

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

June 9, 2026

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Senora Boulware, Valerie Tyson, Sarah Allen, Jenny Henderson, Drew Aldridge, Tonya Gelbach, Dall Wilson

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Demar Huntley, Mayor

Charles Council, Mayor Pro Tem

Dale Ward

Gary Rife

Jackie Burch

STAFF PRESENT:

Jay Almond, Town Manager

Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk

Stephen Smith, Police Chief

Terry Eudy, Public Works Director

Opening prayer by Dale Ward.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dall Wilson reported on the Spark Plug and the Spark Plug Trail.

Jody Hopper, of 51 Maple St. requested an additional “no parking this side of street” sign on Maple Street. People are parking in the “no parking” zone.

Sarah Allen thanked the council for some of the updates in West Badin, thanked public works for spraying the alley and asked for an update on alley maintenance.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ward attended an Apollo/Eagle Creek advisory meeting including shoreline maintenance and port-a-johns. Ward said council sent a letter requesting shoreline maintenance and never received a response. Apollo/Eagle Creek enhanced the portage trail near the Narrows Dam.

Rife said June 18 is Economic Development Grant announcement day. Council needs to discuss having another auction as soon as possible for items in the conference center. The conference center needs to be cleared out soon. Huntley and Almond offered to work on the auction. He said a tree needs to be taken down at 21 Henderson Street. Limbs have fallen on the homeowner’s vehicles, they’ve had two claims on their insurance and their insurance company won’t cover further damage until the tree is removed. Rife asked Eudy for updates on the alley behind Grant Street. Eudy said they can rake, smooth, and put gravel down to the wood line.

Burch reported on Wood Street: high grass, suggested new children at play sign and new “no littering” sign including fines. He asked about America 250 banner images. Almond said the pictures are from a children’s art contest rather than by request.

C. Council reported rebuilding the conference center handicap ramp and said some alleys need work. Conference center drive need repaving before the doctor moves in. Ward suggested a new mirror at the curve on conference center drive. C. Council thanked Ken and Tonya Gelbach for sidewalk pressure washing at the gazebo and library.

Huntley contacted Shannon Debes about the Alcoa Foundation Grant and she will meet with Huntley and Almond to look at related properties.

CALL TO ORDER

Huntley called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add 10(a) West Badin Park parking: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve May 4, 2026 Budget Retreat minutes: Rife

Second: Huntley

Discussion: Ward didn't remember council saying they would buy a new car, and asked about the Vann Foundation Grant.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve May 12, 2026 Public Hearing minutes: C. Council

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve May 12, 2026 Regular meeting minutes: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Rocky River Rural Planning Organization (RRRPO) Director Lee Snuggs and NC Department of Transportation representatives presented the Stanly County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). Traffic is the main indicator of what gets done and where. The updated CTP acknowledges adding sidewalks to some areas in town.

Motion to approve Stanly County Comprehensive Transportation Plan as presented: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed West Badin Park parking off Dewey St. Council approved the estimate from Thompson Grading but work hasn't started.

Motion to give Eudy permission to reach out to contractor to implement additional parking in West Badin Park: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council considered approval of a resolution supporting invasive species management and historical rail bed preservation. Invasive species removal by property owners and land steward can be a positive maintenance and environmental step. Encouraging public and private entities to be aware and diligent about invasive species management serves to improve the experience of residents and visitors in the town.

Motion to approve resolution supporting invasive species management and historic rail bed preservation: C. Council

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Ward volunteered to be the appointed representative to the Hardaway American Indian Museum steering/advisory committee.

Motion to approve Ward as council representative to the Hardaway American Indian Museum steering/advisory committee: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed a budget for the General Fund (\$150,270) and Powell Bill fund (\$29,150).

Motion to approve FY26 budget amendment to meet state balanced budget requirements: C. Council

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Almond has been in discussion with NC Department of Cultural and Natural Resources muralist Scott Nurkin since 2020 regarding expansion of the NC Musician Mural Trail to include Lou Donaldson in Badin. There have been challenges regarding funding and scheduling. Stanly County CVB funded other murals and is interested in the town's project. Total cost for the mural is \$15,000. The town's FY26 budget includes a minimum of \$5,000 toward the mural with CVB sponsorship and pledges accounting for the remainder.

Motion to approve \$5,000 pending the Stanly County CVB sponsorship: Rife

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

The dumpster for Tho's restaurant needs to be moved to the area behind the building next to the propane but would require the town to allow a couple of feet overlap of the dumpster on town property which should have no impact. Restaurant owners will screen the area and a use agreement will be signed. Ward complained about rear lot usage.

Motion to allow Tho's restaurant about three foot easement to move dumpster next to the fence line: C. Council

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/3-2 (Rife-Aye, C. Council-Aye, Huntley-Aye, Ward-Nay, Burch-Nay)

Council discussed adding street lights to the waterfront park. Standard street lights from Duke Energy are installed at little or no cost. Decorative lights are expensive. Council would like to line the driveway and parking lot.

Motion to move forward with contacting Duke Energy to price installation of 5 street lights if no charge, if there is a fee, council will revisit: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to purchase new street lights to replace the Falls Road streetscape tree lights: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to bring in an electrician to upgrade electrical for Falls Road streetscape tree lights: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to set a public hearing at 6:45 p.m., July 14, 2026 in Badin Town Hall to gather input regarding restricting parking on Walnut Street from Falls Road to the second power pole to three hour parking: Huntley

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed a draft Work Order Request form for property maintenance volunteerism. One or more requests to perform or fund work on town right-of-way or property have come in. Ward said sometimes work can't wait for a council vote. Council discussed consensus versus voting.

Motion to approve form depending on urgency to call a special meeting if needed: Rife

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection July 7, 2026.
- 7 Loads of brush for June.
- Boom mowers are being in the shop.
- Public works has been bush hogging and spraying.

Ward said limb/brush on Spruce St. hasn't been picked up. Almond said it is improperly cut and placed per council policy. Eudy said a notice has been delivered to the residence.

Rife asked Eudy to get estimates to take the tree down on Henderson Street.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 2,101 calls for service in May.
- 2015 Charger has been repaired.
- No updates on 2021 Durango

Ward reported untagged cars off the alley behind Hickory St., Holly Place, and Jackson St.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending June 5, 2026. May revenues from property tax, sales & use tax and occupancy tax.

Motion to adopt FY 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance 26-1: Rife

Second: C. Council

Discussion: Ward asked about Vann Foundation Funds.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Rife will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Wed., June 11.
2. RRRPO will host a joint meeting of TCC/TAC 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., June 16.
3. Badin Waterfront Park – pending county approvals, work could start in July/August.
4. Town Hall will be closed Friday, July 3, 2026 in observance of Independence Day.
5. Goldstar Teen Adventures leadership development will kayak the Yadkin Pee-Dee River and camp for three days, June 14-16. They conclude in Badin early afternoon June 16. Vans will be in the Alcoa parking lot. Upon arrival they may seek shade and snacks at the edge of the parking lot and conference center grass.
6. The next Regular Council meeting will be 7 p.m., July 14, 2026 in Badin Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting: Huntley

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved July 14, 2026.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.