

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – SPECIAL MEETING

March 4, 2026

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

None.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Demar Huntley, Mayor

Charles Council, Mayor Pro Tem

Dale Ward

Gary Rife

Jackie Burch

STAFF PRESENT:

Jay Almond, Town Manager

Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk

Mayor Huntley called the meeting to order.

BUSINESS

Rife updated council on a potential client for the conference center. It is a doctor who is interested in leasing about 1,500 sq. ft. of the conference center to have an urgent care facility. S&D Construction and Stokes Construction priced very similar estimates, a third vendor did not submit an estimate. Rife suggested Stokes for the conference center based on familiarity. The urgent care up fit estimate is approximately \$85,000. The town does not have the capital. Rife and Almond proposed the doctor pay the capital and sign a five-year lease for a \$100 monthly and he pays utilities. The town would then rebate \$5,000 per year for five years. The doctor is considering it and they will contact him after two weeks. Rife and C. Council are in progress on a \$250,000 grant for the conference center repairs. The grant deadline is in April. C. Council said they will have 2 presentations for possible donors for conference center repairs. One presentation will be March 28 in Badin Conference Center. The second one will be March 30 in the Badin Inn.

Rife reported on restroom projects for Badin Waterfront Park and West Badin Park. S&D Construction was the only company to bid on this project. Waterfront park restroom cost is \$73,710 and West Badin Park Restroom cost is \$42,490. Rife showed design options and costs. He suggested using storm water project funds to cover costs of the bathrooms.

Motion to select light brown color for the restrooms: C. Council
Ward prefers grey because it matches historic aspects in town. Council discussed colors.
C. Council rescinded motion for light brown.

Motion to select grey color for the restrooms: Ward

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to use \$116,200 of storm water project funds and move forward on park restrooms: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Rife and Almond updated council on the waterfront park. Almond signed a new contract with Miles-McClellan last week. Construction should begin soon. The playground and surface are not funded. Rife suggested asking the Uwharrie Foundation for playground equipment and

installation funding. Uwharrie Foundation donates to 501(c)3 organizations. Alcoa has funded picnic tables, grills, trash cans and ash receptacles.

Huntley updated council on museum tree removal. A state certified group working on native landscaping at the museum offered to remove the trees. The pear trees are invasive and will be replaced with native trees. Tree removal will be at no cost to the town, but they will not remove debris or grind stumps. Council consensus is to allow replacement with a plan that won't overburden town staff with the debris.

Motion to approve removal on approved schedule, limiting how many trees are cut per visit: Rife
Second: C. Council

Discussion: Ward said museum Cherry trees need pruning. Almond said the crape myrtles are scheduled to be pruned and will see if the Cherry trees can be added as well.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

C. Council updated council on social media partnership with Pfeiffer University. They will update town Facebook and Instagram accounts about twice per week. Almond will be able to post emergencies. Almond said town doesn't reply to comments on social media posts.

Council previously approved ditch cleaning on Washington St. A new quote includes replacing pipe as well. The cost increased to approximately \$11,000 with pipe replacements.

Motion to approve \$11,000 for Washington St. to replace pipe along with ditch clearing: Rife
Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Ward requested discussion of the Falls Road striping which began today to be on March agenda for the regular council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn March 4, 2026 Special Meeting: Rife

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved April 14, 2026.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.