

## **BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

October 8, 2019

BADIN TOWN HALL

### **VISITORS**

Brenda Layberger, Jody Hopper, Sherrill Mullis, Steve Chastain, David Harper, Dale Ward, Daisy Washington, Linda Kraeft, Bridget Huckabee

### **Council Members Present:**

Anne Harwood, Mayor  
Deloris Chambers, Mayor Pro Tem  
Gary Lowder  
Ernest Peoples  
Larry Milano

### **Staff Present:**

Jay Almond, Town Manager  
Wayne Carter, Property Maintenance Supervisor  
Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jody Hopper asked if the town purchased the Alcoa Conference Center, for how much and what the town plans to do with it? Almond said fair market value of the property is \$400,000 and the town purchased it for \$75,000 which included lots throughout town and the conference center is serving as an event center initially and may be considered for other uses going forward.

Brenda Layberger thanked the town for addressing flooding issues near her property.

Dale Ward requested the concrete bollard from Falls Road median be returned and mentioned the Spruce Street ditch needs repairs.

Daisy Washington thanked council for what they're doing for the town.

Sherrill Mullis asked when NCDOT will be repair drains or cut down dying oak trees. Almond said that no dates have been announced yet. NCDOT is awaiting an adopted state budget.

Bridget Huckabee requested council add a “no chain” law to the animal ordinance. She has a neighbor with 8 dogs and would like to limit to the number of dogs allowed by ordinance.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Harwood called the meeting to order.

### **AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

None.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 10, 2019 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Chambers

Second: Lowder

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

## **BUSINESS**

David Harper joined Steve Chastain, Pinegate Renewables solar farm consultant to request Council encumber town property with easements for his client to generate profit through electrical energy sales. The offer is a one-time payment of \$5,000 to the town for perpetual easement rights. They would like to have a decision by the end of 2019 and are actively pursuing alternate routes. The property for which they are requesting easement is off NC 740.

Council reviewed a proclamation request from Carol White and Decoding Dyslexia NC to declare October, Dyslexia Awareness Month.

Motion to proclaim October as Dyslexia Awareness Month: Milano

Second: Peoples

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed a proclamation request from Esther House to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Motion to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Chambers

Second: Lowder

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed designation of a section of NC 740 as "Lou Donaldson Boulevard". NCDOT Division 10 requires an associated \$2,000 sign fee. Council members have sought Badin citizens and volunteer agencies to raise the funds from within the community. Harwood, Lowder, and Chambers will request a donation from Better Badin at their next meeting. Peoples reported: West Badin Alumni will donate \$500, Shiloh Baptist Church will donate \$100, and Order of the Eastern Star Masonic Lodge will make a donation. Council will discuss further at next meeting.

Council considered Falls Road median concrete bollard restoration. Almond met with a contractor to discuss methods, costs, and expectations of repair and restoration. He received a \$1,000 restoration estimate. Lowder has heard no opposition to returning the bollard to the median and said replacing it will preserve a piece of the town's history.

Motion to refurbish the concrete bollard and return it to median: Lowder

Second: Chambers

Discussion: Peoples and Milano would like to complete restoration the bollard prior to any further action. Milano suggested a public hearing following restoration and would like to gather information from Badin Historic Museum and NCDOT.

Lowder rescinded his motion.

Council will discuss further at November meeting.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

No open cases.

Almond has been in contact with West Badin School building property representative and local pastor, Bishop Roy Washington, regarding the condition of the building and expects actionable information in response. Council will discuss again at November meeting.

## **POLICE REPORT:**

Almond gave a report for September.

- Light at school crosswalk is out; need more. Duke will add a street light and repair the current light.
- 26 Nuisance Codes, 16 were closed. Out of 10 letters sent out, 9 were closed.

Milano asked about Chief position process. Almond said resumes have been collected and reviewed and that background vetting will begin next.

## **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Carter reported the following:

- Public Works collected 8 loads of brush for October.
- Next limb/brush collection will be November 5, 2019.
- Badin Fall Semi-Annual Town Clean-up is ongoing through noon Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Fall leaf collection has been posted and begins in November.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented financial report for period ending Oct. 4, 2019. September revenues are from property tax, sales & use tax, and occupancy tax.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

None.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Almond reported the following:

1. Chambers and Almond will attend CVB 8:30 a.m. Wed., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> in Stanly Commons.
2. Chambers will attend Centralina COG delegates meeting Wed., Oct 9<sup>th</sup> in Charlotte.
3. Retail Coach's Charles Parker will attend the December council meeting.
4. Town Cleanup is on-going until noon Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.
5. Almond, Lowder, and Mayor Harwood will meet with YMCA 11 a.m., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> in Badin Town Hall regarding Badin Lake Triathlon.
6. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Badin Volunteer Fire Department will be engaged in a fire inspection including book work and field work.
7. 17 or more events in Badin are planned to help showcase the Uwharrie region Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 Days of Uwharrie NC Official Outdoor Festival.
8. Dead tree on Elm St. seems to be on private property.
9. No response from Randall Kiser about Stewart St. trees blocking light.

10. Badin Town Hall will be closed Monday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day.
11. Next Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Tues., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Badin Town Hall.

Milano attended a meeting at the Stanly County Airport about expanding airport as well as a fire training facility.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Harwood called for a motion to adjourn October 8, 2019 regular meeting.

Motion: Peoples

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved November 12, 2019