

**BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

September 10, 2024  
BADIN TOWN HALL

**VISITORS**

Jody Hopper, Sarah Allen, Jane Rife, Gary Rife, Irene Huneycutt, Butch Huneycutt, Jenny Henderson, Kimberly Petty, Richard Aldridge, David Gallimore, Trish Gallimore, Lenora Council, John Garrison, Tim Irvin

**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

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sarah Allen, 324 Grant St., asked about code cases. Almond said council will contract them.

Better Badin President Jane Rife, 23 Henderson St., requested \$750 for children’s treat bags and an event banner for the town’s annual Christmas tree lighting. She also requested permission to install pet waste bag dispensers on Falls Road. Lowder will add that to the October agenda.

Jody Hopper, of 51 Maple St., said 32 Kirk Place burned but isn’t boarded. Almond said Chief Smith spoke to the owner and it will be soon. Huntley said the owner will board it this week.

Richard Aldridge, 52 Maple St., asked why parking on town property isn’t allowed. Lowder said public works can’t maintain the property when cars park there. C. Council said they asked the police to move cars. Aldridge reported a pothole where cars access town property from the alley.

Kimberly Petty of 702 Roosevelt St. said her yard and home floods, damaging her fence. She said storm water carries trash to her yard, and requested to be added to the storm water project priority list. Lowder said a contractor has assessed the area and offered drainage recommendations.

David Gallimore of 90 Falls Rd. requested the town and state prohibit parking on Falls Rd. from Boyden St. to Spruce St., due to dangerously poor visibility from driveways, and affected properties have off street parking. Irene Huneycutt, of Falls Rd. agreed.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lowder called the meeting to order.

**AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

Motion to add 6(a) Request from Better Badin for \$750 for event: Huntley  
Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 6(b) Prioritize storm water project: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Discussion: Ward said the list was already prioritized. Almond confirmed discussion but no vote.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 6(c) Decision on how to install carpet: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 6(d) Veterans Parade Special Event application: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 6(e) Proclamation honoring General Gerald A. "Rudy" Rudisill Jr.: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve August 13, 2024 Regular meeting minutes: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **BUSINESS**

Motion to donate \$750 to Better Badin for town Christmas treat bags and new banner: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed prioritizing storm water project list. Ward said council met to prioritize the list December 2023. Almond agreed, but isn't sure it was completed. Lowder said a prioritized list was never voted on and asked council to list by next Tuesday the top five areas to contract.

Motion to set a special called meeting 7 p.m., September 24, 2024 to discuss prioritization of storm water project: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Lowder said town hall carpet installation may take three days, with staff out of office. Work will be 5 p.m. Thursday with town hall closing Friday. Lowder said Almond can forward town hall phone and work remotely. Bowers' home internet prevents her. C. Council is fine if citizens can reach staff. He suggested a RAVE call so citizens know about office closure and staff availability.

Motion to close town hall, work remotely, and RAVE call to alert citizens of closure: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Veteran's Parade Special Event application submitted without Certificate of Insurance, \$300 deposit and a security plan. Deposit submitted today and Certificate of Insurance will be emailed.

Motion to approve Veteran's Parade event application pending COI and security plan and waive \$100 permit fee for 501(c)3: Ward

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve a proclamation declaring September 22, 2024 as Major General Gerald A.

"Rudy" Rudisill, Jr. Day: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed Badin Conference Center. Core project features are complete. Council reviewed list of issues and pricing. Staff grant seeking \$250,000 for project continuance was reviewed and additional information has been requested by NC Rural Economic Development Commission. Ward asked what funds are left to spend and said some work can be done in house. C. Council suggested getting the amounts and continue discussion at the Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Special Called Meeting. Ward would like to repair the window himself by cutting pipe and closing window. Ward and Eudy will look at the door and filling in the dirt. Almond said remaining contingency fund is \$6,814. Bowers reported an additional \$2,000 will come out of that total.

Motion to allow Ward to look at and what he can do himself as far as repairs to Badin Conference Center: Huntley

Second: Chambers

Discussion: Ward recused himself from voting.

Vote: Passed/4-0

Motion to table Badin Conference Center project repairs discussion until September 24 Special Called Meeting: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Ward and Huntley marked items in Badin Conference Center for disposal, Robin Sage trainees loaded items into dump truck, and public works hauled to landfill.

