

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

May 13, 2025

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Valerie Tyson, Senora Boulware, Livia Burleson, Sarah Allen, Jenny Henderson, Martha Garber, Mike Edgerton, Georgette Edgerton, Burnetta Maske

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

Sarah Allen, 324 Grant St., asked Mayor Huntley for updates on abandoned houses with overgrowth. Huntley said the list of houses was submitted to IBTS code enforcement.

Mike Edgerton thanked staff for work in town, public works, police department and Mayor Huntley for his assistance with the Juneteenth application.

Martha Garber, Beach Road, Palmerville, asked about the mowing schedule at the museum. Eudy said they'll continue to mow at about 4.25" until the weather changes.

Council members presented the following Certificates of Appreciation:

- Charlie Council presented to Martha Garber for volunteer work.
- Dale Ward presented to Jenny Henderson for work at the museum.
- Demar Huntley presented to Bernetta Maske for her community support.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Huntley called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add 7(a) Information from RRRPO TCC: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve April 8, 2025 Regular meeting minutes: Chambers

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve April 30, 2025 Budget Retreat minutes: Chambers

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

C. Council presented an application due May 30 from the RRRPO for pedestrian/bike projects for NCDOT. Almond said the application is used to submit project requests to the RPO, and presented the council with a completed application for a pedestrian corridor from Nantahala Street one block prior to Dollar General and extending to the public access boat landing along Hwy 740. The council needs decide by May 30, and committed to follow up by email consensus after the council meeting.

Council revisited Juneteenth special event application, which was submitted in April and determined to require two sworn deputies for safety and security. No deputies have accepted the job. Georgette Edgerton requested the town's officer on duty cover the event during their shift. Chief Smith said there has not been a security issue for the event, and the reason for two sworn officers is the size of the event. If a situation did arise, the Badin officer and deputies on duty would also respond. Rife said Better Badin had to increase the standard \$30/hour pay rate to coax deputies into covering events. Edgerton said no one will sign up for Juneteenth.

Motion to accept Juneteenth application without the extra security: C. Council

Second: Chambers

Discussion: Almond suggested first responders on site in case of emergency. Edgerton said they have a first aid station. Huntley recommended having someone for parking.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council considered an application from Curt Dorsey of Loafers & Legends for the FY25 Business Development Grant. Huntley recused himself from the discussion due to business affiliation. Dorsey submitted a receipt for \$2,137.55 with the application.

Motion to approve \$2,000 reimbursable FY25 Business Development Grant application from Curt Dorsey: Rife

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/4-0

Recusal: Huntley

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection June 3, 2025.
- 9 Loads of brush for May.

- Town Cleanup totals:
 - 17 loads general (36,880 lbs.) costing \$812.39
 - 17 tires (440 lbs.) costing \$22
 - 730 lbs. metal recycled receiving \$65.70
 - Total Cost: \$768.69

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 2,022 calls for service in April.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending May 9, 2025. April revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax. Almond recommended council set a second public hearing for the proposed FY26 budget.

Motion to host public hearing 6:45 p.m., June 10, 2025 in Badin Town Hall to gather input regarding the Town of Badin Proposed FY26 municipal budget: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Huntley to attend Stanly County CVB 8:30 a.m. Wed., May 14.
2. Almond received and presented storm water project preliminary drawings from Chambers Engineering. Council discussed the drawings.
3. RRRPO TCC meeting 10 a.m., May 13.
4. C. Council will attend the RRRPO TAC meeting 6 p.m., May 15.
5. Badin Town Hall will be closed May 26 for Memorial Day.
6. Council will host a public hearing 6:45 p.m., June 10, 2025 in Badin Town Hall on the FY26 municipal budget.
7. Next Regular Council Meeting 7 p.m. Tues., June 10, 2025 in Badin Town Hall.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

C. Council would like Alcoa to spray and clear an area at Grant St. and Jackson St. He thanked Rife and Ward for making construction inquiries for Badin Conference Center repairs, and thanked Tonya Gelbach and her husband for painting the Badin signs. He also about locks at the Badin Conference Center. Almond said per council request, there is now a master key to open all doors at the conference center.

Rife said NCDOT contractors need to clean up after ramp installation. Ward mentioned debris and nail boards in Badin Recreation Park parking lot. Almond contacted NCDOT about the issue.

Ward wants to do something about the swimming pool at the burned 85 Falls Rd. Almond said neighbors reported owners are maintaining the pool. Ward asked about

temporary no parking signs on Falls Rd. from Maple to Spruce streets. Chief Smith said temporary signs can only be up for a week or so at most, usually a day or two for an event, not permanently. Almond said needs an ordinance for permanent no parking sign installation. The council adopted a resolution of support for NCDOT, but no ordinance has been adopted for no parking. Almond will provide a proposed ordinance in the next council meeting, and council will need to host two public hearings for input regarding the parking ordinance.

Motion to set the first of two public hearings 6:30 p.m., June 10, 2025 for input regarding a parking prohibition ordinance on Falls Road from Maple St. to Spruce St.: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Ward said the county came out to find a manhole on Cherokee St. and that brush needs clearing. C. Council said it has been cleared.

Huntley reminded everyone to be mindful when volunteers are expected to let town hall know at least a week in advance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved June 10, 2025.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.