

## **BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

March 9, 2021

BADIN TOWN HALL

### **VISITORS**

Dale Ward, Dave Andrews, Tony Hill, Terry Eudy, Jenny Henderson, Renita Ritchie, Alwasi Rida

### **Council Members Present:**

Anne Harwood, Mayor

Deloris Chambers, Mayor Pro Tem

Gary Lowder

Larry Milano

Demar Huntley

### **Staff Present:**

Jay Almond, Town Manager

Stephen Smith, Police Chief

Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dale Ward noted Spruce St. ditch repairs, Pine St. Park playground equipment, and thanked town for Magnolia/Poplar St. work.

Renita Ritchie addressed Non-Residential Standards Ordinance letter, saying clear sidewalks don't draw business. She would prefer allowable item guidelines, so businesses can leave items on sidewalks rather than make requests, and said businesses in Badin are tourism driven.

Alwasi Rida mentioned one pothole in the alley behind Grant St. and one at Wood & Grant streets. He said the community should attract more tourism to Badin.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Harwood called the meeting to order.

### **AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

Add 6(a) NC Growth Presentation

Add 16. Council will convene in closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)1 to discuss matters pursuant to 143-318.11(a)6.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Lowder said budget amendment approval vote didn't show Mayor Harwood's second and retraction.

Motion to approve February 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes pending changes: Milano

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

## **BUSINESS**

Rachel Taylor and Jess Wilkinson of NCGrowth presented “Developing a Recreation & Heritage Tourism Strategy” for Badin. They discussed project goals, research, challenges & opportunities, asset map, lessons from case studies, and recommendations.

Council reviewed tree and bench donation policy. In cost sections, council would like to change “*non-refundable deposit of 15%*” to “*flat fee of \$50 non-refundable administrative fee due with application.*” In approval section - each instance, change “*town makes all final determinations*” to “*town council makes all final determinations.*” Fix numerical errors in top section.

Motion to approve Badin Tree and Bench Donation Program Policy with changes: Milano

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed parking, Spruce from Maple to Boyden, Maple at Nantahala, and Holly Place.

Motion to restrict parking on right side Spruce St. (facing Boyden) from Maple to Boyden streets except school days 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.: Lowder

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to restrict parking on Maple St. at Nantahala intersection for approximately 40 ft. to allow emergency vehicle access to make the turn: Lowder

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to change parking on Holly Place to 45-degree angles: Lowder

Discussion: Council preferred review of Holly Place parking options

Lowder rescinded motion.

Council reviewed non-residential standards ordinance letter, and would like to allow exemption for current restaurant tables. Almond will notify restaurants of exemption upon letter delivery.

Motion to deliver non-residential standards letter as is with restaurant table exception: Chambers

Second: Milano

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed infrastructure needs. Stanly St. needs repairs, \$1,700 for ditch. Surface repair will have to wait. Spruce St. ditch will begin after contractor meeting.

Motion to use \$1,700 in Powell Bill funds to repair Stanly St. ditch: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

## **POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Smith gave the February police report.

- There were 1,914 calls for duty in February.
- Officer Moehn completed radar recertification class.
- Officer Brabaw scheduled for April radar class.
- Rodney Hubbard was hired as part-time police officer.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Jay Almond reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection will be April 6, 2021.
- Semi-annual town clean-up scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> through noon, April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Public works has begun spraying for weeds.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented financial report period ending March 5, 2021. Tax revenue from property, occupancy, and sales & use tax. Badin administration migrated to new financial software. Almond noted challenges and commended Town Clerk Amanda Bowers for her work during the transition.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Almond reported the following:

1. Deloris Chambers will attend CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> through teleconference.
2. Deloris Chambers will attend CCOG meeting Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> through conference call.
3. Stanly County Liaison meeting March 30<sup>th</sup> in Norwood has been cancelled.
4. Almond gave updates: Lou Donaldson Blvd., Powell Bill, NCDOT/Badin meeting.
5. Christmas decoration shed floor completed.
6. Contractor for West Badin Park pavilion has to get permits from County.
7. Town hall will be closed Fri., Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of Good Friday.
8. Town Council budget retreat will be 11 a.m., Tues., Apr. 27 in Badin Conference Center.
9. Next Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Tues., Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>, in Badin Conference Center.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Lowder noted RPO TAC meets 10-2 March 18, Cedar St. nuisances, asked to speak with Paul Hinkle about home drainage in alley and if town should help. Almond said town work was on public property.

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

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council re-entered regular session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Harwood called for a motion to adjourn March 9, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion: Huntley

Second: Lowder

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved April 13, 2021