

**BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

June 13, 2023

BADIN TOWN HALL

**VISITORS**

Lenora Council, Gary Rife, Charles Curcio, Sarah Allen, Jenny Henderson, Jody Hopper,  
Larry Milano, Christopher Carrothers, Donald Meisel

**Council Members Present:**

Gary Lowder, Mayor  
Demar Huntley, Mayor Pro Tem  
Dale Ward  
Charles Council

**Council Members Absent:**

Deloris Chambers

**Staff Present:**

Jay Almond, Town Manager  
Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk  
Joe Hawkins, Sergeant  
Terry Eudy, Public Works Director

Opening prayer by Dale Ward.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Donald Meisel, 140 Spruce St., said town's proposed land use plan could have new features.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lowder called the meeting to order.

**AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

Motion to add 5(a) Discussion of permit for sidewalk cafe: Council  
Second: Ward  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve May 4-5, 2023 Budget Retreat minutes: Council  
Second: Ward  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve May 9, 2023 Public Hearing: Council  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting: Ward  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve May 16, 2023 Special Called Meeting: Huntley

Second: Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve June 7, 2023 Special Called Meeting: Council  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **BUSINESS**

Mayor Lowder presented the Sidewalk Café Ordinance Permit for Loafer's and Legends.

Motion to adopt the Town of Badin Budget Ordinance for FY 2023-2024: Council  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council considered adoption of proposed Town of Badin Street Name Change Ordinance. Ward had concerns about the "No duplicate names in the County" guideline. Lowder said that it was recommended by Stanly County not to use duplicate names.

Motion to adopt Town of Badin Street Name Change Ordinance: Huntley  
Second: Ward  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council considered an ordinance to surrender a portion of a public alley in the General Business District off Roosevelt St. between Sumpter and Jackson streets to private owners. No opposition was received.

Motion to approve Ordinance Authorizing Closure, Vacation, and Abandonment of a Portion of an 18 Foot-Wide Public Alley Located between Sumpter and Jackson streets: Ward  
Second: Huntley  
Discussion: Lowder said paid invoices from alley closure requestors, will cause plat delivery to the Stanly County Register of Deeds. Requestors were charged for the plat.  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Gary Rife, Chairman of the Planning Board proposed a land use plan. He said the plan is a working document that must be adopted by July 1, 2023 ensure compliance with NCGS 160D. The planning board would like more feedback from the community before revisions.

Motion to adopt Town of Badin Land Use Plan: Council  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council is considering prohibiting parking along the northbound lane of a portion of Spruce St. from Cedar St. to Pine St. (approx. 475 ft.). A public hearing was held with no comments. Door hangers need to be sent out to announce another public hearing.

Motion to have a second public hearing 6:30 p.m., July 11, 2023 regarding parking prohibition on a portion of Spruce Street: Huntley  
Second: Ward  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Clerk Amanda Bowers and Town Manager Jay Almond are financial signatories for the town. The mayor is usually added as a backup, so with his recent appointment Mayor Gary Lowder needs to be added as a signatory for the town. In order for Uwharrie Bank to add Mayor Lowder, Town Council must appoint him to that role by motion and vote. Ward said to add Mayor Pro Tem Demar Huntley as another signatory.

Motion to add Mayor Gary Lowder and Mayor Pro Tempore Demar Huntley as signatories for Town of Badin financial documents: Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection July 5, due to Town Hall being closed July 4th.
- 10 Loads of Brush collected for June.
- White dump truck is being repaired.
- Public Works Laborer Robert Burbank has received his Class B license.
- Spruce St. wall repair should finish this week.
- Library trees trimmed.
- 2 speed signs have come in.
- Electrical work for Christmas Lighting has been completed.

Lowder asked about Spruce St. ditch. Eudy said catch basin cover and wall repair are needed.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

- Sergeant Hawkins reported 2,011 calls for service in May.

Lowder asked if citizens can get updates on arrests. Hawkins said police can give updates if a case is closed. Some cases close quickly, some remain open for a year or more. Hawkins said they patrol troublesome areas more frequently. Ward asked about a shooting on Marion St. Hawkins said Badin PD is working with Albemarle PD on that case. Sarah Allen said she worries about traffic on Sherman St. and is concerned kids playing in the street could be hit by speeders. Lowder said speed signs will assist the police department with speed data.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented financial report ending June 9, 2023. May revenue from property tax, sales & use tax, occupancy tax.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Almond reported the following:

1. Demar Huntley will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., June 14.
2. Updates: Waterfront Park / Conference Center. Pre-construction meeting will be in June, possibly this week, followed by site assessment and initial plan proposals.
3. Ward will look into storm water issues in town and seek a project contractor.
4. Charles Council will look into street patching in town and seek a project contractor.
5. Mayor Lowder requests Council members each submit a list of Top 10 goals for the 2025 budget planning. May have a planning session in August.

6. Badin Town Council will have a public hearing to gather input regarding parking prohibition on Spruce St at 6:30 p.m. June 13 in Badin Town Hall.
7. Badin Town Council will have a public hearing to gather input regarding parking prohibition on Spruce St. at 6:45 p.m. July 11 in Badin Town Hall.
8. Next Regular Council Meeting is 7 p.m. Tues., July 11, 2023 in Badin Town Hall.

Motion to change July 11 Spruce St. parking hearing from 6:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.: Huntley

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Charles Council asked how to improve citizen input and attendance. Maybe flyers or “all call” phone system.

Ward is looking for vendors for speed signs and will contact NCDOT about a permanent easement for signs on Boyden St. Should have 2 estimates for library work in July meeting.

Lowder said Charles Council gave teachers doughnuts on teacher appreciation week, town council gave teachers and staff popsicles the next week, and town council gave students and staff popsicles on the last day of school. He said he appreciates council, town is lucky to have them. Ward rang the school bell on the last day of school.

Lowder said council scheduled a closed session, but asked council if they still wanted to go into closed session with Chambers being absent. The council chose to enter closed session.

Motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)1 to discuss personnel matters pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)6: Huntley

Second: Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council re-entered regular session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn June 13, 2023 Regular Meeting: Ward

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved July 11, 2023.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.