

## **BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

February 14, 2023  
BADIN TOWN HALL

### **VISITORS**

Liz Lowder, Jenny Henderson, Jody Hopper, Gary Wagoner, Doug Long, Sarah Allen, Nancy Vasser, Peter Ascutto, Tim Irvin, Tony Hill, Tito Thomas, Frances Whalen, Doug Culp, Christopher Carrothers

### **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**

Stanly County Commissioner Peter Ascutto said the Stanly County Commissioners approved a resolution for work at Hwy 740 and Blackhawk Rd. intersection. Stanly County reinstated Parks & Recreation grant program as a 50/50 matching grant for up to \$10,000 toward parks & recreation improvements. Deadline for applications will be April 15<sup>th</sup> annually.

Tim Irvin, 88 Maple St., requested an addendum for the Celtic Festival. To include games at the event they would like to use the Waterfront Park in addition to the Village Green which was previously approved. Better Badin insurance has been renewed.

Tito Thomas, 307 Sumpter St., presented council with a flyer for a cleanup event on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. Cleanup will be on Hwy 740 from Barnhardt Rd. to Wood St. Volunteers will meet at the Gazebo at 9 a.m.

Doug Culp, 44512 Morrow Mtn. Rd., purchased land off of Valley Drive which is partly in the town limits. He requested closure of public road and alley rights-of-way on the land.

Gary Wagoner, Valley Drive, spoke in support of Culp's closure request.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gary Lowder called the meeting to order.

## **AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

Motion to add 10(a) – Termite Control for Museum Building: Council

Second: Huntley

Discussion: Ward recused himself from voting due to being on the Museum Board.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 12(a) – Police Department expenditures discussion: Chambers

Second: Ward

Discussion: None.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Amendments to January minutes:

- Approval of December minutes to include comments regarding 4-1 vote preference with Ward as dissenting, rather than unanimous.
- Financial Report, Ward said his request for funds to be moved into savings account should include Powell Bill funds.
- Add to Manager’s Report; Charles Council attended the Jan. 12 RPO TAC meeting.

Motion to approve January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting pending changes: Ward

Second: Huntley

Discussion: None.

Vote: Passed-

Lowder – Aye, Huntley – Aye, Chambers – Aye, Council – Aye, Ward - Nay

## **BUSINESS**

Town Council was presented a draft ordinance for renaming of streets inside town limits.

Amendments to ordinance:

- Section 4b amendment – revision of owner notice requirement (add text);
  - “... cost and convenience impact to 100% of property owners, to the greatest reasonable, legal extent possible, along with signed approval ...”
- Section 4c amendment - remove fifth bullet (remove text);
  - “~~Retain continuity with existing road name themes in town.~~”

Motion to amend Sections 4b and 4c and bring back to March meeting: Council

Second: Huntley

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council discussed a social district ordinance. Town doesn't need a social district ordinance since only one restaurant is involved. A sidewalk café ordinance grants transfer of open containers in the immediate proximity of restaurants already licensed through the NC ABC Board for on-premises alcohol sale and consumption. Council was presented with a sample sidewalk café ordinance. Almond will bring draft sidewalk café ordinance to March meeting.

Town Council discussed deer population control. Almond contacted two deer culling companies, White Buffalo and Westervelt. White Buffalo said relocation of deer is not reasonable at this time due to Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) but can attend a council meeting in March if asked, to discuss other options. Could be costly to the town. Almond received no response from Westervelt, and will try to contact them again. Any Westervelt updates will be brought to March meeting.

Town Council considered a resolution of intent to consider closure of a portion of an alley off Roosevelt St. between Sumpter and Jackson Streets. Tito Thomas and Christopher Carrothers have formally requested closure of that alley. Councilman Council recommended town consider an incentive for Thomas and Carrothers if businesses are formed. Lowder noted the town's annual Business Development Grant for up to \$1,500.

Motion to adopt Resolution of Intent to Consider Closure of a portion of a public alley off Roosevelt St. between Sumpter and Jackson Streets: Ward

Second: Council

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to host a public hearing at 6:45 p.m., March 14, 2023 regarding alley closure off Roosevelt St. between Sumpter and Jackson Streets: Huntley

Second: Ward

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council was presented with a request from the Badin Historic Museum to fund a pest control contract for the town-owned museum, building. Museum presented council with two estimates from Clint Miller Exterminating. Powder Post Beetle treatment, clean out crawl space, remove insulation, and liquid barrier termite treatment would be a total of \$2,295.76 plus \$165 per year warranty starting in year 2 for maintenance. The other estimate is for complete removal, plus treatment, and termite treatment for a total of \$7,032.67.

