

**BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

March 10, 2026

BADIN TOWN HALL

**VISITORS**

Dal Wilson, Senora Boulware, Valerie Tyson, Brenda Goode, Jenny Allen, Jody Hopper, Sarah Allen, Tonya Gelbach, Catie Whitney, Jim Miller, Robert D’Agostino, Victoria D’Agostino, Reba Smith

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Demar Huntley, Mayor  
Charles Council, Mayor Pro Tem  
Dale Ward  
Gary Rife  
Jackie Burch

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

Opening prayer by Dale Ward.  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dal Wilson said that the train trestle has been cleared off. The process will take through the summer. The area has been seeded and the kudzu will be treated once it starts growing back up.

Senora Boulware presented council with images of fallen trees in ditches obstructing the flow of water. She also has concerns for pedestrians on Jackson St. She requested adding a sidewalk on Jackson St.

Jody Hopper, of 51 Maple St. said that she lives across from an Airbnb and she has to keep telling people not to park there. She requested another sign out on that street.

Catie Whitney, Vice President of Better Badin said that there are some issues in West Badin Park such as outlet covers missing, and the playground has no shade cover. She requested permission from council to make improvements such as adding a shade sail to West Badin Park playground, Adirondack chairs and landscaping in West Badin Park, Adirondack chairs and picnic table to the village green, adding a walkway from conference center to Falls Rd., and adding a shade sail to the upcoming playground at the waterfront park.

Tonya Gelbach requested permission for Better Badin to remove shrubs around library and museum and gazebo and replace with native plants. She also requested permission to pressure wash the library and museum and paint crosswalk.

Gary Rife said that the town has contracted out two restrooms, one for West Badin Park and one for the Badin Waterfront Park. He presented drawings of the restrooms. The restrooms will allow for adding amenities such as picnic tables.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Huntley called the meeting to order.

**AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA**

Motion to add 7(a) Renew election filing fees: Ward

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 7(b) Gazebo project proposal discussion: Rife

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 7(c) Jackson St. sidewalk discussion: Burch

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve February 10, 2026 Regular meeting minutes: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve January 14, 2026 Special meeting minutes: Rife

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**BUSINESS**

Stanly County Board of Elections has requested council set or renew the Town of Badin's filing fee. The filing fee is currently set at \$6.00.

Motion to set election filing fee at \$6.00: Ward

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed Better Badin's request for the gazebo project.

Motion to remove nandina shrub at Gazebo and replace with native plants: Rife

Second: C. Council

Discussion: Ward said that they've just had all of that trimmed down and whatever is replacing it needs to add some color. Ward also mentioned that a lot of people put a lot of effort into the landscaping years ago so they need to just keep that in mind. Huntley would like some information of what will be replacing it before it's installed.

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed adding sidewalk to Jackson St. between Roosevelt and Sherman streets. The council is waiting on a quote for the Sherman St. repaving project. The council will discuss further after seeing what funds will be left after Sherman St. repaving project.

Motion to seek quotes for sidewalk and curbing from 320 Jackson St. to Roosevelt: Huntley  
Second: Rife  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve text amendment to Town of Badin Animal Protection and Control  
Ordinance 17-3 to prohibit the feeding of deer inside the town limits: Rife  
Second: C. Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed developing a policy on vehicles, debris, and refuse placed on alleys, streets, or residential or business lots and in town right-of-way. Huntley said there is garbage and debris all over town, some having been left out for several months and some is in ditches. Rife said we need to have an ordinance in place. C. Council suggested contracting to have it collected, if public works is sent out to collect it it'll encourage the behavior. Almond suggested starting at getting prices for a contractor in between town cleanups. Ward said we need to do something about trash brought in from out of town.

Motion to get pricing for debris collection in town: Rife  
Second: C. Council  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve Badin Business Grant FY26 application from Tonya Gelbach for The Badin Body Shoppes: C. Council  
Second: Rife  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council considered an event application from Better Badin for a Sip and Stroll Women Who Walk. Catie Whitney said that it will be a community walking group that meets every Sunday evening. They will start at the coffee shop, use the village green and once a month do an activity on the village green such as yoga or Pilates.

Motion to approve Better Badin's Sip and Stroll Women Who Walk event application: C. Council  
Second: Rife  
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection April 7, 2026.
- 6 Loads of brush for February.
- Semi-annual town cleanup for April, set out Apr. 20-24, collection Apr. 27- May 1.
- Spraying started today.
- Bamboo at Spruce St. ditch has been cut back and sprayed.
- Asphalt patch at Sherman/Grant completed today.
- Quote for new parking lot in West Badin Park is \$2100.
- New boom mower broke today.

Basketball court may have to be taken up and replaced. Council consensus is to get quote from Castleberry. C. Council suggested taking all projects into account.

**POLICE REPORT:**

- Chief Smith reported 1,568 calls for service in February.

Huntley asked about vehicles without tags on town property. Burch mentioned hearing shooting nearby in West Badin. Chief Smith said it's legal if its in the county. Burch said vehicles parked in areas where people have trouble getting by and some having to detour from people parking in the road.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Almond presented financial report ending March 6, 2026. February revenues from property tax, sales & use tax and occupancy tax.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Almond reported the following:

1. Rife will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Wed., March 11 in Locust.
2. Almond presented the new website with added forms and content.
3. 85 Falls is still waiting the required 45 days of notice before further action can be taken. 321 Washington has been taken care of by property owner. Case on Grant St. may be taken care of soon.
4. Falls has been striped with yellow lines. If the council doesn't want restricted parking on Falls Rd. NCDOT will need a resolution adopted. Council discussed no parking on Falls and the effects that could have. No action was taken.
5. Council considered taking down magnolia tree at conference center. Almond suggested taking down sweetgum trees as well.
6. Rife presented the project tracking list and thanked Eudy for Public Works completing projects.
7. Miles-McClellan Construction Company contract for Badin Waterfront Park is signed and authorized for project restart. Construction date will follow Stanly County approval of all necessary updated and stamped plans. Almond said that they have received a new timeline today and emailed to council.
8. Badin Town Hall will be closed April 3 in observance of Good Friday.
9. Town Clean-up is in April. Items should be placed curbside April 20-24 and collection will be April 27 to May 1.
10. The next Regular Council meeting will be 7 p.m., April 14 in Badin Town Hall.

Motion to get pricing on removing trees at Badin Conference Center after C. Council determines which trees to remove: C. Council

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Ward said at the corner of Simms and Jackson streets the debris outside the fence is on town right-of-way and town should collection it during town cleanup and have the truck towed. Huntley said they've been trying to contact the owner. Ward said the crosswalk at the school and post office have been marked with white paint and whatever is being done should be done during school break. C. Council is trying to get them to wait until break. Ward said

crape myrtle tree lights need to be changed and there are three old tires and some metal in the park parking lot.

C. Council said that the town has formed a partnership with Pfeiffer University. They will take over social media for the town. C. Council asked Eudy if he has a price on skid steer for spreading brine. Eudy does not have a price yet. C. Council went to a Centralina meeting and said they are a good organization who can benefit the town. Centralina will be researching grants for what Badin needs. Almond, Rife, and C. Council attended a meeting with NC Department of Commerce about a grant. The council discussed different grant opportunities from other organizations. C. Council said that the council is very happy to announce the new park restrooms and thanked Rife for leading the project and volunteering the drawings. C. Council said that the council is doing their best and every citizen needs to help make this town better.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting: Ward

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved April 14, 2026.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.