

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

February 13, 2024
BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Gary Rife, Sarah Allen, Lenora Council, Kathy Odell, Joallen Lowder, Tim Irvin

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 Dale Ward.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

McKayla Williams of Stanly County Health Department said the health department and Atrium Health will perform a countywide health assessment and request everyone's participation in the survey, which will be on the Stanly County Health Department website March 1 to March 29. It's for everyone 18 and older. Badin Town Council served as a health focus group in the past, and is welcome to do so again. Almond works with the mobile health clinic team and will post notice on the town Facebook page about the assessment and clinic.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lowder called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Add 5(a) - December 12 regular meeting minutes approval.
Add 5(b) - Business Development Grant Extension.
Add 5 (c) - Discuss library door repair.

Motion to add 5(a), 5(b), and 5(c) to the agenda: Lowder
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Ward said the minutes should include notice the meeting was moved from January 9 to January 16. Lowder confirmed it is included in the draft minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve January 3, 2024 Special Called Meeting minutes: Chambers
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes pending the addition of postponement from January 9 meeting: Huntley
Second: Chambers
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve December 12, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes: Huntley
Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Lowder asked to extend Badin Business Grant application's March 1 deadline for promotion.

Motion to extend deadline to April 1: Huntley
Second: C. Council
Discussion: Lowder will post bulletins. Almond will post on Facebook page and send letters.

Of 3 contractors contacted about repairing the library door, one responded with a \$2,000 quote. Lowder recommends Matthew Salyer of the Silverado Group repair the library door.

Motion to hire Matthew Salyer to repair library door: C. Council
Second: Ward
Discussion: Chambers asked what is wrong with the door. Ward said it's coming apart. C. Council asked about repair detail. Lowder said removal of old door, install new fiberglass door and wood frame, handicap access threshold, and paint interior and exterior of door.
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council voted in December to draft a second letter to Eagle Creek Renewable Energy signed by all council members expressing concerns about property maintenance and requesting meetings to jointly develop a path to improvement. Letter is prepared and handed to council members to sign. Certified letter will be sent to Jody Smet, Joyce Foster and Karen Baldwin along with images of before and after.

Council reviewed 2 event applications. Polar Plunge for Special Olympics requested use of Waterfront Park. Eagle Creek allows only the plunge at swim area. Lowder noted Eagle Creek may tow vehicles from boat parking lot, so they must park in the field. He said that Chief Smith doesn't think they need to hire an off-duty officer for the event since there's no alcohol involved.

Motion to waive security requirement for the Polar Plunge event: Ward
Second: Huntley
Discussion: Huntley said visibility is needed at this event. Chief Smith said the on-duty officer can stop by.

Motion to waive special event permit fee: Huntley
Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Lowder said they will need to provide a \$300 refundable deposit.

Motion to approve Celtic Festival on the village green: Chambers
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Badin Historic Museum roof is more than 20 years old and needs replacing as shingles are devoid of granule content. Forte Roofing & Remodeling estimated \$4,835 to replace the roof.

Motion to accept estimate of \$4,835 from Forte Roofing to replace museum roof: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Discussion: C. Council requested they move forward quickly. Lowder has concerns about where the funds will come from in the budget. Almond said it wouldn't be a problem. Ward mentioned there is some damage inside the museum but they can handle it in-house.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

2024 Municipal Election information must be approved by governing board vote.

Motion to accept the 2024 election information as it was last year: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council reviewed public safety funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Police department was allotted \$150,000 of ARPA funds with remaining funds to be spent on storm water. Police have used \$104,656 with \$45,343 left for radios. Radios will be more than \$45,000. Lowder said Powell Bill can cover patching and paving but not storm water. Almond received an email from Chambers Engineering, contracted by Stanly County Utilities for repairs in Badin. He offered to meet Almond about the work. Almond suggested planning repairs around utility work. Lowder said may not want to fix anything until after utility work. Ward said we don't need to act until we know what they'll do. Lowder met Castleberry Paving and called others for estimates. He wants one job description for all contractors so estimates will be for same work. Could be a couple of months to develop them.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection March 5, 2024.
- 7 Loads of Brush collected in February.
- Leaf Collection has technically ended but leaf truck is still out running.
- Ferris motor should be here by March 3rd.
- Bucket truck is repaired and working fantastic. Cost was \$4,261.
- Boom mower LCD display on dash is not working. They replaced switches and transmission module. No current reaching dashboard so it was removed and sent to Nebraska for rebuild. Cost is unknown on boom mower repair.
- Brown leaf truck is at Crook Motor Company for repair of major oil leak. Motor must be removed to see the extent of issue. Cost of \$2,100 for labor pretty certain, with base parts estimate of \$2,000. Repairs won't begin until council decision.

Motion to do repairs to brown leaf truck: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Discussion: Lowder asked if we need an amendment. We will take funds from C/O – Equipment which was for dump truck and move into Equipment Repairs to fund repairs.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 2,323 calls for service in January.

- Chief Smith reported the following:
 - Car stolen from Denton was chased from Badin, to Albemarle to Norwood.
 - Had 1 DWI.
 - Had 1 discharge of firearm.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending Feb. 9, 2024. January revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax. Almond is looking into additional grant opportunities.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Demar Huntley will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Feb. 14.
2. Alley closure off Roosevelt Street between Grant and Sumpter streets completed on Stanly County GIS. Remaining alley closures await plat documents for billing. Closure documents will then be filed in the Stanly County Register of Deeds Office.
3. Library repair work description will be sent to general contractors.
4. Estimates for street repair and maintenance of Spruce and Sherman streets have been solicited. Expectation is for 4 contractors to return estimates.
5. West Badin Park utilities project grant must be invoiced to County of Stanly before the FY25 grant application may be submitted. Deadline is April 15. Lowder said we're still waiting on the contractor.
6. Cheoah St. at Henderson St. school traffic control signage installed. C. Council recommended contacting school to send notification home to parents.
7. Next Regular Council Meeting is 7 p.m. Tues., Mar. 12, 2023 in Badin Town Hall.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Chambers mentioned cars speeding down Lincoln St.

C. Council willing to work on Badin town entry sign refurbishment. Eudy said Eddie's signs usually refurbishes and Valley Drive was last one done. Gary Rife mentioned Better Badin will repaint Valley Drive one. C. Council asked if they should be same colors. Some are green/white and others green/gold. Eudy will price refurbish vs replace from Eddie's signs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting: Huntley

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved March 12, 2024.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.