

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

December 9, 2025
BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Reba Smith, Valerie Tyson, Senora Boulware, Sarah Allen, Tonya Gelbach, Jenny Henderson, Johnnie Harris, Tito Thomas, Avonda Thomas, Jean Burns, Mike Edgerton, Georgette Edgerton, Dexter Townsend, Mae Teal

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Jay Almond, Town Manager
Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk
Stephen Smith, Police Chief
Jim Miller, Public Works Laborer

Opening prayer by Dale Ward.
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) North Stanly Basketball Team Proclamation and 7(b) Revisit wildlife/deer ordinance: Rife
Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve November 10, 2025 Regular meeting minutes: Rife
Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Mayor Huntley administered the Oath of Office for appointed Councilmember Jackie Burch.

Council discussed a deer feeding ordinance. Almond presented council with the town's animal ordinance with a previously approved text amendment prohibiting feeding deer that was later removed from the ordinance. C. Council said a wildlife biologist advised in 2022 not to feed deer, and also said the text amendment was removed from the animal ordinance due to enforcement questions. Almond looked into a group hired to remove deer but the cost

was high with limited results. Ward said we need to encourage the state to have a controlled hunt in Morrow Mountain State Park.

Motion to adopt animal ordinance text amendment to not feed deer in town: C. Council
C. Council amended motion to draft a new text amendment that is agreeable to the council.
Second: Rife

Discussion: C. Council and Rife will work on the draft text amendment, and council will hold two public hearings regarding the amendment.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to adopt proclamation naming Friday, January 16, 2026 as North Stanly Plow Jock Power Championship Day: Ward

Second: C. Council

Motion to reappoint current planning board members for 2026: C. Council

Second: Rife

Discussion: Rife mentioned a planning board meeting to select a chair.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Huntley suggested Reba Smith to fill an open Board of Adjustments alternate seat.

Motion to reappoint current board of adjustment members with Reba Smith as alternate and schedule a meeting to elect a chair: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed municipal service boards:

- Centralina Regional Council Board of Delegates:
 - Charlie Council – voting delegate
 - Demar Huntley – alternate
- Stanly County CVB – Tourism Development Board:
 - Gary Rife – voting member
 - Demar Huntley – alternate
- NC League of Municipalities Delegate: Demar Huntley
- Rocky River Rural Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee:
 - Charlie Council – voting member
 - Dale Ward – alternate
- Rocky River Rural Planning Organization Technical Coordinating Committee:
 - Jay Almond – voting member
- Stanly County/NC Recreation Board: Jay Almond

Motion to appoint council and staff to municipal service boards as shown: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve special event application for Badin Day 26 and waive permit fee: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed how to proceed with 85 Falls Road code enforcement after a representative for the property owner contacted town hall to request code enforcement be halted until legal proceedings between the property owner and insurance company are resolved. Almond said he and the code officer Matthew Rea agreed to delay further action until council rendered an official decision. Council consensus is to proceed with minimum housing code enforcement.

Motion to proceed with code enforcement at 85 Falls Road: Ward
Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS:

Miller reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection January 6, 2025.
- 4 Loads of brush for December.
- Leaf pickup is ongoing.

Almond said public works will collect leaves on school streets each scheduled collection day due to heavier traffic. Ward says leaves should be collected there every week, citing close calls with vehicles trying to get through. C. Council said he was told by Eudy that every time the leaf truck runs they'll collect around the school. Almond suggested reminding citizens of the leaf schedule. Rife said we should remind the citizens of limb & brush collection schedule as well. Huntley said to use the RAVE system to do an all call.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 1,853 calls for service in November.
- Uptick in domestic disturbances, fire & EMS calls are common in winter.
- The police audit went good.

Almond commended Chief Smith for the good audit report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending December 5, 2025. November revenues from property tax, sales & use tax and occupancy tax.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Recognized 1976 North Stanly Women's Basketball Team.
2. Rife and Almond met with Badin VFD Chief Timothy Jarmon to discuss fire safety via public address, and posted an interview with Chief Jarmon on Facebook.
3. Rife will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Wed., Dec. 10.
4. Alcoa's quarterly Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) meeting will be 11:30 a.m., Dec. 11 in the 1913 Badin Inn.
5. Rife and Almond met Monday with members of Miles-McClellan Construction Company to discern project start date as well as other project restart and amenity purchase details. Rife noted a need to go back through county permitting.
6. Badin Town Hall will be closed Dec. 24-26 in observance of Christmas and Jan. 1-2 in observance of the New Year holiday.
7. The next Regular Council meeting will be 7 p.m., Jan. 13, 2025 in Badin Town Hall.

Almond explained what is happening next to Tho's Pizza & Hot Subs, formerly Bogan's radiator shop, and before that a fuel station. The state has funded the removal of three fuel tanks still underground. So far no fuel leaks found that would warrant further digging.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ward said there is a manhole spacer ring busted on Hickory St. He called the county and they have ordered a spacer. Cardboard boxes on Willow St. should be collected. He complimented Better Badin on tree lighting. Also street light is out in front of antique shop.

Rife reported a crushed drain pipe at Falls Rd. and Stanly St. The utility pole in West Badin Park is leaning and needs straightening.

C. Council welcomed Jackie Burch to the council. He mentioned Red & Blue Christmas this past weekend, and recognized Polly Martin for putting the event together. He thanked Ward for school crosswalk service.

Huntley said Tyler Thompson of Thompson Auction was in town this morning to take pictures and offered to move everything to his shop for the auction. He asked Almond what needs to be done for the Arts Council Banner contest. Almond said we just need to send measurements. He suggested setting a work session for new council member Jackie Burch.

Motion to have a work session at 7 p.m., January 14, 2025 in Badin Town Hall: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting: Ward

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved January 13, 2025.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.