: Chambers
Second: Lowder
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed 2 special event permit applications.

Motion to approve Juneteenth event for June 19 & 20: Lowder
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve “Movies on the Green” fundraising event for July 17: Chambers
Second: Lowder
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Badin Police Dept. offered suggestions for nuisance ordinance amendments.

Motion to table nuisance ordinance discussion until July: Lowder
Second: Chambers
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council approved a public safety mutual aid request from Oakboro Police Department for Oakboro’s Independence Day celebration July 2nd and 3rd.

Motion to approve public safety mutual aid request from Oakboro Police Department: Lowder
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Smith gave the May police report.

- There were 2,297 calls for service in May.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Almond reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection will be July 6, 2021.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report period ending June 4, 2021. Tax revenue from property, occupancy, and sales & use tax.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Deloris Chambers will attend CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., June 9, and COG meeting that afternoon.
2. Spruce St. ditch repairs are in progress.
3. Need to reconnect with contractor again about Stanly St. ditch.
4. Holly Place parking underway.
5. Almond will send property letters regarding trespassing once they are back from legal review.
6. Town is working with local consultants and Benesch on the 14-acre park plan proposal.
7. West Badin Park pavilion is in progress. Will request an extension from the granting agency.
8. NCDOT failed to provide a right-of-way distance for Falls Road storm drain.
9. Almond set up a dedicated separate bank account for American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.
10. Precision Safe Sidewalks will complete sidewalk repairs by the end of June.
11. Almond gave an update on street name change request.
12. Council will attend an invitational Badin Waterfront Park ribbon cutting 11:30 a.m., June 10.
13. Badin Town Hall will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.
14. Badin Town Council will host a planning session 3 p.m., June 9th in Badin Conference Center.
15. Next Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Tues., July 13th, in Badin Conference Center.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Chambers thanked everyone for prayers and thoughts after the passing of her brother.

ADJOURNMENT:

Harwood called for a motion to adjourn June 8, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved July 13, 2021