

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

May 12, 2026

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Senora Boulware, Valerie Tyson, Walter Roorie, Marie Roorie, Bobby Helms, Dylan Helms, Kelly Aldridge, Sarah Allen, Michelle Aldridge, Renee Mills, Jenny Henderson, Drew Aldridge, Tonya Gelbach, Jenny Allen

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

Walter Roorie asked council to allow parking at 55 Falls Road at his wife's business.

Dall Wilson described the Spark Plug trail Historic Badin Museum is working toward from the lake. Trestle area kudzu will be treated in July. He spoke with Eagle Creek about kudzu taking over trees, and requested council adopt an ordinance forcing invasive growth control.

Kelly Aldridge, 65 Falls Road, opposed parking restrictions on his block. He said parking is no safety issue, but speeding vehicles are a safety issue. He has no room to park on his lot.

Michelle Aldridge asked council not to restrict parking there on Falls Road. There's no room for parking on their lot. She is terrified of crossing Falls Road with her son.

Rife thanked speakers for attending. He said there are no parking restrictions on that section of Falls Road and council has not assigned parking restrictions there. Council didn't know NCDOT would stripe all of Falls Road with double yellow lines. Almond explained NCDOT lines full street lengths rather than partials.

Renee Mills spoke about parking restrictions in that area of Falls. She suggested asking NCDOT to trade yellow lines for parking lines. She's concerned about there.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Rife reported a doctor's office coming to Badin Conference Center. Due diligence is received and validated. Almond will execute the lease tomorrow. Stokes Construction is notified for renovations. Council received a request to endorse Badin Outreach Center. Alcoa asked the prospective tenant for an endorsement letter from council which Rife shared. NC Department of Commerce will announce economic development grant awards June 18.

C. Council said the doctor in Badin will be part-time urgent care, Badin Outreach Center will be good, and council will renovate the conference center into an event center and is working on a restroom for West Badin Park by Juneteenth. Permits are the holdup now.

Ward reported a damaged Duke Energy light at the ballfield. He requested a solar light there and possibly in the waterfront park as well.

Huntley said council had two meetings about the conference center project, April 28 and April 30. On behalf of the council he thanked those who came out to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Huntley called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add 9(a) Pole banners and 12(b) Solar lighting with item 12 tree lighting: Huntley
Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 10(a) Badin Outreach Center Letter: Rife

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to add 10(b) Discuss contribution to Badin Inn event: Rife

Second: C. Council

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve April 14, 2026 Regular meeting minutes: C. Council

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Ward said budget retreat minutes don't note police vehicle details or county staffing. He said they should include reference to Vann Foundation funds for the library.

Motion to table May 4, 2026 budget retreat minute approval until amendments: C. Council

Second: Ward

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Nick Wicker of Strickland Hardee PLLC Certified Public Accountants presented Town of Badin's audited financials for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Motion to approve FY26 audit contract: C. Council

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed pole banners facing the sidewalk due to flag and Christmas light mounts. If mounted street side they should be 14-foot high to avoid truck damage. Council and staff discussed pros and cons of street side placement.

Motion to move pole banners street side, lower eight to ten inches, and remove American Flag brackets if needed: Rife

Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed management of invasive species in town. An ordinance submitted to the town for consideration places invasive-species removal duties initially on property owners and land stewards within what it designates priority areas. It assigns Town of Badin responsibility for program administration, compliance oversight, and enforcement actions, as well as shifting invasive-species removal responsibilities to the town when property owners and land stewards fail to act. Rife said the town hasn't had much response from Eagle Creek on cleaning the waterfront. Wilson said the ordinance would give the town the right to go in and clean it up. C. Council said the town can't just go on private property. Wilson said Eagle Creek's policy is to prevent invasive species, the town is obligated to act, and an ordinance from the town would apply political pressure. Council is supportive, but not by ordinance. Almond recommended council endorse, and will have a draft resolution for the June meeting.

Motion to consider support of invasive species management by resolution: Rife
Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve Badin Outreach Center endorsement letter by Badin Town Council: Rife
Second: Ward
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to contribute \$600 to Badin Inn for July 4th Family Fun Day Celebration: Rife
Second: C. Council
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed 85 Falls Road code case. Huntley said the property is for sale and asked what happens if it sells. Almond said the violation goes with the property so if it sold the new owners would be in violation. C. Council said he would like to talk to Matthew Rea to ask if the property owner has been paying fines. Almond will call Rea about options.

Council discussed replacing streetscape tree lights on Falls Road and installation of streetscape tree lights on Roosevelt Street median. Rife estimated about \$200-\$250 for replacing lights on Falls and would like to get quotes for Roosevelt lights. Ward suggested solar lights for Roosevelt. Council discussed broken street light at the ballfield. Ward suggested ordering a solar light for the ballfield.

Motion to order and replace tree lights on Falls Road with exterior multicolor lights and to get a solar light for the ballfield: Rife
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to allow Falls Road parking from the post office to the alley before Maple St.: Ward
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion for a public hearing 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2026 in Badin Town Hall for input on Falls Road parking from the post office to the alley before Maple St.: Ward
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Rife said there is a new ice cream shop on Walnut St. and a group of cars parks there all day. He suggested restricting the area to three hour parking.

Motion for three-hour parking on Walnut St. from Falls Rd. to the second power pole: Ward
Second: Rife
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion for public hearing 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2026 in Badin Town Hall for input on three-hour parking on Walnut St. from Falls Rd. to the second power pole: Huntley
Second: Rife
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to appoint Gary Rife to Stanly County CVB board: Ward
Second: Burch
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection June 2, 2026.
- 8 Loads of brush for April.
- April 2026 Town Cleanup totals:
 - 19 loads of general
 - 1 load of tires
 - 1 load of electronics
 - Total cost of \$917.72
- Need more brackets for pole banners. Requesting 14 new sets of hardware.

Motion to approve purchase of 14 pole banner hardware sets: C. Council
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Ward said there is a tree in the ditch on Spruce St.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Smith reported 1,896 calls for service in April.
- 2021 and 2018 Durangos need new motors.
- 2015 Charger repair is estimated at \$1,348.29 and also needs tires.
- Police Department is down to two patrol vehicles.

Motion to repair 2015 Charger and replace tires: Rife
Second: Huntley
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending May 8, 2026. April revenues from property tax, sales & use tax and occupancy tax. Council needs to approve a budget amendment in June. Vann Foundation library remaining funds are approximately \$3,000.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Rife will attend the Stanly County CVB meeting 8:30 a.m., Wed., May 13.

2. Stanly County Council of Governments will meet at 6:30 p.m., May 26 in Norwood.
3. Leadership Stanly will visit Badin 8:30 a.m., May 20. Expectations are the visit will begin in Badin Historic Museum.
4. Annual EMS training is in Badin Waterfront Park October 21-22 and August 27. If Badin Waterfront Park is construction site, training will be in Badin Recreation Park.
5. Rocky River RPO will meet remotely 10 a.m., Thursday May 28.
6. Council will set a public hearing for 6:45 p.m., June 9, 2026 in Badin Town Hall to gather input regarding FY 2026/27 municipal budget.
7. The next Regular Council meeting will be 7 p.m., June 9, 2026 in Badin Town Hall.

Motion for a public hearing 6:45 p.m., June 9, 2026 in Badin Town Hall for input on FY27 municipal budget: Huntley

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting: Huntley

Second: Rife

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved June 9, 2026.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Bowers.