

**BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

March 14, 2023

BADIN TOWN HALL

**VISITORS**

Mae Teal, Tony Hill, Sadie Burbank, Avonda Thomas, Tito Thomas, Jody Hopper, Valerie Tyson, Jenny Henderson, Lenora Council, Nancy Vasser, Sarah Allen, Deloris Woodson, 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**

Sadie Burbank, Spruce Street, said the Badin Elementary School principal addressed parents today at school dismissal indicating there would no longer be a crossing guard due to liability issues. She said she spoke to a lieutenant with the Stanly County Sheriff's Office who told her it was Town of Badin's responsibility to provide a crossing guard at the school.

Deloris Woodson presented town council with a request to close an alley at the corner of Washington and Sumpter Streets.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lowder called the meeting to order.

**AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

Motion to update agenda to show Feb. 15, 2023 Planning Session minutes and Feb. 22, 2023 Special Called Meeting minutes should be included: Huntley

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Item 7: Updated Street Name Change Ordinance provided to Council.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/4-1

Chambers – Aye, Huntley – Aye, C. Council – Aye, Lowder – Aye, Ward – Nay

### **BUSINESS**

Town Council considered updated Street Name Change Ordinance draft presented, and identified five (5) Citizen Advisory Board members; Bernetta Maske, Ernest Peoples, Antoinette Peoples, Mae Teal and Bridgette Huckabee. Ward said the time taken to get to this point was disheartening, but that council is trying to get it done. Lowder said a street name Town Council deemed offensive, or a street name change initiated by the town, would mean town covers the cost.

Motion to table sidewalk café ordinance discussion: Huntley

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to table deer population management discussion: Chambers

Second: Ward

Discussion: C. Council asked why we are tabling this discussion. Lowder said the town is looking into the possibility of grants.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to close a portion of Roosevelt St. alley between Sumpter and Jackson streets: Ward

Second: Huntley

Discussion: Lowder said the alley will not be closed until town is reimbursed in full for all costs incurred.

Ward amended motion to include all costs be paid in full prior to closure.

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve Budget Amendment 23-1 for General Fund to increase Sales & Use Tax by \$60,825 and increase expenditures for Administration, Police Department and Public Works by \$60,825: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Discussion: Ward said the police department fuel line item seemed low for expected Sheriff's Office fuel charge. Almond said the amendment proposed increasing Property Tax line item but should show Sales & Use Tax instead.

Motion to amend Budget Amendment 23-1 approval to increase Sales & Use Tax rather than Property Tax: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve Budget Amendment 23-2 for Powell Bill Fund to increase Miscellaneous Expenditures by \$350, and C/O Equipment by \$30,000 for boom mower purchase and decrease Street Maintenance & Repair by \$30,350: Ward

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed Nondiscrimination, Record Retention, and Allowable Cost Principles Policies required for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding implementation. Centralina Regional Council is drafting required documents for Badin to adopt at no cost to town.

Motion to adopt Nondiscrimination Policy, Record Retention Policy, and Allowable Costs/Cost Principles Policy: Chambers

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Mayor Lowder called for a motion to amend approved meeting minutes from three public hearings, and the regular council meeting on November 8, 2022. Dale Ward was absent from all four meetings, and should be removed from all four sets of minutes.

Motion to amend November 8, 2022 regular meeting and three public hearing minutes to indicate Ward's absence: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Lowder called for a motion to amend approved regular meeting minutes from January 10, 2023: a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Huntley to start the process to fill two part-time maintenance positions was seconded by Council Member Deloris Chambers, and recorded as passed unanimously. The record should show the motion carried 4-1 with Ward dissenting.

Motion to amend January 10, 2023 approved regular meeting minutes to indicate a 4-1 vote: C. Council

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to table review of the Town of Badin 2022-23 Business Development Project Grant Program until April meeting: Chambers

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Eudy reported the following:

- Public Works collected 7 loads of brush for March.
- Next limb/brush collection will be Apr. 4.
- Semi-annual town cleanup is April 14-21. Items expected curbside by Apr. 16.
- A part-time laborer applicant was interviewed Monday, Mar. 13.
- Leaf truck is operational, most of leaf collection is complete.
- Wood St. median is awaiting mulch.

Council considered purchase of a used CAT Challenger boom mower for \$16,500, new tires for \$3,500, and hydraulics for \$4,000 for a total of \$30,000.

Motion to purchase boom mower: Ward

Second: Huntley

Discussion: C. Council said it is a good used mower that will save the town money. Ward said it will be about 4-6 weeks for tires and repairs. Lowder thanked Council and Ward for finding the mower.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed Spruce Street ditch repair from Cherry St. approximately 173 ft. to a driveway pipe. Three estimates were received: Jim Moore \$12,500, Thompson's Grading \$12,500, and Moore's Grading \$13,100 which includes reseeding after job. All three estimates include plastic pipe. Ward suggested adjusting parking there to avoid pipe damage. Motion to look into a parking ordinance on Spruce Street where new pipe will be: Ward  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to hire Moore's Grading for \$13,100 and authorize immediate repair: C. Council  
Second: Ward  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Smith reported 1,824 calls for service in February.

Council discussed public comment pertaining to school crossing guards. Council will look into this. Speed radar sign on Nantahala Street needs a battery. Public Works will check into it. Vehicle violation owners have been contacted and given notice.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented financial report ending March 9, 2023. February revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Almond reported the following:

1. Demar Huntley will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Mar. 15.
2. Town Council will enter a planning session 6:30 p.m., Mar. 15 in Badin Town Hall.
3. C. Council will attend RRRPO TAC meeting 6 p.m., Mar. 16 in Polkton.
4. Badin Town Hall will be closed Fri., Apr. 7, 2023 in observance of Good Friday.
5. Badin Town Council will host Comprehensive Land Use Plan public information and input meetings in Badin Town Hall 6 p.m. Mar. 28, 2023, and 6 p.m. Apr. 11, 2023.
6. Will be republishing for RFQ for Waterfront Park and BCC projects March 20, 2023.
7. Next Regular Council Meeting is 7 p.m. Tues., April 11, 2023 in Badin Town Hall.

Motion to republish Request for Qualifications for Badin Waterfront Park and Badin Conference Center projects: C. Council  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to host Comprehensive Land Use Plan public information and input meetings in Badin Town Hall at 6 p.m. March 28, 2023 and 6 p.m. April 11, 2023: C. Council  
Second: Chambers  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Next planning session is 6:30 p.m., April 12, 2023.

Avonda Thomas thanked Better Badin and Badin4Life for assisting with cleanup.

Ward said some reported code violations show no progress. Almond said fines have started on unresolved cases.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Ward contacted three agencies for Town Hall cleaning estimates, including an initial cleaning, weekly, and biweekly rates. C. Council would like a conference center cleaning estimate. Ward will share estimates next month.
- Ward said anonymous donors provided chairs and table to Town Hall.
- Chambers voiced concerns on street appearance, and asked Eudy about spraying Roosevelt.
- C. Council appreciates the work Public Works is doing.
- Huntley thanked council members for helping find boom mower, and thanked community members for appointed board service.
- Lowder appreciates council, residents attending the meetings, and town manager.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Motion: Huntley

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved April 11, 2023.