

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

January 14, 2025

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Sarah Allen, Jody Hopper, Jenny Henderson, Jenny Allen, Derric Allen

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Demar Huntley, Mayor

Charles Council, Mayor Pro Tem

Deloris Chambers

Dale Ward

Gary Rife

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

Jenny Allen of 41 Hickory Street requested council concrete Poplar Street alley entrance between Elm and Hickory streets to fix divots in the inclined section. Huntley said someone will look at it.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Huntley called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add 5(a) Polar Plunge Special Event Application: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve December 10, 2024 Regular meeting minutes: Chambers

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve December 18, 2024 Planning Session minutes: C. Council

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve January 7, 2025 Special Called meeting minutes: Ward

Second: Chambers

Discussion: Town council explained decisions made in the special called meeting regarding the updated minimum housing ordinance to the members who were absent.
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Town Council considered a special event application for the Stanly County Special Olympics Polar Plunge March 8 in Badin Waterfront Park. They need an updated certificate of insurance and council suggested the location may be infeasible due to park construction. C. Council suggested they find an alternate site. Council will discuss the application in the next meeting.

Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS) recommended updates to Town of Badin Minimum Housing Standards Ordinance 05-6 for municipal housing code enforcement. Following review of proposed changes, council consensus from Jan. 7 special called meeting was for two text amendments: 1) limit the time a property may be boarded from indefinitely, to two years, and 2) format document for ease of use.

Motion to approve text amendments to Town of Badin Minimum Housing Standards Ordinance 05-6: Ward
Second: Rife
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council adopted members and alternates to town advisory boards in December, tabling appointment of Board of Adjustment alternate. Nominee hasn't expressed interest. Almond recommends council offer additional nominees.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection February 4, 2025.
- 5 Loads of brush for November.

Council reviewed new pole lights. If purchased in January town gets a 33% discount. Total of 22 lights needed. Ward recommended pricing 11 wreaths and 11 snowflakes 4-ft or smaller. Almond will price and email to council to get purchased before January 31st. Not to exceed \$12,000.

Motion to purchase 22 pole lights (snowflakes & wreaths): Ward
Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 2,375 calls for service in December.
- No officer applicants.

Almond will repost on Facebook. Council suggested posting at Employment Security Commission and North Carolina League of Municipalities as well.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending Jan. 10, 2025. December revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Badin Conference Center access control installation is expected in February.
2. Demar Huntley attended the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Wed., Jan. 8.
3. Badin Town Hall will be closed January 20 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
4. Unity Breakfast Jan. 18 in Waddell Center. Tickets \$25.
5. Harlem Wizards exhibition basketball to benefit Stanly County Schools including Badin Elementary and community enhancement is Jan. 30 in Pfeiffer University’s Merner Gym. Doors open 6 p.m., game begins 7 p.m. Tickets available online.
6. Next Regular Council Meeting is 7 p.m. Tues., Feb. 11, 2025 in Badin Town Hall.

Badin will host Stanly County COG meeting Feb. 25. Ward suggested asking Robin Gross of Alcoa to present program. Council consensus to have the meeting at the Badin Inn.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ward said the museum started taking down the *25 Year Club* pictures in Badin Conference Center. Gutters need to be cleaned at conference center. Ward asked about Cheoah/Tallassee streets repair. Almond said scope of work was expected to start in January. Council discussed options if the project estimate is too high. Almond said council awarded the contract the contract. Rife requested Almond seek an ETA and invite them to a meeting to present.

Rife asked if we have an update from NCDOT about Falls Road parking. Almond said no. Rife also said we need to schedule a Planning Board meeting to pick a new chairman.

Huntley said the council needs to meet with Badin Waterfront Park contractors to get financials discussed. Almond and Huntley will sort out scheduling for that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting: Ward

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved February 11, 2025.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.