

**BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

April 14, 2026

BADIN TOWN HALL

**VISITORS**

Reba Smith, Senora Boulware, Valerie Tyson, Dall Wilson, Sarah Allen, Larry Milano, Barbara Milano, Jody Hopper, Jane Rife, Drew Aldridge, Julie Aldridge, Tonya Gelbach, Lenora Council, Jenny Henderson, Vicky D’Agostino, Bob D’Agostino, Mike Edgerton, Georgette Edgerton

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Demar Huntley, Mayor  
Charles Council, Mayor Pro Tem  
Dale Ward  
Gary Rife  
Jackie Burch

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jay Almond, Town Manager  
Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk  
Stephen Smith, Police Chief  
Terry Eudy, Public Works Director

Opening prayer by Dale Ward.  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jody Hopper of 51 Maple said a car parked on her street has an expired tag, and requested a no parking sign across the street.

Larry Milano, of 35 Elm, thanked Public Works. He asked council to consider changing the mayor’s seat to be elected by public ballot, not council ballot. He would also like to see the mayor’s position required as a full time position, and requested removal of the town’s vehicle fee following revaluation.

Sarah Allen, of 324 Grant, requested gravel on the alley behind her house and other alleys as well as a no littering sign on Washington Street.

Senora Boulware thanked council for planned restrooms in West Badin Park. She asked who to contact about Alcoa property, and asked if there is a fine for littering. Almond confirmed there is a fine, and courts often uphold citations officers or other parties testify to seeing.

Julie Aldridge spoke on behalf of her parents who live at 88 Nantahala and other family members residing on Falls Road. She has seen many cars speeding through both areas, and requested setting up a speed sign on Falls Road.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Huntley called the meeting to order.

### **AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

Motion to add 9(a) Project Updates: C. Council

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 9(b) Special Event Application for YMCA Triathlon: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve March 4, 2026 Special meeting minutes: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve March 10, 2026 Public Hearing minutes: Rife

Second: C. Council

Discussion: Ward noted a misprint in council members present. Should show Jackie Burch where it shows Deloris Chambers. Rife rescinded his motion to approve the hearing minutes.

Motion to approve March 10, 2026 Public Hearing minutes pending correction: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve March 10, 2026 Regular meeting minutes: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **BUSINESS**

Motion to approve Juneteenth event application: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

C. Council presented a list of completed projects. He said the council is doing work around town. They take everything public comments into account and act on them as they are able. Treat others as you would like to be treated. At the last meeting Councilmember Rife presented restroom project details and comments were made restroom size, which was disrespectful. Comments have been made that the town does nothing for West Badin. The presented list shows completed projects across West Badin. We are all citizens of Badin and I hope we all have the same thought...how can we make this town better?

Motion to approve the YMCA Triathlon special event: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection May 5, 2026.
- 16 Loads of brush for April.
- 4 Loads of storm debris collected.
- Semi-annual town cleanup for April, set out Apr. 20-24, collection Apr. 27- May 1.
- About 90% of town has been sprayed.

- Sherman repaving shoulder has been filled.
- Lucas to meet Eudy about sidewalk on a section of grant.

**POLICE REPORT:**

- Chief Smith reported 2,170 calls for service in March.

Ward requested totals for the year regarding how many hours were requested from the Sheriff's Office and how many hours were filled for the budget retreat.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented financial report ending April 9, 2026. March revenues from property tax, sales & use tax and occupancy tax. Council will need to approve budget amendments before July. Ward requested a ledger of all overspent line items for the budget retreat.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Almond reported the following:

1. Rife will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Wed., April 8.
2. Code Enforcement update – Council will soon need to take action on how to proceed with 85 Falls and may need to call a special meeting for this.
3. NCDOT update – Falls Road marking/striping should be completed soon.
4. Badin Conference Center landscaping & tree canopy expected to be addressed in the coming months.
5. Project tracking discussed in an amendment to the agenda.
6. Badin Waterfront Park – Almond signed Becker Morgan contract to authorize restroom and pavilion re-drawings. Rife said it is getting close.
7. Town Clean-up is in April. Curbside items April 20-24 to collect April 27 - May 1.
8. Council will host a budget retreat at 8 a.m., May 4, 2026 in Badin Town Hall.
9. Council will set a public hearing for 6:45 p.m., May 12, 2026 in Badin Town Hall to gather input regarding FY 2026/27 municipal budget.
10. The next Regular Council meeting will be 7 p.m., May 12, 2026 in Badin Town Hall.

Motion to set budget retreat at 8 a.m., May 4, 2026 in Badin Town Hall: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to set a public hearing for 6:45 p.m., May 12, 2026 in Badin Town Hall to gather input regarding the FY 2026/27 municipal budget: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Ward said Better Badin and the museum are doing a lot of beautification work. A citizen brought up controlling invasive species. Rife suggested putting it on the May agenda. Ward said the state needs to take care of crosswalk issues on Boyden at the school. Ward reminded council to keep in mind what to do about 85 Falls Road code case.

Rife said the Rural Economic Development grant is submitted to convert it into a convention center. Rife asked if there was an update on Kinetic. Almond will contact.

Burch said Mrs. Allen's comment about the alley behind Grant St., which is also his alley is not a conflict of interest. That alley is heavily used and was paved long ago. He asked Reba Smith if they had checked out her car after hitting a pothole.

C. Council announced it is his and Lenora's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He requested moving the council comment section earlier in the agenda because people leave before council comments. He suggested council have a serious discussion about selling the newer leaf truck.

Huntley said there are 363 active mail boxes in Badin Post Office. Conference center donation packets were mailed and information mailers placed in post office boxes. The mailers included information about conference center projects, updated town website, Facebook, and Instagram accounts, RAVE emergency alerts, and park restroom projects. Almond presented the updated website and explained the emergency alert system.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved May 12, 2026.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.