

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 2025
BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Jenny Henderson, Sarah Allen, Lenora Council, Nick Wicker, Dave Andrews

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Demar Huntley, Mayor
Charles Council, Mayor Pro Tem
Deloris Chambers
Dale Ward
Gary Rife

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 Huntley called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add 7(a) Audit Report: Chambers
Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve February 11, 2025 Regular meeting minutes: C. Council
Second: Rife
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve February 17, 2025 Special Called meeting minutes: Chambers
Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Council discussed revising Stanly County Parks & Recreation matching grant application from initial proposal to assist with capital improvements in Badin Waterfront Park. The town will request grant reimbursement from the county which announced amending the March 11, 2025 initial application to a different capital improvement project is a viable

option for applicants. Based on situation and timing, staff recommends council revise the application to apply grant funds to the Badin Waterfront Park project. The application was originally submitted for West Badin Park restroom project but that work will not be completed in time for reimbursement eligibility, and the grant can be applied to capital improvements in any park. The deadline is the end of March. The receipts from the waterfront park are eligible. Ward asked about receipts from grant spending being eligible for another. Almond said he could check with the county manager.

Motion to contact Stanly County Manager Andy Lucas to review sending receipts in for Waterfront Park: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

C. Council said we need to seek other funds to for the West Badin Park restroom project. Rife created and presented an updatable project tracking dashboard to the council.

Motion to implement project tracking dashboard: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Stanly County Library Director Sara Hahn was notified by her staff there would be a loss of pest control guarantee from Wolfpack Pest Control for the Badin Library unless they paid for the next installment of a 10-year cycle treatment. Town of Badin budget does not include funds for that service. Town of Badin owns the library building. Council would like to know who holds the 10-year contract with Wolfpack Pest Control, explore additional vendors and bring back to the April meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection April 1, 2025.
- 9 Loads of brush for February.
- Leaf schedule ended but leaves are still out so leaf collection is ongoing.
- Public works has distributed 6 dump truck loads of mulch.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 2,484 calls for service in February.
- Nuisance violation on a trailer and boat have been resolved.
- Working a nuisance violation on Poplar St. for trash in the back of a pickup.
- Working on a Boyden St. crosswalk issue with a car parking close to the crosswalk at the school causing limited visibility for pedestrians.
- Officers gave warnings to speeders on Tallassee and Cheoah streets.

Almond recommended talking to NCDOT about no parking near Boyden St. crosswalk.

Almond said public works had a request to hang a Celtic Festival banner on Falls Rd. but the event is in May. Council consensus is for unlimited banner display time as long as no other event is happening earlier.

Motion to approve Celtic Festival Banner: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending March 7, 2025. February revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax. ARPA account is closed and funds were transferred to the general fund. Almond recommends moving funds to NC Capital Management Trust for more interest.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Staff identified Badin Waterfront Park amenity options for council review. Board votes to determine item selection. Staff will tally and report votes.
2. Almond unable to attend Rocky River Rural Planning Organization (RRRPO) TCC remote meeting March 11 due to their technical difficulties.
3. Demar Huntley will attend the Stanly County Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 12.
4. RRRPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20 in NC Joel Huneycutt Community Room in Locust Town Hall.
5. Storm water project scope needs survey, calculations, others need dry weather.
6. Almond met with Parks & Recreation Trust Fund about grant requirements Badin Waterfront Park. Some items may be adjusted or moved into later phase of project. Almond will file an extension. Need information from county on fire hydrant.
7. NCLM is discontinuing Health Benefits Trust (HBT) so municipalities must find other options to provide employee insurance. HILB group does municipal and if enough towns opt-in, they will take the pool. Almond will provide updates.
8. Better Badin planning mulch day March 29 and community yard sale on April 5.
9. Next Regular Council Meeting 7 p.m. Tues., April 8, 2025 in Badin Town Hall.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

C. Council asked about training for Rife and Bowers on town's remote meeting equipment, and making meetings louder for attendees. Almond said testing showed the small meeting room causes reverberation and feedback when microphone and speaker are both on. C. Council asked about a timeline from NCDOT on Falls Road restricted parking. Almond spoke with DOT who said a statute allows DOT to let the town do the work by NCDOT guidelines. Council consensus is to invoke that statute instead of waiting. C. Council asked if an auction date should be set.

Chambers said when Duke Energy replaced poles on Lincoln St. they left large rocks in the yard of 221 Lincoln. Eudy will check.

Ward wants council or Almond to write a letter addressing trash and overgrown vegetation at Dollar General. Almond will write a rough draft. Ward reported a sump pump was cleaned out after an alarm in the basement of the conference center sounded. May need to add it to a checklist. Ward mentioned a new swing needed in Pine St. Park. Huntley is trying to contact Jody Smet of Eagle Creek about shoreline clean up. Ward said Eagle Creek is for sale again.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved April 8, 2025.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.