

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

June 10, 2025

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Valerie Tyson, Senora Boulware, Reba Smith, Jane Rife, Jenny Henderson, Sarah Allen, Tito Thomas, 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 said there are no black books in the Stanly County Public Library Badin Branch. She said she ordered black books and proposes putting another library on the western end of town, and is requesting the town purchase property for another library. Almond said Stanly County operates the libraries and he will help her contact the appropriate people with the county. He also mentioned Little Free Library book boxes. Boulware said she doesn't want that. She said she did a litter pick up in west Badin.

Jane Rife asked permission from council to repaint the West Badin Park sign. She also said she understands Better Badin owns and is responsible for electrical meters, and breakers tripped during the Celtic Festival. As Better Badin President, Rife proposed giving the meters to the town for the town to maintain them. If Better Badin is to maintain ownership they should have access to them rather than the keys being kept in town hall.

Almond said Rife's report was similar to his understanding, other than believing the meters belong to the town, primarily for public Christmas lights and Better Badin arranged installation of additional outlets and breakers for use during festivals and events. He said Duke Energy formerly required temporary use of metered energy, such as for weekend events, to be through the town, but now they allow individuals and organizations to open temporary accounts. He recommended staff and or council consult with someone like Jim Harrison, who was a founding member of Better Badin, and a member of the town's first elected council, to help clarify the original arrangement. Tito Thomas asked council about his public comment from the April meeting about an indoor outreach/recreation/club/center.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Huntley called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add 5(a) Discuss options for tree contractors: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 5(b) Discuss Jane Rife's request to paint West Badin Park sign: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

C. Council asked if a motion to amend agenda was needed to address Rife's comments on electrical utility. Ward said he wanted to ask around first and will contact Jim Harrison.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve May 13, 2025 Public Hearing minutes: C. Council

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Ward would like his statement regarding debris cleanup in parking lot and nails sticking up, leftover by NCDOT contractors to the regular meeting minutes.

Motion to approve May 13, 2025 Regular meeting minutes pending Ward's amendment:

C. Council

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Chris Helms, owner of H&H Tree Service was in an accident and council needs to find another contractor to cut trees in town. Almond will email a list to council. C. Council asked that the list include Laton's Tree Service.

Motion to have Almond to email a list of tree services to council: Chambers

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to allow Jane Rife permission to repaint the West Badin Park sign: Ward

Second: Huntley

Gary Rife recused himself from voting.

Vote: Passed/4-0

Council was presented with FY26 Municipal Budget Ordinance 25-2 which appropriates:

- General Fund \$1,285,921
- Powell Bill \$93,350
- BPD – Drug Interdiction \$11
- State Grant – Waterfront Park \$440,500
- Tax Rate of \$.4475 per \$100

Motion to adopt FY26 Municipal Budget Ordinance 25-2: Rife
Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed a draft ordinance 25-3, an ordinance amending and restating ordinance 92-4 and ordinance 05-9 prohibiting parking on a portion of Falls Rd.
Council previously approved a resolution supporting/requesting parking restrictions on Falls Rd. from Maple to Spruce streets and submitted to NCDOT. NCDOT approved the request. Council has held the first public hearing to adopt an ordinance for the parking prohibition and will need to have a second public hearing before adoption.

Motion to set second public hearing for parking prohibition on Falls Road 6:45 p.m., July 8, 2025 in Badin Town Hall: Rife
Second: Ward
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection July 1, 2025.
- 6 Loads of brush for June.
- Completed additional parking area to West Badin Park.
- Planning to spend a couple days around West Badin Park to get ready for Juneteenth.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 2,363 calls for service in May.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending June 6, 2025. May revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax. \$7,486 Alcohol tax received in May. Almond presented budget amendments to adopt for FY25 General Fund. Powell Bill, Waterfront Park, and Conference Center Fund were in a different file, but will be presented

Motion to adopt budget amendments before viewing them all: Chambers
Second: Rife
Vote: Aye – Chambers, Rife; Nay – Ward, C. Council, Huntley
Motion failed.

Council requested the additional documents be presented for review and potential approval after the closed session.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Huntley will attend Stanly County CVB 8:30 a.m. Wed., June 11.
2. Badin Town Hall will be closed July 4 for Independence Day.
3. Council will host a public hearing 6:45 p.m., July 8, 2025 in Badin Town Hall for input on parking restrictions on Falls Road from Maple Street to Spruce Street.
4. Next Regular Council Meeting 7 p.m. Tues., July 8, 2025 in Badin Town Hall.

5. Almond met with engineers regarding storm water projects. Diverting water from Marion St. away from Roosevelt and Washington is preferred. Almond met with the contractor about another plan. Update by Friday.

Ward has a problem with the engineer's plans. They differ from what he and C. Council proposed after their assessment. Their plans don't involve pipe changes. C. Council said they were tasked by council to determine the worst areas. Almond suggested a meeting including Ward, C. Council the engineers and himself. Ward said the problem is getting ditches reshaped and reformed. Rife said to set a meeting and get it started. Almond will set the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Rife said they have three quotes on the Conference Center renovations. Two are competitive. He will put a proposal together and seek funds. Quotes are around \$100,000.

C. Council thanked whoever put together the cleanup in West Badin. There were about 28 bags of trash hauled off.

Huntley thanked the cleanup organizers and said most council members participated, some were unable to attend. Huntley called for a motion to enter closed session.

Motion to recess prior to closed session: C. Council

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council re-entered regular session to review budget amendments.

Motion to approve FY25 Budget Amendments for General Fund, Powell Bill, Waterfront Park Fund, and Conference Center Fund: C. Council

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council entered closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)1 to discuss matters pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)4.

Council re-entered regular session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting: Ward

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved July 8, 2025.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.