

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

November 8, 2022
BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Dale Ward, Nancy Vasser, Jody Hopper, Johnny Alexander, Sherrill Mullis, Sarah Allen, Lenora Council, Charlie Council, Charles Curcio, Detrica Watkins, Tito Thomas, Jenny Henderson, Curt Dorsey, Jenny Allen, Bonnie Hill

Council Members Present:

Anne Harwood, Mayor
Deloris Chambers, Mayor Pro Tem
Gary Lowder
Larry Milano
Demar Huntley

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

Jody Hopper, of 51 Maple St., asked about Badin Town Hall business hours.

CALL TO ORDER

Harwood called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve October 11, 2022 Public Hearing regarding social district: Chambers

Second: Lowder

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve October 11, 2022 Public Hearing regarding deer overpopulation:

Lowder

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve October 11, 2022 Public Hearing regarding street name changes:

Lowder

Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve October 11, 2022 Regular Meeting: Chambers
Second: Milano
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Milano said council received a call from Badin Volunteer Fire Department thanking the town for supporting the Red & Blue Christmas Rescue.

BUSINESS

Stanly County Emergency Management Services Director Michael Roark reported on Emergency Action Plan (EAP) development and management in the county and discussed what Badin might need for a local plan.

Council discussed creating a social district in town in two areas, Loafers & Legends and Isiah Westbrook Community Center. Lowder asked about a long term application for the businesses instead of a social district.

Motion to table social district discussion: Chambers
Second: Milano
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed deer overpopulation in town and reviewed sample ordinances prohibiting deer feeding. Milano said it is about safety and property damage, and council is obliged to address it. He suggested an ordinance to ban deer feeding and to contact Morrow Mountain State Park about deer relocation. Lowder said the deer overpopulation problem is not about feeding. Chambers said deer visit her yard without bait feed, but said the biologist (NC Wildlife Biologist Rupert Medford), said, don't feed deer. Huntley doesn't believe many people feed deer and suggested an estimate on deer relocation, not an ordinance. Milano said Medford said the first step was an ordinance then relocation.

Motion to allow Almond to contact Rupert Medford seeking relocation cost: Chambers
Second: Lowder
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to prohibit deer feeding: Milano
Second: Chambers

Discussion: Lowder called the prohibition a mistake and suggested sharp-shooters. Huntley said he opposes the ordinance. Harwood said resident health and safety must be top priority.

Vote: Motion carries; 3-2
Harwood; Aye
Milano; Aye
Chambers; Aye
Lowder; Nay
Huntley; Nay

Council discussed street name change procedures and the adopted street name change guidelines that are under review and pending amendments.

Council discussed landscaping along Boyden St. Lowder doesn't want the cost for landscaping to take away from work on conference center building.

Motion to delay landscaping until council has estimates on Badin Conference Center building repairs: Lowder
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council received an application for a second annual West Badin Fall Festival planned for September 16, 2023. Council requested a revisit and to be reminded closer to the event.

Motion to accept application with revisit closer to event for West Badin Fall Festival, September 16, 2023: Milano
Second: Lowder
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Public Works collected 7 loads of brush for November.
- Next limb/brush collection will be Dec. 6th.

Lowder said town needs another employee in the Public Works Department.

Motion for Almond to look into how hiring another employee in the Public Works Department would impact the budget: Lowder
Second: Milano
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Smith reported 2,081 calls for service in October.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending Nov. 4, 2022. October revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax. Auditor submitted audit report to LGC in October.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Updates: Wood St. median in progress, guardrail at NC740 and Wood St. replaced, soil grading at West Badin Park shed is planned, landscaping at conference center is complete, and further landscaping is on hold, Almond will contact a contractor about relocating a playground from Badin recreation Park to Pine St. Park, storm water project will be funded by ARP, NCDOT completed Falls Rd. storm drain repairs at U Can Get It beauty salon.

2. Demar Huntley will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Nov. 9.
3. Town Hall will be closed Nov. 11, 24-25 in observance of Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving, respectively.
4. Almond, Lowder, and Milano will attend a RRRPO TCC/TAC joint meeting 6 p.m. Nov. 17 in Locust City Hall.
5. Council will enter a planning session 6:15 p.m., Nov. 22 in Badin Town Hall.
6. Next Regular Council Meeting 7 p.m. Tues., Dec. 13, in Badin Conference Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

Harwood called for a motion to adjourn the November 8, 2022 regular meeting.

Motion: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved December 13, 2022.

Clerk

Mayor

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