

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

September 9, 2025

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Valerie Tyson, Senora Boulware, Brenda Goode, Jody Hopper, Sarah Allen, Tito Thomas, Avonda Wilson Thomas, Jenny Henderson, Pat Caudle, Tonya Gelbach, Beverly Scott, Felix Obregon, Lenora Council, Jane Rife, Carol Tingley

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Demar Huntley, Mayor

Charles Council, Mayor Pro Tem

Dale Ward

Gary Rife

STAFF PRESENT:

Jay Almond, Town Manager

Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk

Stephen Smith, Police Chief

Terry Eudy, Public Works Director

In lieu of opening prayer Mayor Huntley called for 30 seconds of silence to honor late council member, and former Mayor Pro Tempore Deloris Chambers who passed away September 1, 2025.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Caudle of 121 Pine Street reported 128 Pine Street is not cutting grass, has trash in the yard, and a broken front door. She is dissatisfied. Almond said Chief Smith will present updates on nuisance cases tonight including 128 Pine. Huntley said she will receive follow up from the council.

Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager Joe Crapster said Badin power line replacement is complete. Some dirt cleanup is needed around some poles followed by removal of old poles once utilities move their lines. Ward said the museum has an old transformer that says authority has been transferred to Duke Power. Larry Milano requested a timeline for old pole removal from this point, as in the past it has taken years. Crapster said it could be months but definitely not years. Ward mentioned the museum received a transformer from Duke Energy that predates Duke Energy's electric provision in town.

NCDOT Division 10 Engineer Felix Obregon mentioned issues with ramps replaced by a DOT contractor. Milano suggested Obregon look at the roads. Huntley said it seems the contractor is working in several towns in the county without supervision. Obregon said there should be an inspector there at all times while work is being done. Huntley said lots of stop signs are down and they left a mess. Obregon will contact the project manager and check out the areas. Milano mentioned the Rocky River Rural Planning Organization (RRRPO) is an open meeting and citizens can attend to voice concerns. Rife said it would be helpful if they would complete an area before jumping around to another area. Jane Rife said contractors broke their sewer line and were rude to them. Obregon apologized for that and said he'd look into it. Almond said the next RRRPO is September 18.

Sid Trivette, of Uniti said Windstream has become Uniti - there is no more Windstream. Uniti is hiring contractors to move lines from old poles and onto the new ones. There is no timeline yet. Engineers have done their part, they are now looking into contractors.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Huntley called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add 6(a) Event Applications: Boofest, Tree Lighting, and Celtic Festival: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve August 12, 2025 Regular meeting minutes: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Council considered adoption of three event applications.

Motion to approve Boofest and Tree Lighting event applications: Rife

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

Council reviewed an application for Loch Badin Celtic Festival for September 19, 2026. The Celtic Festival was in May in the past but clans and vendors were difficult to book at that time. The third weekend in September was identified as an open weekend by many clans and vendors, however that weekend has been reserved by council for West Badin Festival. Jane Rife spoke on behalf of Better Badin saying they feel that it wouldn't interfere with West Badin Festival due to having different vendors. Eudy shared concern about impacting town assistance events require such as barrels from the town. Huntley mentioned the prior mayor proclaimed West Badin Festival as an event with an annual date reservation. Jane Rife said they were only able to book two clans last year because of the date and if they can't do it September 19 they will cancel the Celtic Festival. Huntley suggested tabling. Ward said they need to look at the minutes.

Motion to table Celtic Festival event application decision to review minutes: C. Council

Almond said they can call a special meeting for this item if they want to reach a decision sooner than next council meeting.

Motion to approve a proclamation of the Town of Badin Town Council honoring and recognizing the exemplary service of Councilwoman Deloris Chambers upon her passing and commending more than 31 years of dedicated public service to the residents of Town of

Badin: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

Carol Tingley of the Hardaway American Indian Museum (HAIM) Foundation addressed council with foundation progress since forming and securing funding from the general assembly and other sources to establish a state museum in the Town of Badin.

