

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – SPECIAL MEETING

July 21, 2026
BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

None.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Demar Huntley, Mayor
Charles Council, Mayor Pro Tem
Dale Ward
Gary Rife
Jackie Burch

STAFF PRESENT:

Jay Almond, Town Manager

Opening prayer by Dale Ward.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Rife said the doctor's office renovation is permitted and temporary power is installed in Badin Waterfront Park.

C. Council said Ken and Tonya Gelbach has submitted a list of projects they would like to work on.

Mayor Huntley called the meeting to order.

BUSINESS

Council discussed fleet vehicles. C. Council said the Ford Explorer was dropped off at Davila's Body Shop in Fayetteville Thursday. He said they asked about frame damage and the shop said it was cosmetic, all repairs can be completed for \$7,560.64 and the shop needs \$4,000 up front to purchase parts. Rife said he doesn't think that price can be beat. Ward said it was rear end damage not front end, which would be worse. Rife said he drove the Explorer and it drove fine. He expects five years of service or more from it.

Motion to proceed with the work price quoted from Davila's Body Shop: Ward

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

C. Council asked Almond if any other documentation would be needed. Almond said an invoice for \$4,000 would be required in order for the town clerk to issue a check. C. Council will provide an invoice.

C. Council presented a project request list from Ken and Tonya Gelbach as follows:

1. Wash sidewalks using insured contractor.

2. Edge sidewalks using insured contractor.
3. Conduct sidewalk survey to create repair list.
4. Remove several overgrown trees using and insured tree service:
 - a. Crape myrtles at library entrance.
 - b. Crape myrtle in front of turbine.
 - c. Bamboo in and around Spruce St. ditch.
5. Raise tree skirt on several trees using insured tree service:
 - a. Maple tree at the gazebo.
 - b. Purple tree and crape myrtle trees at the library.
 - c. Maple tree, cherry and cedar trees at museum.
 - d. Tree at post office.
 - e. Trees at corner of Spruce and Cedar streets.
 - f. Pine Street Park.
 - g. Lot beside ice cream shop.
 - h. Trees along the backside of town hall parking lot where equipment is kept.
6. Hire artists Amelia and June Barney to paint the crosswalk at the gazebo.
7. Repaint crosswalks at Falls and 740, post office, school, library to museum.
8. Create nature path along walkway above Village Green from steps to conference center.

Following council discussion and deliberation, some items were deemed favorable for approval while other items were either unapproved or needed more consideration. Ward would like to visit locations 4(a) and 4(b) referencing tree work before he would be comfortable casting a vote.

Unapproved items:

- 3 – conduct sidewalk survey to create a list of needed repairs.
- 4(a) – remove crape myrtles at library entrance.
- 4(b) – remove crape myrtle tree in front of turbine.
- 5(g) – trees along back to town hall motor pool.
- 7 – repaint crosswalks at Falls and 740, post office, school
- 9 – repair concrete at Badin Mart corner.

Motion to approve list as presented except for 3, 4(a), 4(b), 5(g), 7 (other than library to museum which is OK) and 9: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) to discuss personnel matters pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6): C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reentered regular session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn July 21, 2026 Special Meeting: Rife

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved August 11, 2026.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers based on notes by Gary Rife.