Council received Badin Bunny Egg Hunt special event application from Better Badin. Lowder said Better Badin's Certificate of Insurance will be out of date by the event but they will renew.

Motion to approve Badin Bunny Egg Hunt event application and waive permit fee: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council received Loch Badin Celtic Festival application from Better Badin. Jane Rife spoke to NC ABC Commission and Better Badin won't need ABC permit. A vendor will sell alcohol on

Falls Rd. with ABC permit. Town ordinance prohibits alcohol consumption on Falls Rd., which will close for event, so Better Badin needs town permission for open alcohol on Falls Road. Almond suggested council decide if they want to allow it, then contact NCDOT for state road use.

Motion to approve Loch Badin Celtic Festival special event application with eligible requirements, waive permit fee for 501(c)3 and allow alcohol in festival if NCDOT allows: Ward  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed traffic management in Falls Rd. Central Business District from Boyden St. to Hwy 740. New business on Falls Rd. along with increased patronage to existing businesses has changed traffic patterns. Town may request markings for downtown parking on state road, but must fund markings. Council reviewed parking options from state parking guides.

Motion to present DOT with proposed Falls Road striping plan and seek funding: Huntley  
Second: C. Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed resident request for parking prohibition on Falls Rd. from Boyden St. to Spruce St. Residents of Falls Rd. and Spruce St. reported dangerous on-street parking on Falls. Visibility and lane blocking problems from parallel parked cars leaving one-lane travel are main complaints from Maple St. to Spruce St. Almond suggested a public hearing and a proposed ordinance to review. He will draft a resolution for NCDOT and advertise public hearing.

Motion to schedule a public hearing 6:45 p.m., October 8, 2024 in Badin Town Hall for input on Falls Road parking prohibition from Maple St. to Spruce St.: Ward  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

#### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Almond reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection October 1, 2024.
- Started boom mowing.
- Thanked Jane Rife for weeding Wood St. median.
- Town Cleanup will be Oct. 14-18, items may be placed in prior week by Oct. 13.

Lowder said Rife reported weeds in Wood St. median are in seed, and it needs Preen and mulch. Huntley suggested asking contracted services keep up the median. Eudy said they will thin it out.

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

- Chief Smith reported 2,576 calls for service in August.
- Officer Peck will switch to part-time effective Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented financial report ending Sept. 6, 2024. August revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax. He is concerned for a shortfall in budgeted sales & use tax revenue.

Town Council discussed West Badin Park restroom project funding, requested PARTF checklist.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Almond reported the following:

1. Almond met with Matthew Rea of IBTS Code Enforcement Sept. 9 for service update.
2. Almond attended NCDOT RRRPO Technical Coordinating Committee Sept. 10.
3. Demar Huntley will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8 a.m., Sept. 11.
4. Badin Inn will host Alcoa's Community Advisory Board meeting 11:30 a.m., Sept. 17.
5. Spruce St. paving is on hold until Duke Energy utility project is done.
6. Fall Town Cleanup is Oct. 14-18. Items should be placed for collection Oct. 7-11.
7. Badin Council will host a special called meeting 7 p.m., Sept. 24 in Badin Town Hall on Badin Conference Center funds, storm water project prioritization, and pet waste bag dispensers on Falls Rd.
8. Badin Council will host a public hearing 6:45 p.m., Tues., Sept. 10, 2024 in Badin Town Hall for input on parking and speed limit on Falls Rd. between Maple and Spruce streets.
9. Next Regular Council Meeting is 7 p.m. Tues., September 10, 2024 in Badin Town Hall.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Ward said Alcoa 25 year club would like to use the conference center one day to meet and look at 25 year club pictures. Consensus from council is yes.

C. Council thanked Ward and Huntley for work at conference center. He thanked the museum committee for Rudisill appreciation day, and the town council for approving the proclamation. The celebration will be 2 p.m. next Sunday at the Badin Inn.

Lowder said council is invited to Badin Inn's 1913 Bistro grand opening is Thursday.

Huntley and Lowder went to Church of the Living God Revival. They are ready to move on West Badin School repair.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved October 8, 2024.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.