Almond emailed Laton's Tree Service notice of sidewalk and tree contract award and requested agreement documents. He will contact Laton's for an update. Council consensus is to start as soon as we can get scheduled.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection October 7, 2025.
- 10 Loads of brush for September.
- Spraying is ongoing. Spruce St. ditch is sprayed.
- C. Council has helped with boom mowing.
- NCDOT contractor stop signs are replaced.

Ward said they need to stay on the bamboo at Spruce St. and asked Eudy if property maintenance removed leftover shingles from near the museum. Eudy said they didn't, and Ward suggested they may have been stolen. He asked who placed items off Dogwood Lane in the department's material storage. Eudy said public works did and it was for town cleanup.

C. Council said within a week of collection people put out more limbs/brush. He suggested citing limbs/brush placed within 3 weeks after pickup. Ward said we have to be careful how strict we are, some people have to work and are doing what they can.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 2,110 calls for service in August.
- Nuisance cases in process:
 - 128 Pine St.
 - Trailer on Lake St.
 - RV on Chestnut
 - 44 Hickory St.
 - 5 Cherry St. construction debris

Ward asked if officers started going through the conference center. Chief Smith said yes, in fact, he went through today. Ward asked Chief Smith to explain security checks. Chief Smith said it's a list of properties checked daily including churches, businesses, etc.

Almond said he met with Matthew Rea of IBTS code enforcement. Rea needs to meet with council on how to move forward.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending Sept. 5, 2025. August revenues from property tax, sales & use tax and occupancy tax. He checked the FY25 alley maintenance line item and confirmed the gravel purchase Ward asked about in a previous meeting.

As he left the room, Tito Thomas said Councilwoman Deloris Chambers loved all of Badin.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Staff met with webmaster about website. They discussed migrating forms to online fill, easier ordinance navigation, and online payments. Council asked about auto rejecting unavailable event dates and a council portal for webmaster update notices.
2. Huntley will attend the Stanly County CVB 8:30 a.m. Wed., Sept. 10.
3. Council needs to schedule a meeting with Miles-McClellan to discuss its NCDPR/ PARTF scope revision request. Approval may hinge on the board's rest facility plan.
4. No start dates yet for next storm water project locations. Almond will follow-up.
5. Rocky River Rural Planning Organization TCC and TAC joint meeting Sept. 18.
6. Town of Badin annual municipal audit will be the week of Sept. 22-26.
7. The next regular council meeting is 7 p.m., Oct. 14, 2025 in Badin Town Hall.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Huntley said he and Almond met with a group interested in funding a beautification project hiding the motor pool and creating an entrance to the waterfront park. They will send concept drawings for the council review. Mayor Huntley announced council will observe a 30 day mourning period for Councilwoman Deloris Chambers before considering appointing someone to fill the unexpired term for the West District seat. Huntley said there is a proclamation recognizing Badin Volunteer Fire Department for achieving a lowered insurance services office rating within the Badin volunteer fire district. Council has not had time to review it.

Motion to allow David Gallimore to mulch behind Badin Baptist Church: Ward

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

Ward suggested pressing code enforcement at 85 Falls Rd. so 83 Falls Rd. can get something done. Almond said it's been sent to code enforcement. Rife suggested making that case a priority. Ward said the service pole in West Badin Park is tilted. C. Council and Ward will get someone to cut out above the wall behind the basketball court in West Badin Park to create an additional parking lot. Ward mentioned the Badin Volunteer Fire Department now has a class 4 PPC rating which saves on property taxes for the Badin volunteer fire district.

Rife asked council to allow him to be a liaison with Miles-McClellan on the waterfront park. Council agreed. C. Council told him to feel free to reach out to the others if needed.

C. Council thanked Rife for building another handicap bridge. There are now two handicap bridge accesses in West Badin Park. He said they need to set a date for the auction. He presented a booklet of NCDOT plans from RRRPO and asked to put on the website. He said Chambers had a beautiful service and was proud of council and staff for attending. No one went to the service because they had to, but because they wanted to be there.

Motion to have a special meeting Tuesday, September 16, 2025 to discuss Celtic Festival application, code enforcement, waterfront park plan review, and adopt the Badin Volunteer Fire Department fire service proclamation: Ward

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved September 9, 2025.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.