

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

July 8, 2025

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Valerie Tyson, Senora Boulware, Jenny Henderson, Sarah Allen, Mike Edgerton, Georgette Edgerton, Charles Curcio

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Demar Huntley, Mayor

Charles Council, Mayor Pro Tem

Deloris Chambers

Dale Ward

Gary Rife

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

Senora Boulware requested property purchased and a library built in West Badin with books, computers, storage, conference room. She said she wants a library with black books for black children so they don't have to cross the highway. She wants Girl and Boy Scout troops, adult book club, exercise classes, and more handicap facilities in the park. She said \$1,500 park budget is not enough. She wants this done as soon as possible and doesn't care where the money comes from.

Sarah Allen thanked Eudy for limb cleanup on Grant St., worries the tree may fall, and wonders who owns the property. ATV activity slowed, but something needs to be done.

Mike Edgerton thanked everyone for cleanup prior to Juneteenth and thanked Chief Smith. He thanked the town for support, and said Juneteenth went off without a hitch.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Huntley called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add 5(a) Discuss credit card terminal in town hall: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 5(b) Discuss adding benches to park amenity sponsorships: Chambers

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 5(c) Discuss NCDOT contractor mess on sidewalks/ADA ramps: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 5(d) Discuss condition of sidewalks in West Badin: Rife
Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 5(e) Discuss town ownership of electrical facilities: Ward
Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve June 10, 2025 Public Hearing minutes on Falls Road Parking: Ward
Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve June 10, 2025, FY26 Proposed Budget Hearing minutes: Chambers
Second: Rife
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve June 10, 2025 Regular meeting minutes: C. Council
Second: Rife
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Motion to add a credit card terminal in town hall: C. Council
Second: Chambers
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

C. Council suggested adding park benches to Badin Waterfront Park sponsorship form. Almond said benches were sponsored before the list was published but more can be added. He received a call to sponsor the full list. Huntley asked if the donor would be willing to put money toward West Badin Park as well. Almond said it's possible.

NCDOT contractors installed ADA ramps in town and left debris on sidewalks. Ward said we need to do something about nails and debris so kids don't get hurt. Almond contacted NCDOT engineers but has seen no activity. C. Council asked about next steps. Almond suggested council members meet with NCDOT.

Huntley said sidewalks are a mess where Duke Energy installed poles and left old ones. Duke moved lines and will remove poles once Spectrum and Windstream relocate lines. Huntley suggested a meeting on this before August. Almond will contact NCDOT, Spectrum, Windstream and Duke Energy and bring council the dates.

Motion to contact NCDOT, Spectrum, Windstream, Duke for meeting with council: None
Second: Rife
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Better Badin requested in June the town take ownership of all electrical and meters. Motion for town to accept Better Badin's proposal regarding town to ownership and responsibility for all electrical items and meters: Ward
Second: C. Council

Discussion: Almond asked if the motion is for town to own and manage electrical facilities, as there could be proposal details the town may not accept. Ward amended his motion to specifically accept ownership and responsibility of electrical and meters.

Rife recused

Vote: Passed/4-0

Motion to adopt proposed Ordinance 25-3 Prohibiting Parking on a Portion of Falls Road from Maple to Spruce streets: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Eudy said he has signage for Falls Road parking restrictions but wants council's installation preferences. Council consensus is to put the signs next to the sidewalk.

A vendor budgeted for sidewalk repair and tree work at three locations totaling \$10,583 in FY25 was unable to fulfill contract. Council budgeted \$10,000 in FY26, and Huntley suggested using the FY25 scope of work for new contractor estimates for FY26.

Motion to proceed with the FY25 scope of work: Rife

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Ward reported 55 Boyden St. sidewalk sunk; maybe sewer line. Eudy will call county.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection August 5, 2025.
- 9 Loads of brush for July.
- Cleaned up 2 loads of debris from large tree branch on Grant St.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 2,365 calls for service in July.
- Watching for ATVs in West Badin.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial reports ending June 30, 2025 and July 3, 2025. June property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax revenue. Funds transferred from NC Capital Management Trust to General Fund to cover July accounts payable. Ward asked why FY25 alley maintenance not emptied for gravel. Eudy said they bought gravel.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Stanly County CVB 8:30 a.m. Wed., June 11 was cancelled.
2. Almond, C. Council, and Ward met Chambers Engineering, PA (CEPA) on storm water project planning. CEPA delivered report on data, findings, and council input. Sherman/Lincoln scope reduced to in-house. Clean ditch, scrape rip-rap. Council consensus to schedule Thompson Grading. C. Council and Ward received an estimate for Tallassee/Cheoah curve. C. Council will contact vendor. Council discussed areas in need of work from the storm water. Almond recommends

- directing Marion St. water to an existing pipe to reduce water toward Roosevelt St. and Washington St. and replacing impediments and pipes on Washington St.
3. C. Council will attend RRRPO TAC meeting 6 p.m., July 17.
 4. Next Regular Council Meeting 7 p.m. Tues., Aug. 12, 2025 in Badin Town Hall.
 5. Council will enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)1 to discuss matters pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)6.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Huntley spoke with Bishop Dukes about West Badin School. They have a demo contract, and will start with the community room. Huntley said councilmember Rife volunteered to build an ADA ramp with handrails across the ditch on Sherman St. at West Badin Park.

Ward noted a broken Badin Conference Center waterline, and wants police doing daily walkthroughs. He asked about the waterfront park. Almond suggested capping water to the conference center basement. Ward agreed, but wants walkthroughs. Council consensus to cap water to conference center basement. Almond awaiting approval of waterfront park scope amendment request. Once approved, we resume PARTF reimbursement and continue construction.

Rife asked for a code enforcement update. Almond reported 7 cases; 5 boarded homes, and 2 nuisances. Almond will seek a meeting with IBTS Code Officer, Matthew Rea.

Almond congratulated council for staying under budget for the FY24-25 budget.

Rife congratulated council for adopting the Falls Road Parking Restriction Ordinance.

Huntley called for a 10-minutes recess.

Motion for 10-minutes recess: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Huntley called the meeting back to order.

Motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)1 to discuss matters pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)6: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council re-entered regular session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting: Ward

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved August 12, 2025.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.