

**BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

October 8, 2024

BADIN TOWN HALL

**VISITORS**

Kasey Brooks, Frances Whalen, Sarah Allen, Gary Rife, Lenora Council, Jenny Henderson, Jody Hopper, Butch Huneycutt, Dave Andrews, Joel Smith, Wayne Clemmons, Sawyer Wyrick

**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  
Jim Miller, Public Works Laborer

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

CVB Director Kacey Brooks greeted council. The new CVB website will add a town events page.

Windstream Utility Project Coordinator Wayne Clemmons and Engineering Manager Joel Smith greeted council. Ward noted lines need moving to new poles. Smith said that and line/pole removal from waterfront park are on the way.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lowder called the meeting to order.

**AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

Add 8(a) ARPA funding ordinance  
8(b) Waterfront Park (PARTF) amenities  
8(c) Update on Spruce Street paving  
8(d) Spruce Street ditch update

Motion to add amendments to the agenda: Ward

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve September 10, 2024 Regular meeting minutes: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve September 24, 2024 Special Called meeting minutes: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Discussion: Huntley asked about site furnishings, benches for Badin Waterfront Park. Almond said PARTF requires four benches and confirmed they are handled.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve October 3, 2024 Emergency meeting minutes: Ward

Second: C. Council

Discussion: C. Council asked if Randy Bush knows about Alcoa parking lot drain. Almond said he expects to revisit it once FEMA trucks are out of the parking lot.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **BUSINESS**

Council considered marking Falls Rd. from Boyden St. to NC 740 in Central Business District.

NCDOT approved town's striping proposal and will include it in the resurfacing contract.

Almond met with striping contractor Lynn Howell and expects an estimate Monday.

Council reviewed ARPA ordinance assigning funds to salaries and benefits to close the grant.

Motion to accept the ARPA ordinance as written: Huntley

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed PARTF grant requirements for the waterfront park. Lowder presented picnic tables, grills, and trash cans for Miles McClellan to review for PARTF approval. Ward agreed and suggested more vendors. C. Council suggested a timeline of the end of October. Consensus is to email submittals to Almond so he can email a consolidated list to everyone.

Castleberry Paving plans to start Spruce Street by end of October, followed by part of Pine St.

Ward said work restarted on Spruce St. ditch, and regrown weeds and bamboo need attention.

Council discussed West Badin Park restroom grant. Lowder said \$16,000 to spend on drawing and sewer tap. Stanly County Parks grant approved it for 2024/2025 reimbursable grant funds.

Council reviewed Town of Badin Ordinance 12-2 governing town right-of-way. Huntley commented on clippings on sidewalks forcing people to avoid, and clippings in roads causing storm drain issues. C. Council said it causes sidewalk grass growth public works has to spray and ends up collecting in storm drains. Ward said we can talk about other stuff left on right-of-ways. At 32 Hickory and Poplar, they're putting stuff on the curb and right-of-way on three sides. It's been reported but not enforced. There's a swimming pool and equipment and construction debris in piles. After getting notified, they should have ten days. Lowder said he talked to the group doing it. It was out a few weeks too early for town cleanup. Ward said some stuff was out there two months. We have people riding the streets. They should see it and address it. They're also mowing the right-of-way, which is the town's work. Almond said right-of-way can overlap private property which could amount to a homeowner mowing grass they own within the right-of-way. Lowder mentioned a lot of public nuisance problems have been successfully addressed by the Chief of Police. Council discussed housing code. C. Council wants ideas from IBTS. Almond is awaiting council list, and will meet with IBTS.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Miller reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection November 5, 2024.
- 15 Loads of brush for October.
- Town Cleanup collection starts next week.
- Leaf schedule starts in November.

Ward mentioned standing water after the rain on Wood/Lee streets and a spot on Lincoln Street.

**POLICE REPORT:**

- Chief Smith reported 2,370 calls for service in September.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented financial report ending Oct. 4, 2024. September revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax. Almond said will probably need a budget amendment for code enforcement. C. Council requested each member of council and public works report worst code violations. Huntley suggested a special meeting for code and nuisance violations and the park.

Motion to have a special called meeting to discuss code enforcement, nuisance, and park furnishings: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Almond reported the following:

1. Demar Huntley will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Oct. 9.
2. Request for qualifications is ready to post, with minor updates by tomorrow.
3. Badin Town Cleanup item surrender began Oct. 7. Collection begins Oct. 14.
4. Almond will present to Leadership Stanly Oct. 16 at Morrow Mountain State Park.
5. 10 Days of Uwharrie, North Carolina's Official Outdoor Festival is Oct. 18-27. Badin will host a Fish Fry, Hardaway Powwow, Best Dam 5k, and BVFD Fall Festival.
6. Badin Town Hall will close Monday, Nov. 11, 2024 in observance of Veteran's Day.
7. Badin Council will host a public hearing 6:45 p.m., Tues., Nov. 12, 2024 in Badin Town Hall for input on parking and speed limit on Falls Rd. between Maple and Spruce streets.
8. Next Regular Council Meeting is 7 p.m. Tues., November 12, 2024 in Badin Town Hall.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Ward said the museum is celebrating 25 years and will have refreshments Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.

C. Council thanked the museum for Rudy Rudisill event and exhibit.

Chambers mentioned litter in ditch near her home.

Huntley asked about Best Locks for the conference center. Almond will schedule Seven Oaks.

Lowder noted a free online ethics class from UNC School of Government, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> online class that covers gifts, favors, conflict of interest. Lowder said it sounds beneficial to council members.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn October 8, 2024 Regular Meeting: Ward

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved November 12, 2024.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.