

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

April 11, 2023

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Derric Allen, Jenny Allen, Tom Arsenault, Charles Curcio, Donald Meisel, Jenny Henderson, Jody Hopper, Lenora Council, Tony Hill, Sarah Allen, Noreen Harder Printer, Fran Marsh

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

Donald Meisel, of 140 Spruce St., commented on the town's proposed land use plan, and asked if it would be reviewed by the planning board before adoption.

Jody Hopper, of 51 Maple St., said she does not want a waterfront park.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lowder called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add 11(a) Discuss parking on Spruce St., 11(b) Business Development Grant applications, and 11(c) Budget Amendment for new police vehicle to the agenda: Council
Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve February 15, 2023 Planning Session minutes: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Discussion: Ward asked for update on phone system that was discussed in Feb. 15 planning session. Almond said the system is repaired.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve February 22, 2023 Special Called Meeting minutes: Huntley

Second: Council

Discussion: Ward said would like to see more detail in the minutes.
Huntley rescinded motion to approve Feb. 22 Special Called Meeting minutes to include more detail.

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes will be in the May agenda.

Motion to approve March 14, 2023 Public Hearing regarding Roosevelt alley closure: Ward

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting: Chambers

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve March 15, 2023 Planning Session minutes: Ward

Second: Council

Discussion: Councilman Council asked for cleaning service update. It is in the agenda.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Mayor Lowder said the survey of Roosevelt St. alley for closure has begun. An ordinance will be provided after survey is complete.

Town council was presented a draft street name change ordinance.

Repairs are planned for Spruce St. ditch. New pipe installed should not endure parallel parking. An ordinance is needed to prohibit parking on the pipe side of the road. Public Works can block the construction area with barrels. Almond will bring an ordinance to May meeting.

Council received two applications for the business development grant. The town budget allows for \$1,500 for a business development grant.

Motion to split the business development grant between two applicants, Badin Inn and Badin Coffee and award \$750 each: Ward

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Badin Police Department requested the purchase of a 2022 Ram 1500 crew cab police truck. \$47,050 includes purchase of police truck and up fitting. Intent to purchase a vehicle was previously approved by council but a budget amendment is needed to fund the purchase.

Motion to approve budget amendment for purchase of a new police vehicle, increasing appropriated fund balance revenue and increasing police department C/O furniture and equipment expenditure: Council

Second: Huntley

Discussion: Ward doesn't feel the need is warranted until we have more officers.

Vote: Passed 4-1

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

Mayor Lowder will contact Representative Wayne Sasser about thinning local deer population.

Town council was presented with a potential sidewalk café. To be codified as an ordinance it will need a title and number.

Motion to adopt sidewalk café ordinance adding title and ordinance number: Council

Second: Ward

Discussion: Huntley recused himself from voting due to affiliation with named business.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town council reviewed the Town of Badin Business Development Grant. The council agreed that new guidelines are needed and there should be a certain timeline for application submittals. The council will discuss further in the April 12, 2023 planning session.

Town council was presented with a budget amendment for the purchase of a new leaf truck. The cost is \$18,500 and an amendment will be needed for purchase. The council will discuss during public works report.

NCDOT is considering a roundabout on Hwy 740 at Falls Road. Councilman Council said there is also consideration at Pfeiffer University and the funds most likely will go to that project. The council agreed that Badin does not need a roundabout. Councilman Council is to inform Lee Snuggs from RRRPO that Badin doesn't want a roundabout.

Town council discussed School Resource Officer (SRO) and flaggers. Stanly County Schools Safety Director said they are setting up training for school staff to flag. Mayor Lowder spoke with Stanly County Commissioner Trent Hatley about the county providing an SRO. Ward said he was told Badin is the only school other than Albemarle with a public crosswalk.

Ward presented town council with three estimates from cleaning companies to clean town hall. Estimates included initial cleaning, weekly and bi-weekly rates. Town Council would like details of what is included in the estimates.

Motion to have all three companies submit details included in estimates to two council members and town manager: Huntley

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town council considered adoption of the proposed Town of Badin Land Use Plan. Mayor Lowder would prefer sending to planning board to get their recommendation.

Motion to send proposed Town of Badin Land Use Plan to planning board: Huntley

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection will be May 2.
- Semi-annual town cleanup is April 14-21. Items expected curbside by Apr. 16.
- A part-time laborer candidate opted to retain current employment.

Town Council discussed purchasing a used leaf truck. A budget amendment for \$18,500 will be needed before purchase. Mayor Lowder called it a good buy for the town. Ward said it has drawbacks, there are streets in town it won't fit, but he believes it will provide for the citizens. Eudy thanked council for helping find equipment, and expressed concerned the truck may be more of a liability than an asset due to limitations because of size. At 36 ft. long, it is several feet longer than the fire department's longest truck, and 11 feet longer than the town's working leaf truck. Eudy said the truck cannot access the town's leaf dump site, so leaves will have to be dumped in the field off Hwy 740 at the entrance to town. Huntley shared reservations about dumping leaves in the field at the town entrance.

Motion to approve budget amendment increasing appropriated fund balance revenue by \$18,500 and increasing Parks and Rec. Equipment Purchases by \$18,500: Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to purchase leaf truck for \$18,500: Council

Second: Ward

Discussion: Chambers stated that we're here to do right by the citizens however after hearing from Eudy there are mixed feelings toward purchase.

Vote: Passed 4-1

Lowder – Aye, Huntley – Aye, Ward – Aye, Council – Aye, Chambers - Nay

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 2,278 calls for service in March.
- Part-time Officer, Daniel Brabaw will become full-time April 16.
- BPD has received cards to do walkthroughs in the school.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending April 7, 2023. March 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., Apr. 12.
2. Almond gave updates on Waterfront Park, Conference Center, and Roosevelt Alley.
3. West Badin Park shed can't be furnished with picnic tables until bathrooms are installed in the park. Huntley suggested looking into hiring a grant writer.
4. Town Council will enter a planning session 6:30 p.m., Apr. 12 in Badin Town Hall.
5. Town Council will enter budget retreats 8 a.m.-12 p.m. May 4-5 in Badin Town Hall.
6. Badin Town Council will have a public hearing to gather input regarding the FY 2023/24 municipal budget at 6:45 p.m. May 9 in Badin Town Hall.

7. Next Regular Council Meeting is 7 p.m. Tues., May 9, 2023 in Badin Town Hall.

Lowder added to the managers' report:

1. Badin Council will have a planning session 6:30 p.m. June 7 in Badin Town Hall.
2. Badin Council will have a regular meeting 7 p.m. June 13 in Badin Town Hall.

Motion to host a public hearing at 6:45 p.m., Tuesday May 9 in Badin Town Hall to gather input regarding the FY 2023/24 proposed budget: Huntley

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to recess until Budget Retreat on May 4: Huntley

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved May 9, 2023.