Motion to treat infestation for \$2,295.76 and look into funding complete treatment in the next budget: Huntley

Second: Council

Discussion: Ward recused himself from voting due to being on Museum Board.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council considered event applications:

1. Celtic Festival use of Waterfront Park in addition to previously approved use of Village Green on May 13, 2023. Waterfront Park access would allow Celtic Athletic Contest during festival. Irvin will get with Police Chief to see how many special-duty officers are needed. Almond requested a letter of written permission from each property owner listed as cooperative to alcohol-event access stating Better Badin secured permission to move through their properties with alcohol for the event.

Motion to approve Celtic Athletic Contest on Waterfront Park application: Ward

Second: Huntley

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

2. Stanly County YMCA Badin Lake Triathlon June 3, 2023 in Waterfront Park. Town will need an updated copy of YMCA Certificate of Insurance prior to event.

Motion to approve Stanly County YMCA Badin Lake Triathlon event: Council

Second: Ward

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

3. 2023 Historic Badin Hardaway Powwow Plan A, and Plan B.  
Plan A – Powwow at Waterfront Park Oct. 28-29, 2023  
Plan B – if Waterfront Park is under construction, Powwow at Village Green and Falls Rd. Oct. 28-29, 2023

Motion to approve 2023 Historic Badin Powwow Plan A application: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Discussion: Ward recused himself from voting due to being on Museum board which is hosting the event.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve 2023 Historic Badin Powwow Plan B including closure of Falls Rd. and allow Almond to request closure from NCDOT: Council

Second: Huntley

Discussion: Ward recused himself from voting due to being on Museum board which is hosting the event.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council reviewed options for medical coverage packages for staff.

Motion to accept Med1000 plan: Huntley

Second: Council

Discussion: None.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed expenditures for Police Department:

Vehicle Estimates:

RAM 1500 (including lights/sirens/duty equipment): \$50,543.90

Durango (including lights/sirens/duty equipment): \$57,027.35

Estimates are good for 60 days from Feb. 13, and does not include cost striping or radios.

Radios: \$5,000 each

Hotspots: Verizon

Sign-on Bonus for new full-time police officers of \$1,000: \$500 after six months and \$500 after 1 year probation complete.

Lowder said funding for two vehicles, radios, and hotspots was approved when the current budget was adopted. Ward recommended buying vehicles after hiring new officers to drive them.

Motion to approve funds for two vehicles when new officers are hired: Council

Second: Chambers

Discussion: None.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve funds for radios and hotspots: Council

Second: Chambers

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve sign-on bonus for new full-time police officers: Ward

Second: Huntley

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection will be Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 9 Loads of brush collected in Jan.
- Alley off Wood St. repaired.
- Checking with nurseries for shrubs for Wood St. median.
- Leaf truck needs throttle cable.

Ward suggested town plan for contract back-up to collect leaves when truck is down.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Smith reported the following:

- 2,430 calls in January.
- Stanly County Sheriff's Office covered 243.5 hours in December for \$10,558.85.

Abandoned vehicle on Jackson St.

Nantahala speed limit sign is out – need battery. Check on cost for new sign.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented financial report ending Feb. 10, 2023. January revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

Almond reported the following:

1. Badin Town Council planning session 6:30 p.m., Feb. 15 in Badin Town Hall.
2. Badin Town Council will attend the Stanly County Economic Development Commission meeting Feb. 27.
3. The next Stanly County COG meeting is 6:30 p.m., Feb. 28 in New London.
4. Almond will attend the RPO TCC meeting 10 a.m., Mar. 14 in Stanly Commons.
5. Badin Town Council to host public hearing 6:45 p.m., Mar. 14 to gather input on closing a portion of alley off Roosevelt St. between Jackson and Sumpter streets.
6. Next Regular Council Meeting 7 p.m. Tues., Mar. 14, in Badin Town Hall.
7. Badin Town Council special meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Feb. 22 in Badin Town Hall to discuss School Resource Officer options.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

Charles Council attended RRRPO TAC meeting. NCDOT has the intersection on Hwy 740 and Blackhawk Rd. listed for construction.

Ward requested information on cost of contracted cleaning service for town hall.

Mayor Lowder said Almond, Chambers, Huntley, and he attended COG meeting. Almond, Doug Long, and he attended CVB meeting. There may be some ARP grant funds available.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Lowder called for a motion to adjourn the February 14, 2023 regular meeting.

Motion: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved March 14, 2023.