

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

November 14, 2023
BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Jane Rife, Gary Rife, Valerie Tyson, Brenda Goode, Sarah Allen, Liz Lowder, Jennifer Lowder, Polly Martin, Lenora Council, Tony Hill, Charles Curcio, Curt Dorsey, Jamie Dorsey

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

Mayor Lowder announced the passing of Carl Grier today. He said the town lost a good guy.

Better Badin President, Jane Rife presented town council a map and requested an amendment to the Winterfest event application to add a banner on the gazebo which reads “Santa Coming Soon” and an approximately 50-foot closure of Walnut St. during Winterfest.

Huntley read a letter from Badin Elementary School thanking council for support and popsicles.

Ward gave Deborah Lovan a certificate of appreciation for work in the town and museum. C. Council said Carl Grier deserved a certificate of appreciation for all he’s done for the town, then presented a certificate of appreciation to Polly Martin.

Mayor Lowder presented a certificate of appreciation to Doug Long for Pow Wow work.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lowder called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add 8(a) Discussion of Winterfest application amendment to include Walnut St. closure: Huntley

Second: Council

Discussion: Huntley amended his motion to include adding 8(b) Discussion of Winterfest application amendment to include banner on gazebo.

Second to amendment: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 8(c) to the agenda to discuss adding sign on Cheoah St. at Henderson St.:
Ward

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 8(d) to the agenda to discuss library expenses: Ward

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve October 10, 2023 Public Hearing regarding closures of alleys and public ways: Huntley

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting: Chambers

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Council heard from Planning Board Chair Gary Rife on town-initiated Stuart St. street name change consideration. The Planning Board was responsible for resident notices, addresses, name change input, and a council recommendation. Rife presented town council a letter sent to all Stuart St. property owners along with a list of votes from residents and property owners. 60% of affected residents voted in favor of not changing the name of Stuart Street. According to the ordinance 75% of residents must vote in agreement to move forward. The Planning Board recommends no further action with changing the name of Stuart St.

Motion to accept planning board recommendation to not move forward with changing the name of Stuart Street: Chambers

Second: Council

Discussion: Huntley asked what the next street would be. Mayor Lowder recommended waiting until the next meeting since it's not in the agenda.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Badin Town Council discussed amendments to the Winterfest event application. Huntley asked if all businesses were notified of Falls Rd. street closure, and possibly Walnut St. Jane Rife said businesses on Falls have been notified and Tho's Pizza will be notified tomorrow. Almond said NCDOT approved closure of Falls Rd.

Motion to approve amendment to Winterfest event application allowing closure of Walnut St. from Falls Rd. to the library (about 50-feet) during Winterfest: Ward

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve amendment to Winterfest event application allowing a banner to be hung from Gazebo announcing "Santa Coming Soon": Ward

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council previously discussed a “No Left Turn” sign for Henderson St. at the end of Cheoah St. during school traffic. Mayor Lowder spoke with Pate Butler with NCDOT who said the town can’t address traffic on a state road, however will request DOT install the sign.

(Vann Memorial) Badin Library Branch Manager Treva Allmon requested funding for murals inside the library. Friends of the Library agreed to pay for one mural, leaving the town to cover the other. Ward presented mural photos. The town’s cost would be \$384.

Motion to approve library mural for \$384: Huntley

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to adopt Order-to-Close a portion of the alley off Dewey Street between, and parallel to, Washington and Sumpter streets: Huntley

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to adopt Order-to-Close a portion of the alley off Field Lane between, and parallel to, Pine and Walnut Streets: Ward

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to adopt Order-to-Close two portions of public streets off of, and generally parallel to, Valley Drive: Huntley

Second: Council

Discussion: Chambers asked how long before plat is drawn. Mayor Lowder said he would contact surveyor Norman Ribelin. C. Council asked who will pay expenses. Lowder said the expenses will go to the party requesting closure.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Mayor Lowder said no alley or public way to close until plat is drawn and expenses are paid.

Council considered an amendment to Badin Event Application for banners. Amendment to page 9 would include, “request for banner, rope and D-rings needed for banner.”

Motion to adopt text amendment to Badin Event Application to include banner usage along with providing rope and D-rings for banner: Huntley

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council budgeted a street right-of-way maintenance program through Powell Bill in the FY24 budget. Sidewalk repair and tree maintenance where necessary were considered the focus of the program. Mayor Lowder suggested trees on Willow and Spruce streets as starting points, and has estimates. Lowder presented estimates from H&H Tree Service and Marks Stump Grinding for three locations. Concrete is included in estimates. Totals: Spruce St. Site #1 is \$2,860.50, Spruce St. Site #2 is \$2,547.50, and 37 Willow St. is \$3,849. Total: \$9,257.

Motion to accept all three estimates and move forward on sidewalk repair and tree removal at two sites on Spruce St. and one at 37 Willow St. for a total of \$9,257: Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Three electronic speed display signs have been installed and three more are ready. Ward suggested one at 112 Valley Drive coming into Badin and one on Stuart St. at crest facing Hwy 740. Huntley suggested one on Sherman at Washington St., Lowder recommended one at Roosevelt St. at Isiah Westbrook Center or Wood St.

Motion to install speed display signs at 112 Valley Drive coming into town, Sherman St. near Washington St., and Stuart at the crest facing Hwy 740: Huntley

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection December 5, 2023.
- 6 Loads of Brush collected in November.
- New leaf truck is ready.
- Christmas pole lights will start going up the week of Nov. 20th.
- Christmas tree will start going up the week of Nov. 27th.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 2,131 calls for service in October.
- Running background on an applicant.
- Firearms qualification for police dept. will be on Nov. 27th.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending November 9, 2023. October revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax. Almond recommended meeting with Becker-Morgan project organizers in December. Huntley said the meeting should include a public question/answer portion. Almond then suggested Becker-Morgan host a meeting with Q&A rather than the council.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Demar Huntley attended the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Nov. 8.
2. Charlie Council will attend the RRRPO TAC meeting 6-8 p.m. Nov. 16 in SPCC Raye Boardroom, Polkton.
3. Badin Property Maintenance will begin installation of town Christmas lights Nov. 20.
4. Town of Red Cross hosts the next SC COG meeting, 6:30 p.m. Nov. 28 in Red Cross Baptist Church.
5. Next Regular Council Meeting is 7 p.m. Tues., Dec. 12, 2023 in Badin Town Hall.
6. Badin Town Council will enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)1 to discuss matters pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)4.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Chambers said the corner of Dewey St. across from Johnny's has debris at the curb. Deloris Woodson claimed it and said her grandson will move it.

Ward thanked C. Council for crosswalk duty. Noted traffic problems around the school. Box spring and bookshelf left on school property on Boyden St. Ward suggested town collect it.

Lowder gave an update on West Badin Park plumbing and electricity. Garmon Mechanical is installing plumbing and electrical for the restroom prep and should be done in a couple of weeks.

Ward said library remodel is hoped to be completed in a couple of weeks.

Lowder said a speaker has been purchased for the council meeting room but need IT to set it up with the new equipment. Horizon hydraulics ordered a part for the boom mower but it will be at least two more weeks.

Eagle Creek hasn't responded to letter on trimming shoreline trees. C. Council suggested inviting them to a meeting and if no response, send a letter from all of the council.

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

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council re-entered regular session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn November 15, 2023 Regular Meeting: Huntley

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved December 12, 2023.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.