

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – SPECIAL MEETING

July 30, 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:

No staff present.

Opening prayer by Dale Ward.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.
Mayor Huntley called the meeting to order.

BUSINESS

Rife reviewed the status of the conference center and new urgent care clinic construction. The funds available for the project include grant \$241,700, Town of Badin \$33,400, Better Badin \$94,350 for a total of \$369,450. Of that total, \$5201.85 has been spent thus far, leaving a balance of \$364,248. The grant will only pay for building construction related items. Internal equipment, furnishings, security, A/V equipment, appliances, and paving are not to be included in the state requests for reimbursements. Work is well underway by Stokes Construction and their subcontractors. They are prioritizing the care clinic and are working through the entire building. Current focus has been on wall repair, ceiling replacement, demolition, and the construction of the new bathroom. Work is expected to be continue for a minimum of two months.

The auction for the conference center surplus items has been scheduled with Thompson Auction Company in New London for the old chairs, refrigerators, microwave and other miscellaneous items. The auction will close on Thursday, August 6 with pickup scheduled for August 7.

The additional work required to complete the conference center was assigned to various council members during the meeting:

- Procurement of kitchen appliances – Gary Rife
- Tree work (pruning and removal) – Charles Council
- Paving and underground utilities – Dale Ward
- Phone and A/V equipment – Gary Rife
- Furnishings – Gary Rife
- Ice Maker – Demar Huntley

- Uwharrie Bank Plaque – Demar Huntley

Council discussed a list of immediate needs that need to be addressed.

- Plaque for Lou Donaldson Mural – Demar Huntley will take responsibility.
- Lou Donaldson Mural Completion – Work scheduled to start second week of August.
- Elimination of the phone tree – answering service in town hall.
- Conference center auction.
- Police/Maintenance equipment auction.
- Computer purchases for town hall.
- Phone for new interim town manager.
- Bronze Uwharrie plaque for conference center.
- Preparation for upcoming council meeting.
- Waterfront Park Lighting.
- Falls Road tree light replacement work to begin second week of August.
- Alleyway repairs (specifically behind Sarah Allen's house)
- Finalization of the contract for new town attorney.

Motion to add Mayor Pro tempore Council as second signatory on all town checks and remove Jay Almond who is no longer with the town: Ward

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Meeting was paused to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) to discuss personnel matters pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6).

Council reentered regular session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn July 30, 2026 Special Meeting: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved August 11, 2026.

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