

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – SPECIAL MEETING
February 15, 2017
BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

None

Council Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Jay Almond, Town Manager

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Milano expressed concern for voting action taken following an amendment to the February Regular Council Meeting, specifically, a request for memorial activities and items to display in a public park recognizing Badin native Marlon Lewis, now deceased. He shared concerns that a vote was taken with insufficient consideration and upon reflection believes his vote does not represent his standing. Milano requested council revisit the topic in the next regular meeting and wait until after the State Bureau of Investigation has concluded its ongoing investigation into matters involving Lewis to consider how to appropriately proceed. Milano said he understands and appreciates the perspective offered by Lewis' mentor, requester Mike Edgerton.

Almond recommended going forward that council consider tabling amendments when the announcement and discussion of such amendments coincide with the same meeting within which the initial amendment requests are made. He said he believed such practice would generally offer the board ample time to digest the full nature and ramifications of any "same night" requests and agenda amendments made. Further, Almond also said he believed council would be better able to benefit from information gained through staff research regarding requests made during the public comment session.

CALL TO ORDER

Harwood called the meeting to order.

BUSINESS

Council requested Almond reach out to Edgerton to discuss details related to the nature and location of potential memorial activities or items. One suggestion was to consider memorial placement on the grounds of First Baptist Church, the home church of Lewis and his mother.

In response to a funding request from Better Badin Inc., Hatley proposed a mechanism through which the board might consider town funded sponsorship requests from the public for local events. He submitted sample forms for review and pointed to the Advertising/Tourism line item (10-420-370) for funding consideration. Almond noted the town has in the past funded aspects of large scale town-wide public events at its discretion through Special Events line item (10-700-668) in the Parks & Recreation Department. He said such spending had generally stemmed directly from road closure assistance or refuse disposal assistance.

Motion to explore development of a sponsorship application: Hatley

Second: Milano

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed a request tabled from the February 14 Regular council meeting for the town to write a \$750 check to Better Badin, Inc. for use at its discretion.

Motion to deny the tabled request from Better Badin, Inc. for \$750: Milano

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council turned its focus to other agenda items.

Motion to table discussion of the proposed draft Special Events ordinance: Chambers

Second: Larry

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed goals for the 2017-18 fiscal year, economic development and community input. Almond will speak with Lambert regarding development of a community relations advisory board made of community members, Lambert and a council member to meet quarterly. A goal listing exercise allowed the board to compile individual considerations.

Following a request of Hatley, council authorized Almond to contact Advantage Marketing regarding details associated with costs and responsibilities of a possible marketing campaign for Badin.

ADJOURNMENT:

Harwood called for a motion to adjourn February 15, 2017 special meeting.

Motion: Milano

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved March 14, 2017

Town Clerk

Mayor

Minutes Prepared by: Jay Almond

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