

**BADIN TOWN COUNCIL – SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

January 3, 2024

BADIN TOWN HALL

**VISITORS**

None.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gary Lowder, Mayor

Demar Huntley, Mayor Pro Tem

Deloris Chambers

Charles Council

Dale Ward

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jay Almond, Town Manager

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Lowder called the meeting to order.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Motion to add 6(a) Discussion on leaf truck: Lowder

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**BUSINESS**

Town Council discussed street patching and paving. Ward presented a list of areas damaged by the water system replacement project. Lowder noted a pothole on Hickory. Ward said there is an issue at the speed bump on Pine St. and Spruce St. bridge needs repair. Almond said town paid to do extra paving, beyond what the county planned. Those surfaces were completed while pavers were already in town for water project work which meant new surface and cost savings. Lowder proposed getting estimates from paving contractors, and mentioned J.T. Russell, Roger H. Russell, Castleberry, and Fred Smith as candidates. Huntley asked if storm drain repairs need to be done before the paving. Ward said each area will have to be looked at individually. Lowder said we have about \$428,000 which won't be enough to do everything. Almond mentioned Powell Bill allocations in October and January should be increasing to possibly \$33,000 each. Lowder proposed getting estimates, then deciding what town can afford. Chambers said a ditch on Roosevelt between Sumpter and Lee needs checking. Ward will take pictures to bring to council. C. Council mentioned a blade in the maintenance shop could be used for some areas.

Motion to have contractors price jobs, work from list, and detail work for each street: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Discussion: Ward proposed members survey areas and decide what's in the worst condition.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed a broken drain at the intersection of Cheoah and Tallassee streets. Ward said the pipe is clear, it just needs to be built up around the pipe, and drivers are causing the problem by driving off the road. A buffer may be needed.

Lowder spoke about the new leaf truck. The first time they took it out, the tube broke and had to be replaced. The second time it went out the hydraulic cylinder broke and had to be rebuilt. The third time they tried to use it an oil and water mixture starting pouring out of it and the town is looking at a couple thousand dollars just to get someone to come look at it. C. Council suggested getting Malcom involved. Malcom had previously recommended Kimjo for repairs but they haven't called back.

Lowder said the new boom mower is supposed to be back this week. Jason Thompson is going to pick it up and once it gets to the town hall, the boom will need to be welded. Huntley suggested whoever is hauling it could weld it while it's still on the truck before delivering it to the town.

C. Council and Almond met with the North Carolina League of Municipalities about how an employee survey could inform council. They recommended Almond administer the survey then summarize results for council. C. Council and Almond selected ten survey questions and Almond used Survey Monkey for anonymity. Approximately eighty percent (80%) of employees responded to the survey. Almond summarized employee survey results, and council discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn special called meeting: Huntley

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes Prepared by: Amanda Bowers

Minutes approved February 13, 2024.