

**BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

March 12, 2024

BADIN TOWN HALL

**VISITORS**

Gary Rife, Sarah Allen, Lenora Council, Valerie Tyson, Richard Leak, Daisy Washington, Jenny Henderson, Jane Rife, Macy Hinson, Tito Thomas, 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**

Deloris Chambers presented Daisy Washington with a Certificate of Appreciation for her service to the Town of Badin.

Macy Hinson asked about Badin Business Park property. Huntley said Alcoa. Hinson hopes to see the plant and overgrowth off Wood St. cleaned up.

Washington reported roosters on Grant St. and said children play on Grant St. which is basically a one-way street with cars and trailers parallel parked there. Chambers said kids are riding 4-wheelers on Grant St. and requested extra police patrol.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Demar Huntley called the meeting to order.

**AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

C. Council said the town entrance signs don't need replacing, but the one on NC 740 needs repainting. Better Badin offered to repaint at no cost to town.

Motion to approve February 6, 2024 Special Called Meeting minutes: C. Council

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes: Chambers

Second: C. Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**BUSINESS**

Town Council approved Polar Plunge fundraiser event for Stanly County Special Olympics in February meeting pending paid deposit and Certificate of Insurance. Both have been received.

Motion to approve Polar Plunge special event: C. Council  
Second: Ward  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council approved Badin Celtic Festival in February but didn't waive \$100 application fee.

Motion to waive \$100 application fee for Badin Celtic Festival: C. Council  
Second: Chambers  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Ward said Tim Irvin requested use of town bleachers at the Badin Inn for the Celtic Festival. Lowder supports Better Badin, but the bleachers are public property. Allowing use on private property sets a precedent, and risks lawsuit. Consensus from council to disallow use of bleachers on private property.

Motion to approve AQUAFest special event but not waive the \$100 application fee: C. Council  
Second: Lowder  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve Badin Bunny Egg Hunt event: C. Council  
Second: Ward  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to waive \$100 application fee for Badin Bunny Egg Hunt: C. Council  
Second: Ward  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve 2024 Historic Badin Hardaway Powwow and waive \$100 fee: C. Council  
Second: Chambers  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Badin Town Council initiated street name change consideration for Marion Street. Badin Planning Board is engaged in street name change review procedures per Town of Badin Street Name Change Ordinance. Planning Board Chair Gary Rife reported certified letters were sent and planning board visited homes. Some property owners live out of town. 11 of the 18 property owners voted no to the change representing 61% of owners against changing street names. Planning Board recommends not pursuing change of Marion Street name.

Motion to not pursue anything further on Marion Street name change: Chambers  
Second: C. Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Ward appreciates planning board's due diligence. Lowder told council they need to decide how to proceed in the future. Ernest Peoples and Tito Thomas have requested multiple names. Lowder suggested council take a look at the requests and see if any other names should be town initiated.

Council extended Badin Business Grant FY24 application deadline to April 1<sup>st</sup>. One application received needs receipts with expenditures reimbursement. Council will vote in the April meeting.

Council discussed creating standard guidelines for driveway pipe and curb cuts across public property and public right-of-way. Ward said a standard is needed because of different types and sizes of driveway pipe in town causing drainage issues. Almond will bring samples from other towns. Chambers asked if someone could come talk to the council. Lowder called a special meeting 7 p.m., April 16, 2024 in Badin Town Hall to discuss piping and storm water.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection April 2, 2024.
- 9 Loads of Brush collected in March.
- Spring Town Cleanup will be the week of April 8. All items must be out by April 12. Collection will begin on April 15. Staff will use RAVE all-call to notify citizens.
- Started spraying this week.
- Working on raising canopies.
- Repairs are complete on brown leaf truck and bucket truck. Ferris motor has been replaced. Boom mower is repaired but still needs welding repair on boom deck. Estimate from Sink's Welding & Mechanical for \$2,651.46. Eudy needs decision from council to start welding repair.

Motion to repair deck on boom mower: Chambers

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **POLICE REPORT:**

- Chief Smith reported 2,383 calls for service in February.
- Chief Smith reported the following:
  - Still waiting on state for 2 applicants.
  - Need to get all certificates from code enforcement candidate to send to state.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented financial report ending Mar. 8, 2024. February revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Almond reported the following:

1. Demar Huntley will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Mar. 13.
2. Tree/sidewalk repair is pending. Lowder said wind storm and rain set them back.
3. Badin Historic Museum roof replacement completed.
4. Library door repair project awarded to Silverado Group and work was completed today.
5. New estimates for repair and maintenance of Spruce and Sherman streets pending.

Lowder has contacted 4 companies and is waiting on estimates.

6. West Badin Park utilities project grant must be invoiced to County of Stanly for FY25 grant eligibility. Garmon Mechanical reports they will complete in time. Lowder has talked to Lucas Concrete about pouring concrete for the next year's grant.
7. Ferris mower, bucket truck, and brown leaf truck are in service. Boom mower is in hand and being priced for mower deck welding.
8. Next Regular Council Meeting is 7 p.m. Tues., Apr. 9, 2023 in Badin Town Hall.
9. Almond and Cliff Marshall rode surveyed drainage issues and have some suggestions ready. Marshall will work on more suggestions.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

C. Council asked Eudy if the new boom mower will be more capable than the old one. Eudy responded that it won't be more capable but hopefully more dependable.

Ward said "Children at Play" signs are needed on Pine and Hickory streets at the park. Kids play in the park and we need slower traffic. Eudy can get signs within a few days. Consensus from council to order signs. Lowder suggested taking inventory throughout town of signs to be replaced. C. Council and Huntley will do the sign inventory.

Lowder said there will be a special called meeting at 7 p.m., April 16, 2024 in Badin Town Hall. He also thanked Rife and the Planning Board. Lowder asked council to respond to him about whether or not they wanted to pursue other town-initiated street name changes.

Almond is working on an economic development grant from N.C. Department of Commerce to help with conference center project. It is due April 1. C. Council mentioned Golden Leaf grants. Almond said the town hasn't used them lately but may be able to going forward.

Dave Andrews mentioned there are private companies that rent bleachers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting: Chambers

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved April 9, 2024.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.