

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – SPECIAL MEETING
February 20, 2017
BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Brian Hatley, Caleb Stewart, Jeff Brafford, Carla King, Steven Butler, Brad Lowder, Terry Eudy, George Burris

Council Members Present:

Anne Harwood, Mayor
Deloris Chambers, Mayor Pro Tem
Ryan Hatley
Ernest Peoples
Larry Milano

Staff Present:

Jay Almond, Town Manager
Bryan Lambert, Police Chief
Amanda Bowers, Assistant Town Clerk

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Badin Police Chief Bryan Lambert stated all 7 Badin Law Enforcement Officers are opposed to placing a memorial monument on public property as requested by Mike Edgerton.

Badin Volunteer Fire Department Chief Terry Eudy stated that all 33 members of the Fire Department are 100 percent opposed to a memorial being placed on public property as requested.

Stanly County Sheriff George T. Burris requested council deny the memorial request.

Milano said he stands behind Badin Law Enforcement and Badin Volunteer Fire Department. He apologized for his previous vote for a public memorial and would like to rescind his vote.

Chambers said she is very protective of town property and after prayer and consideration she believes council was hasty in their approval and would like to rescind her vote for memorial.

CALL TO ORDER

Harwood called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 15, 2017 Planning Session

Motion to approve: Hatley

Second: Peoples

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Mayor Harwood called for a motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) to discuss personnel matters pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6).

Motion to enter closed session: Chambers

Second: Hatley

Council entered closed session.

Council reentered open session.

Council discussed the recent request for a memorial on public property. Lambert stated the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) will go to the Stanly County District Attorney (DA) first with a presentation of evidence compiled by their experts. He said the DA will render a decision on whether or not there is cause for prosecution based on all available evidence.

Motion to rescind approval of Mr. Edgerton's request for a memorial on town property.

Motion: Milano

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Milano said the family should be reimbursed by the town if purchases have been made for the requested memorial. Hatley said he does not believe council will discover anything from the SBI report which would cause council to reconsider approval of a public memorial. Mayor Harwood mentioned considering creating a program for memorials to establish uniform guidelines going forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

Harwood called for a motion to adjourn February 20, 2017 special meeting.

Motion: Chambers

Second: Milano

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved March 14, 2017