

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

August 9, 2022

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Valerie Tyson, Chris Edwards, Bishop Tavaris Johnson, Charlie Council, Lenora Council, Charles Curcio, Wendy Walker, Aaron Powell, Avonda Wilson-Thomas, Jody Hopper, Xavier Allen, Alione Allen, Frances Whalen, Chris Comeau, Tito Thomas, Gerald Watkins, Charmaine Waters, Jenny Henderson, Bill Harwood, Sarah Allen

Council Members Present:

Anne Harwood, Mayor
Deloris Chambers, Mayor Pro Tem
Gary Lowder
Demar Huntley

Council Members Absent:

Larry Milano

Staff Present:

Jay Almond, Town Manager
Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk
Stephen Smith, Police Chief

Opening prayer by Deloris Chambers.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Valerie Tyson, 314 Washington St., asked about street name changes and asked council to select at least two people for the street name change committee who have been involved in the situation.

Sarah Allen, 324 Grant St., has lived on Grant St. for 66 years expressed concern over street names being changed. Allen presented council with a petition from Grant St. residents who do not want Grant St. changed.

Wendy Walker, 403 Roosevelt St., supports street name changes, requested names chosen to inspire.

Jody Hopper, 51 Maple St., said the marquee outside of the post office includes dated information and would like the museum to post there.

Dale Ward, 37 Hickory St., complained of limbs, brush blocking signs, and a box spring on Pine St.

Frances Whalen, 51 Lake St., of Better Badin, noted event applications submitted to town for Celtic Festival and Winterfest, and requested use of Badin Conference Center for Winterfest in case of rain.

Chris Comeau, of 68 Falls Rd., requested council approve Better Badin events Whalen described.

CALL TO ORDER

Harwood called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add items 10(a) Better Badin applications, and 6(a) Social district discussion: Lowder
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lowder said need to change opening prayer from Gary Lowder to Deloris Chambers. Almond said Milano reported page 2 in business section to add “in Badin” after motion to establish ordinance similar to Stanly County’s for street name changes.

Motion to approve July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes pending changes: Huntley
Second: Chambers
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Council discussed a social district in Badin. Almond should meet with retired planner Donald Meisel and include social district information in September agenda.

Council was to hear from professional architect, civil engineer, and Stanly County Permitting and Inspections department regarding Badin Conference Center. The group was unable to attend the meeting. Council will reschedule to 6:30 p.m. September 8 in Badin Town Hall.

Council considered street treatment on Sumpter St. between Roosevelt and South Sumpter streets. Lowder reiterated motion from July 12, 2022 meeting for speed bumps and added 2 caution signs.

Motion to install 2 speed bumps on Sumpter St. with 2 speed bump signs, and 2 caution signs, each on either side of residence of special needs citizen: Lowder
Second: Chambers
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Almond presented council with draft ordinance preparatory information including application for residents to request street name changes. Lowder asked questions about section 1.

Motion to approve draft ordinance as presented: Chambers
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council agreed to form a five (5) member sub-committee facilitated by Centralina Council of Governments to explore the project and submit recommendations to the planning board. Each council member will suggest one citizen committee member to Almond by August 16.

Motion to form Badin North Carolina Street Naming Guidelines citizen committee: Huntley
Second: Lowder
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed deer population concerns and mitigation measures. Huntley suggested asking Alcoa to allow hunting on their properties behind Wilson St. Lowder would like to set a public hearing before any ordinance about feeding deer in town. Council will discuss at September meeting.

Council reviewed special event applications from Better Badin for Winterfest and for Celtic Festival. Better Badin is requesting NCDOT close Falls Road for both events. Almond will contact NCDOT.

Motion to approve events pending review: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS:

Terry Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection will be Tues., September 6, 2022.
- Collected 5 loads of brush for the month of August.
- Public Works has begun clearing sidewalks.
- Boom mower problematic. Eudy will price new boom mower, but prefers flail mower.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Stephen Smith reported 1,588 calls for service in July.

Chambers requested more patrol on Lincoln St.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending August 5, 2022. Tax revenue from property, occupancy, and sales & use tax.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Huntley will attend CVB 8:30 a.m., Aug. 10.
2. Town of Badin municipal financial audit for FY22 will be ongoing the week of Aug. 9.
3. Stanly County COG meeting 6:30 p.m., Aug. 30 in Locust Community Building.
4. Updates: Lou Donaldson Blvd. will be decided 9 a.m., Aug 11 in Raleigh DOT meeting. Almond will meet with Lucas Concrete for sidewalk repair/replacement and Wood St. median. Lowder said include tree-root plans in sidewalk work. Bushwackers expects landscape project in Nov. Almond awaiting JMB Construction callback on playground move, and Lowder has a Greensboro installer. Council may consider new equipment.
5. Badin Town Hall will be closed Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.
6. Next Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Tues., Sept. 13, in Badin Conference Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

Harwood called for a motion to adjourn July 12, 2022 regular meeting.

Motion: Huntley

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved September 13, 2022