

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

October 14, 2025

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Senora Boulware, Valerie Tyson, Jane Rife, Jody Hopper, Sarah Allen, Rodney Page, Sylvia Rushing, Tonya Gelbach, Martha Garber, Jenny Henderson

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Demar Huntley, Mayor

Charles Council, Mayor Pro Tem

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 Dale Ward.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Martha Garber reported on Badin Historic Museum. A Montgomery County group offered to re-landscape the museum with native, low maintenance plants. The believed original train car that ran from Badin to Halls Junction in the 1920s, called the Spark Plug is being restored. The museum is creating a virtual town tour, and will be selling fundraiser pies and cookies.

Sylvia Rushing of 81 Falls Rd said the burned quadruplex unit beside her has animals getting inside and the burn smell is inside her home. She would like to see something done.

Rodney Page of 83 Falls Rd. was affected by the fire at 85 Falls Rd. It's not boarded, and they're getting water in their house. The in-ground pool at 85 Falls Rd. is seldom attended. Dust blows in through the roof. NCDEQ won't assess residential property. He said insurance released it July 25th, and asked what enforcement steps are being taken. Almond said town was limited on code enforcement during the insurance investigation, but council has opened a code case. Page thanked the fire department for their work fighting the fire.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Huntley called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add 7(a) Museum landscaping request: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

Motion to add 7(b) Surplus auction information: Huntley

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

Motion to add 7(c) Badin Elementary School Trunk or Treat Support: C. Council

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ward proposed two amendments to the minutes. The public works section lists Miller as reporting but it was Eudy; and the minutes show Ward asked maintenance if they placed items off Dogwood Lane, but Ward said he asked who placed the items, Eudy said they did.

Motion to approve September 9, 2025 Regular meeting minutes pending corrections: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

Motion to approve September 16, 2025 Special meeting minutes pending corrections: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

BUSINESS

The museum would like to replace the plants with native, low maintenance plants at no cost to the town. Council consensus is to allow the plant replacement.

Huntley met with Thompson Auctions, who will get 30% of sales. They requested items be cleaned and grouped before the sale. The town and Thompson Auctions will need a contract.

Motion to do as necessary to get contracted and start the auction: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

Badin Elementary School will host trunk or treat Oct. 27 and asked for help from the town.

Motion to donate \$250 to Badin Elementary School for Halloween event: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

Motion to appoint Rife voting delegate to Stanly County CVB Board: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

Motion to appoint C. Council voting delegate to Centralina Regional Council: Rife

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

Council discussed steps needed for appointment to fill the unexpired term of the West Badin District seat on Badin Town Council vacated by the late Deloris Chambers. Staff recommends making an appointment by Dec. 9 regular meeting. C. Council suggested an online post to solicit interest in the seat. Almond suggested a deadline if such a post is made.

Motion to post council appointment online and on Facebook for interested parties with a deadline of Oct. 21, 2025: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

The next regular council meeting on Nov. 11 is Veteran's Day and is observed by the town. Town Hall will be closed. Council may choose to reschedule that meeting.

Motion to reschedule the next regular council meeting to 7 p.m., Nov. 10, 2025 in Badin

Town Hall: C. Council

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection November 4, 2025.
- 11 Loads of brush for October.
- Town Cleanup collection will start Monday.
- Both boom mowers in shop with hydraulic leaks.

Ward pointed out the last sentence on the leaf collection schedule was cut off.

Martha Garber asked if electronics would be collected with ERI gone. Almond said they will.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 2,187 calls for service in September.

Almond said the vehicles will have striping removed and cleaned. Public Works and Police Department will get items ready for auction.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending October 10, 2025. September revenues from property tax, sales & use tax and occupancy tax. Almond said the code enforcement line item will increase with case progress.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Staff sent a letter to NCDPR committing to restroom provision concurrent with Phase 1 of the Waterfront Park project and currently awaiting revised scope approval. Staff and council are exploring restroom options.
2. Completed storm water projects: Stanly St. ditch, Walnut St ditch, Storm drain at Cheoah and Tallassee streets, Outfall at Lincoln and Sherman streets. Pending storm water projects: 702 Roosevelt (Marion St. to Sherman St.)
3. Trees removed: Nantahala/Boyden St., Sherman/Grant St., Maple/Spruce St. Stumps and sidewalks at all locations pending.
4. Almond met with IBTS and 321 Grant St. property owner today to determine case plan. Case opened on 85 Falls Rd. Title searches completed on other properties.
5. New website designs with new features expected by mid to late October.
6. Badin Town Hall will be closed November 11, 2025 in observance of Veteran's Day.
7. The next Regular Council meeting will be 7 p.m., Nov. 10, 2025 in Badin Town Hall.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Huntley spoke with the owner of 321 Washington St. and they requested 90 days to clean lot and sow grass. Council consensus to allow 90 days.

C. Council said there is supposed to be a fine when limb and brush is put out right after collection. Almond said the plan was to wait a week or two and notice everyone at once for better results. C. Council said they did a nice job on Lincoln and Sherman streets storm water project and hopes they can do something about 85 Falls Rd.

Rife proposed a council work session October 28 to share restroom options for the park.

Motion to schedule a work session 7 p.m., October 28, 2025: Rife

Second: C. Council

Rife amended the motion to include "to discuss waterfront park restroom options and grants."

Vote: Passed/Unanimous 4-0

Martha Garber mentioned Badin Baptist Church is putting in a heating system and they have talked to businesses about switching from propane to natural gas down Falls Rd.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn October 14, 2025 Regular Meeting: Ward

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved November 10, 2025.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.