

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

April 9, 2024

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Gary Rife, Sarah Allen, Jenny Henderson, Candice Lowder

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

Terry Eudy, Public Works Director

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lowder called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve March 26, 2024 Emergency Meeting minutes: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Bids for subcontractors are awarded and authorization is needed for work to begin on Badin Conference Center. Council vote will authorize staff to sign “project start” paperwork. Ward would like to see bids.

Motion to authorize Almond to sign start documents, and request to review numbers: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed three Badin Business Grant FY24 applications.

- Curt Dorsey –Loafers & Legends hood vent– Cost \$2,156
- David Gallimore – Prospect Realty concrete – Cost \$45,430
- Renita Richie –Coy & Jean’s Antiques replacement roof – Cost \$12,000

According to the grant ordinance, grant recipients are ineligible to apply for 5 years after award. Council discussed splitting the grant between the two higher cost applicants.

Motion to split award of Badin Business Grant FY24 to David Gallimore and Renita Ritchie,

\$1,000 each: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed the Stanly County YMCA Badin Lake Triathlon Special Event application.

Lowder mentioned their current Certificate of Insurance will expire prior to the event.

Motion to approve Badin Lake Triathlon pending updated Certificate of Insurance: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to waive \$100 permit fee for Badin Lake Triathlon: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Badin Town Council will have a special meeting 7 p.m., April 16 to discuss town-wide driveway pipe, and curb cut driveway entrance ramp standards. Almond has sample ordinances. Neither specifies driveway pipe size, but a minimum standard size and/or material would give council a starting point. Lowder would like to invite Cliff Marshall to the special meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection May 7, 2024.
- 7 Loads of Brush collected in March.
- Spring Town Cleanup collection begins April 8. RAVE call helped notify citizens.
- Pine Street has Kids at Play signs. Ward said Hickory St. doesn’t, and suggested adding one to back of current one at the church. Eudy said signs usually face traffic on the right.
- Sink Fabricating is supposed to pick up boom deck this week.
- Pine Street speed bumps are partially uninstalled for SC Utilities street patching. Staff asked if council prefers to replace the removed half or remove the remaining half. Lowder said town will need to buy new anchors and bolts to replace and county will need to repair their patch first. He suggested removing the speed bumps. Ward said he was originally against the speed bumps but now he prefers to keep them.

Motion to put speed bump back once road is repaired: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 2,289 calls for service in March.
- Chief Smith reported the following:

- Part-time Officer started on the weekend. Full-time Officer started yesterday. Police Department is fully staffed.
- Three Officers are enrolled for training this month.

Lowder commended Chief Smith for his work. C. Council asked if there was a checklist to follow for new hires. Chief Smith said somewhat and summarized the new hire process.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending April 5, 2024. March revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Demar Huntley will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Apr. 10.
2. Tree/sidewalk repair is pending. Lowder said H&H Tree Service is expected Monday.
3. New estimates for repair and maintenance of Spruce and Sherman streets pending. Lowder is waiting on contractors.
4. SC Parks grant application is due Apr. 15, but Garmon Mechanical isn't done yet. Can't apply for the next grant until current one is complete.
5. Staff requests council input on unpermitted event hosting. An event took place on town property without an application. Lowder said we need to establish a guidance on parks, whether or not it is considered an event.
6. Alley closure final documents are nearing completion. Drawings are submitted to county.
7. Council to set public hearing for 6:45 p.m., May 14 on proposed FY25 town budget.
8. Next Regular Council Meeting is 7 p.m. Tues., May 14, 2024 in Badin Town Hall.
9. Badin Town Council will enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)1 to discuss matters pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)4.

Motion to set public hearing for 6:45 p.m., May 14 on proposed FY25 town budget: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Huntley reported on Eagle Creek meeting with Jody Smet on shoreline conditions. It went well.

Lowder said people are going around parked cars on Spruce St. causing ruts along the shoulder. Residents there have rear yard parking access. Lowder said Cherry St. has some remodeled houses but one yard is still full of debris.

Lowder mentioned in Emergency Meeting council hoped to raise grant amount to \$500,000 for conference center. \$500,000 wasn't an option, but \$250,000 application was submitted on-time.

Lowder said he would like permission for himself and Ward to get together and decide what to spend the rest of the library donation funds on. The consensus from council was yes.

C. Council said he and Huntley would coordinate a sign inventory.

Chambers mentioned concerns about tire marks, speeding, and reckless driving on Roosevelt St.

Ward suggested upcoming budget and financial reports include color coding for over budget expenditures, and requested general ledger reports overdrawn line items, as well as previous and current year budgets side by side. Ward also asked about asset lists for departments.

Motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)1 to discuss matters pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)4: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council re-entered regular session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved May 14, 2024.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.