

**BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

May 9, 2023

BADIN TOWN HALL

**VISITORS**

Jody Hopper, Jenny Henderson, Tito Thomas, Valerie Tyson, Sarah Allen, Lenora Council, Tony Hill, Charles Curcio

**Council Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Jay Almond, Town Manager  
Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk  
Stephen Smith, Police Chief  
Terry Eudy, Public Works Director

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Valerie Tyson said a ditch dug into Roosevelt St. was filled with gravel. Now the gravel is gone and it's a large pothole. Almond will contact Stanly County Utilities tomorrow.

Donald Meisel, of 140 Spruce St., mentioned the town's proposed land use plan, and brought a copy of Stanly County's Land Use Plan which included details that could benefit Badin.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lowder called the meeting to order.

**AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

Motion to add 10(a) Budget Amendment to add electronic street signs, 10(b) Auditor Service, 10(c) Roosevelt St. Alley Closure, and 10(d) Special Event Applications: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve February 22, 2023 Special Called Meeting minutes: Chambers

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

April 11, 2023 Regular meeting changes: page 2, "amended" should be "rescinded" and page 3, "contacted" should be "will contact."

Motion to approve April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting pending changes: Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve April 12, 2023 Planning Session: Ward  
Second: Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**BUSINESS**

Motion to adopt Resolution recognizing May 2023 as Lupus Awareness Month: Ward  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Councilmember Council recommended council adopt a resolution for Teacher Appreciation Week as well as all school staff.

Motion to proclaim Teacher and School Staff Appreciation Week: Chambers  
Second: Huntley  
Discussion: Councilmember Council said teachers are underpaid for the work that they do.  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council is waiting for citizen advisory board input prior to adopting a street name change ordinance. Advisory board member Ernest Peoples asked for more time to consider the proposed ordinance. He was asked to share his findings with the citizen advisory board.

Motion to table adoption of proposed street name change ordinance: Ward  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council reviewed a budget amendment to decrease Powell Bill Capital Outlay and Equipment and increase Powell Bill Street Signs by \$5,425 to fund purchase of 2 electronic speed indicator signs.

Motion to move \$5,425 from Powell Bill Capital Outlay and into Powell Bill Street Signs for the purchase of 2 electronic speed indicator signs: Lowder  
Second: Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council reviewed a proposal for an auditor. Former auditor recommended Travis Hardee, CPA. Administrative staff met with them and is comfortable entering a contract.

Motion to accept proposal from Travis Hardee, CPA as the town's new auditor: Chambers  
Second: Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council discussed Roosevelt St. alley closure. Surveyor billed town \$3,240 to survey. Council later determined only a survey plat of the alley was required rather than survey and pin placement. Alley closure requestors should not be charged for the survey, only the plat. Once all fees are paid by requestors, the plat will be recorded with the Register of Deeds.  
Motion to not bill Roosevelt St. alley closure requestors for survey and corner pinning: Ward  
Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council received 2 special event applications.  
1. Juneteenth

- a. Mecca Gramling submitted an application to have the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Juneteenth celebration June 17 & 18, 2023 in West Badin Park. Request was made to close Lincoln St. during event as well as waiver of permit fees.

Motion to accept Juneteenth application: Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

## 2. Aquafest

- a. John MacPherson of 704Outdoors submitted an application for Aquafest, a 2-day event with catfish tournament June 16, 2023 and bass tournament June 17, 2023. Request included blocking Falls Road and Walnut St. to Field Lane. Permit fee was paid. No insurance forms included with application, but available upon request. Ward was uncomfortable with 2 events in one day. Huntley wanted more discussion, possible date change. Town Council recommended a date change.

Motion to table until more information can be obtained: Council

Second: Huntley

Discussion: Chambers suggested having 704Outdoors come in with a presentation.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to adopt sidewalk café ordinance: Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Almond will send a sidewalk café draft permit to council to review.

Town Council discussed facility cleaning contractor for Town Hall. Three quotes were submitted, but one dropped out. Star Gaines and Peck's Landscaping & Remodel were remaining quotes.

Motion to accept weekly cleaning quote from Star Gaines: Ward

Second: Huntley

Discussion: Ward suggested council review and advertise annually. Lowder suggested a 90-day probation period. Ward amended motion to accept weekly cleaning quote from Gaines, and added a 3-month probation period and annual contract.

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town of Badin Land Use Plan must be adopted by June 30, 2023. Draft plan is under review by the Planning Board, and will be presented with recommendations in the June meeting.

Town Council considered a revised draft of the Town of Badin Business Development Grant.

Motion to approve Badin Business Grant FY24: Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council reviewed new batch of architect/engineering firm team and construction management qualification packets for town's waterfront park and conference center projects.

Motion to accept Becker-Morgan/Benesh architect/engineering firm team and Miles-McLellan construction management: Chambers

Second: Huntley  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council reviewed a budget amendment to transfer ARPA funds into the general fund.  
Motion to move \$290,910.09 out of ARPA funds and into General fund: Council  
Second: Ward  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Town Council reviewed a draft ordinance to prohibit parking on a portion of Spruce St.  
Council will need at least one public hearing before ordinance adoption.  
Motion to set a public hearing for 6:30 p.m. June 13 in Badin Town Hall: Ward  
Second: Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection June 6.
- April Town Cleanup:
  - 25 Loads/54,100 lbs. hauled to landfill
  - Total tipping fees \$1,190.20
  - Approximately 91 gallons of diesel fuel used
  - Received \$14.70 back for metal
- Update on Spruce Street repairs

### **POLICE REPORT:**

- Chief Smith reported 1,948 calls for service in April.
- Anyone seeking a police officer is to dial 704-986-3700 to record all calls for service.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented financial report ending April 28, 2023. March 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., May 10.
2. Badin Planning Board will meet 1 p.m. May 15 in Badin Town Hall.
3. Charlie Council will attend the RRRPO TAC 6-8 p.m. May 18 in Locust.
4. Badin Town Hall will be closed May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.
5. Norwood will host the next Stanly County COG meeting 6:30 p.m. May 30 in the Center Rural Fire Dept.
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 the FY 2023/24 municipal budget at 6:45 p.m. June 13 in Badin Town Hall.
8. Next Regular Council Meeting is 7 p.m. Tues., May 9, 2023 in Badin Town Hall.

Lowder added to the managers' report:

1. Uplift has a meeting May 30 in Montgomery Community College. Will ask Dong Long and Vanessa Mullinix to attend.

Motion to host a public hearing at 6:45 p.m., Tuesday June 13 in Badin Town Hall to gather input regarding the FY 2023/24 proposed budget: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Charlie Council will attend Centralina COG in Charlotte.

Mayor Lowder announced council will convene a special meeting 6:30 May 16 in Badin Town Hall to review the budget.

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 reentered regular session.

Ward said that the Annual Recreation Meeting for Yadkin Hydro Project will be 1 p.m., June 1 in Salisbury.

Ward got quotes for electronic speed signs. Elan City was \$6,025 for 2 signs. Ward would like to have signs installed before school starts back in August.

Motion to purchase 2 electronic speed signs in the current budget: Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting: Ward

Second: Huntley

Discussion: Chambers had a comment.

Ward rescinded motion to adjourn.

Chambers may not be able to attend the May 16 Special Called Meeting.

Motion to adjourn May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting: Ward

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved June 13, 2023.