

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

August 13, 2024

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Gary Rife, Jody Hopper, Sarah Allen, Jenny Henderson, Tim Irvin, Lenora Council, Dave Andrews

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

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

Motion to add 7(a) Proclamation honoring General Gerald A. “Rudy” Rudisill Jr.: C. Council
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve July 9, 2024 Regular meeting minutes: Chambers
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Nick Wicker, of Strickland Hardee, PLLC, presented the town’s FY23 audited financial statements. No deficiencies or recommendations noted. Wicker thanked council and staff, and will send a form for council to sign for submittal to the Local Government Commission (LGC) financial report indicator due FY23 audits delayed submittal by Strickland Hardee. Wicker noted a shortage of auditors for municipal audits, but Strickland Hardee hired additional staff and has not accepted new clients for the year. He is confident this will ensure timely audit submittal.

C. Council is working with Badin Historic Museum on an event honoring General Rudisill. His health is declining, and they would like to have an event September 15, 2024 at the Badin Inn and

declare September 22, 2024 as General Gerald A. “Rudy” Rudisill Jr. Day. C. Council requested Mayor Lowder read a proclamation announcing the recognition. Staff will draft the proclamation.

Motion to draft the referenced resolution: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town council voted July 9 to extend a Spruce St. mill/pave project from Pine St. to Boyden St., however Powell Bill holdings are insufficient to fund the increased cost. The budgeted plan involved spending the vast majority of town Powell Bill funds. Staff strongly recommended council consider a project priced within range of available funds, and said delaying part or all of the project would allow access to new Powell Bill allocations. Council consensus to delay sidewalk work until after January, but go to cut trees affecting sidewalks. Ward said paving Spruce St. from Pine to Maple would reduce cost. Lowder will ask Castleberry if payment can be delayed until the new allocations. Paving will hold until after Duke replaces poles on Spruce St.

Most of Badin Conference Center project is complete, but some issues persist, such as leaks and water damage. Staff submitted a grant application July 31 for an additional \$250,000 for the project. Award announcements should be September or October. Ward and C. Council said they and town maintenance can repair some issues like sealing windows, hauling dirt, etc. Almond will share costs, and contingency fund balance with council for consensus as he receives them.

Motion to table Badin Conference Center discussion until Almond shares costs for council consensus decision: Lowder

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Badin Waterfront Park development includes grading and water/erosion control measures along with amenity development and installation. Additional parking may be viable along Walnut St. through storm water management along the ditch.

Yadkin Falls Lodge 637 member Brian Nelson requested town assistance with and possibly permission for (depending on locations) street signs in or near town limits. Town streets and state roads or highways require different conditions. Valley Dr. and NC740 are state roads. Almond will advise Nelson to start with NCDOT then return to council.

Lowder was asked by Trent Hatley about thinning the tree line behind Badin Baptist Church’s parking lot. The church is fine with it. Estimate is \$1,620. Private funds will cover the cost, but the trees are town trees along the Badin Waterfront Park perimeter, so council will need to decide.

Motion to allow HPC to come in with mulcher and thin the area behind church parking lot at no cost to the town: Lowder

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed an application for West Badin Fall Reunion for Sept. 21, 2024. Application was missing certificate of insurance and \$300 deposit. Council was also concerned more time may be needed for cleanup. Event is hosted by a 501(c)3, so \$100 application fee may be waived. Lowder will recommend changing the cleanup date to Sept. 23, request the deposit, and COI. Ward said Roosevelt St. needs attention for overhanging limbs, weeds, etc.

Motion to waive \$100 application fee for this event and approve West Badin Fall Reunion application with the contingency that they furnish the \$300 deposit, certificate of insurance, and change their break down date to Sept. 23: Lowder

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve special event application for Boofest on Oct. 31, 2024 and waive \$100 application fee: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve special event application for Tree Lighting/Santa on Dec. 3, 2024 and waive \$100 application fee: C. Council

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS:

Almond reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection September 3, 2024.
- Eudy plans on taking out old boom mower tomorrow. New boom mower is almost ready.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 2,597 calls for service in July.
- Explained the new Hexagon system that will soon be in use.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial reports ending Aug. 9, 2024 July revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Code text amendment delayed due to unexpected absence of Tim Swaringen. Code enforcement contractor, NFocus is booked, but Centralina is scheduling council meeting attendance, and sent a cost sheet. Rae was invited to meet council. Almond will schedule Zoom meeting with Rae and council members.
2. Stanly County Utilities will discuss flow meter relocation.
3. Huntley will attend SC CVB meeting 8 a.m. Wed. Aug. 14. Almond invited the new CVB director to council meeting. May attend October meeting.
4. Almond will meet Miles-McLellan, Duke Energy, and Windstream Communications Aug. 15 to discuss utility pole and line relocation out of Badin Waterfront Park.

5. Windstream is expected in town hall Aug. 22 to address services and equipment.
6. Stanly County will host the next COG 6:30 p.m., Tues. Aug. 27 in the Farm Bureau Livestock Arena in the Exhibition Hall off Newt Rd.
7. Badin Town Hall will be closed Monday, Sept. 2 in observance of Labor Day.
8. Next Regular Council Meeting is 7 p.m. Tues., September 10, 2024 in Badin Town Hall.

Motion to schedule Special Called Meeting at 2 p.m., August 23 in Badin Town Hall to discuss code enforcement: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ward asked for an asset list for administration. In the near future, we should make a list of items in conference center to take to landfill. Can contact Tarheel Challenge for help.

Chambers said 225 Lincoln St. is grown up. Ward said the ditch needs to be cleaned and cut back.

C. Council sat in on RRRPO Zoom meeting last week. He said first phase of paving was done but phase two dropped off the books. DOT said milling and resurfacing Falls Road will be added back to the list. Almond said Falls should be contracted in 2025 and completed in 2026.

Ward went to Yadkin recreation meeting. Badin Lake cleanup was mentioned.

Lowder said contractor for library should be here this week. He would like a drawing from Cliff Marshall for West Badin Park restrooms.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved September 10, 2024.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.