

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 2021
BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Dale Ward, Dave Andrews, Jodi Wahab, Phoudone Naovarath

Council Members Present:

Anne Harwood, Mayor
Deloris Chambers, Mayor Pro Tem
Gary Lowder
Larry Milano
Demar Huntley

Staff Present:

Jay Almond, Town Manager
Stephen Smith, Police Chief
Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dale Ward noted yard debris on Cherry St., a newly acquired town lot, Spruce Street ditch repairs, potholes and Magnolia Street gravel.

Jodi Wahab asked about non-residential ordinance guidelines.

CALL TO ORDER

Harwood called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve January 12, 2021 Public Hearing Minutes regarding Lou Donaldson Blvd:
Lowder
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve January 12, 2021 Public Hearing Minutes regarding parking changes: Milano
Second: Chambers
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes: Chambers
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Council reviewed item donation policy draft. Almond presented council with draft policy and sample pricing for benches. Council discussed changes to the policy. Almond will update policy and check for better pricing on benches. Council will review at March meeting.

Council reviewed budget amendment. Public Works Christmas tree and decoration storage building installation will require a budget amendment. Budget amendment will use money from excess revenue and special events to add to Christmas Lights line item.

Motion to approve budget amendment for municipal Christmas decoration storage: Chambers

Second: Harwood

Harwood retracted second

Second: Milano

Vote: Passed/3 ayes, 2 nays

Harwood: Aye

Chambers: Aye

Milano: Aye

Lowder: Nay

Huntley: Nay

Council considered parking changes to facilitate emergency traffic. Spruce St. from Maple to Boyden, Maple St. at Nantahala intersection, and Holly Place may need parking adjustments. Almond needs input from council on signage for Spruce during school drop off and pickup. Council identified changes and will discuss further at March meeting.

Council discussed Hardaway Point Disc Golf tee box sponsorship. 1913 Badin Inn's Hardaway Point Disc Golf Course is offering sponsorship opportunities. Tee box sponsorships are \$1,000.

Motion to approve sponsorship: Milano

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed letter regarding changes to the non-residential standards ordinance, suggested shortening it, adding "intend to display after business hours," and clarifying items to be removed. Council will give a 2 month grace period from letter dissemination before enforcement. Approval of letter in second week of March sets compliance date of second week in May.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Smith gave the January police report.

- There were 2,205 calls for duty in January.
- Radar installed in 2018 Charger.
- Officer Moehn scheduled for March radar class.
- Officer Brabaw scheduled for April radar class.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Jay Almond reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection will be March 2, 2021.
- Boom mower under repair.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report period ending February 5, 2021. Tax revenue from property, occupancy, and sales & use tax.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Deloris Chambers will attend CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Feb. 10th through teleconference.
2. Deloris Chambers will attend CCOG meeting Feb. 10th through conference call.
3. CK Earnhardt quoted repairs to French drain. Total of \$9,361 from Powell Bill fund.
4. Badin Inn sent Thank You letter to council for business development grant.
5. Lou Donaldson Blvd. public hearing minutes can now be sent in to NCDOT.
6. Almond presented council member comments regarding to speed bump use.
7. Milano and Lowder met with County Commissioner Peter Ascuitto on street issues from water project. Lowder noted a problem on Stanly St.
8. Council planning session will be 3 p.m., Wed., Feb. 10 in Badin Conference Center.
9. Stanly County COG meeting will be 6:30 p.m., Tues., Feb. 23rd through Zoom.
10. Town Council budget retreat will be 11 a.m., Tues., Apr. 27 in Badin Conference Center.
11. Next Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Tues., March 9th, in Badin Conference Center.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Lowder said that he voted nay on Christmas decoration storage due to town infrastructure needs. Need to pursue grants to help repair issues in town. Harwood stated that all council members should be working on getting grants.

Chambers would like to see more people involved in cleaning up Badin.

Harwood said she and Almond are working on \$50,000 legislative assistance package.

ADJOURNMENT:

Harwood called for a motion to adjourn February 9, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion: Lowder

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved March 9, 2021