

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING  
December 13, 2016  
BADIN TOWN HALL

**VISITORS**

Jo Grey, Tim Robinson, Linda Kraeft, Rob McIntyre, Charles Cosgrove, Jenny Henderson, Donna Davis, Tim Swaringen, Dale Ward

**Council Members Present:**

Anne Harwood, Mayor  
Deloris Chambers, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ryan Hatley  
Ernest Peoples  
Larry Milano

**Staff Present:**

Jay Almond, Town Manager  
Wayne Carter, Property Maintenance Supervisor  
Bryan Lambert, Police Chief  
Amanda Bowers, Assistant Town Clerk

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cosgrove addressed council with concerns about town: He believes semi-annual town cleanup should be advertised as Monday through noon on Wednesday. Speed limit signs should be larger, new format and full color. Requested town put up a Veteran sign. Badin Villager newsletter should be in color. Regular emails should be sent to absentee landlords. Welcome packets and local coupons should be given to all new residents.

Ward spoke of potholes, sidewalks, and patches as ongoing issues with water project crews. Potholes still not being packed down. Focus needs to be on repair.

Henderson asked the town Christmas tree be pruned in a traditional Christmas tree shape.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harwood called the meeting to order.

**AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

November 8, 2016 Regular Meeting  
Motion to approve: Chambers  
Second: Hatley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**BUSINESS**

Maxton McDowell, CPA presented the Town of Badin annual audit for FY 2015-2016 detailing revenues, expenditures, capital outlay, and capital assets.

Renita Ritchie of Coy & Jean's Antiques requested a Use Variance to Section #13 of Ordinance 2016-03 for permission to leave a garden/park style bench on the sidewalk in front of her shop in the Central Business District off Falls Road. The requested bench is dissimilar in color and design from the town's public benches. Almond said a town provided and approved bench is available for use at Coy & Jean's Antiques.

Motion made to table request until next meeting to allow Ritchie to attend.

Motion: Hatley

Second: None

Motion withdrawn: Hatley

Motion made to deny variance request.

Motion: Milano

Second: Peoples

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council appointed Planning Board members and alternates for 1 year terms.

Planning Board Members: Chairman Patrick Cleghorn, Jim Harrison, Jerry Hudson, Daisy Washington, Sandra Watkins, Alternate Charles Smith, and Alternate Tony Furr.

Motion: Chambers

Second: Peoples

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council appointed Board of Adjustment alternate Brian Cribb for 1 year term.

Motion: Chambers

Second: Hatley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council considered an Ordinance declaring the structure herein described as unfit for human habitation and directing the housing inspector to demolish, and remove said structure. Structure at 307 Washington St was damaged by fire and has been determined to be Unfit for human habitation. Notice of Violation has been served and the owner has been given reasonable opportunity to bring the property into compliance. Tim Swaringen discussed Ordinance with council. Motion was made to adopt Ordinance after date is corrected.

Motion: Hatley

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Stanly County Utilities Director, Donna Davis, updated the council on the ongoing water project. Water pipe work is 90 percent complete in East Badin, with about 63 percent

total completion of project. East Badin is more difficult to replace pipes than West Badin because of more sidewalks, streets and connections. Main focus is water line installation before repair. Stanly County Utilities has requested Post Office sidewalk be repaired as soon as possible. Davis recommends everyone sign up for CTY Connect calls for updates. Milano expressed several concerns: Road cleaning equipment still sitting idle. Roads are still covered in dirt. Contractors digging near trees may cause root damage to trees. Peoples concerned about water valve covers still popping up into the road. Davis suggested a list of water valves so that they can be addressed. Hatley concerned about the safety issues if restoration of sidewalks and streets are left until the end of project. Davis will contact the county attorney to see what can be done. West Badin should expect to see an increase in water pressure soon.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Swaringen discussed Code Enforcement Report for November 2016.

- 321 Washington St – Notice of inspection sent to owners in November. No response was made. May need to move to next step in process.
- 22 Henderson St – New case started. Notice of inspection sent to owner for 12/14/2016 at 10 a.m. Owner was unavailable for meeting on 9/21/2016 and no further contact by owner has been made. Next step is administrative inspection warrant with Chief Lambert accompanying Swaringen.

Motion to advance to next step: Hatley

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

- West Badin School – No progress has been made. Chambers will try to contact owners again. Almond will send another letter. Swaringen stated that commercial building codes are different than minimum housing codes.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

Lambert reported 2,673 calls for service for November.

- There were 2 code violations.
- Chief Lambert commended Sergeant Butler and Officer Taylor for resolving breaking and entering issues.
- 3 officers for 3 weeks: Lambert, Butler, and Taylor after Officer Lowder absent on sick leave.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Carter reported the following:

- Public Works collected 4 loads of brush for December.
- Leaf collection began last Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Large rocks were placed at West Badin Park to prevent vehicles from driving through new landscaping.
- Next limb/brush pickup will be January 10, 2017.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented the financial report for period ending December 9, 2016. Almond reported that November Revenues came from Property Tax, Sales & Use Tax, and Occupancy Tax.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

Almond reported the following:

- For Badin water system project updates visit <http://www.co.stanly.nc.us/>. Stanly County Utilities encourages residents to sign up for Blackboard connect notices from the utilities department for periodic updates.
  - The installation phase of the Greater Badin Water & Sewer District water system replacement project is 90 percent complete.
  - Installation and associated contract work by Tony E. Hawley Construction will pause during the week following Christmas.
- Chambers and Hatley will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30am Wed., December 14<sup>th</sup> in the CVB meeting room of the Stanly County Commons in Albemarle.
- Badin Town Hall will be closed December 23, 26, and 27 in observance of Christmas.
- The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, in Badin Town Hall.

Council entered closed session pursuant to NC 143-318.11(a) to discuss economic development.

Council reentered regular session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Harwood called for a motion to adjourn December 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Motion: Chambers

Second: Milano

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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Town Clerk

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Mayor

Minutes Prepared by: Amanda Bowers

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