

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

July 12, 2022

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Mike Edgerton, Georgette Edgerton, Beverly Scott, Janna Pratt, Reba Smith, Jackie Burch, Anthony Simpson, Johnnie Harris, Tavaris Johnson, Phyllis Rummage, Sarah Legrand, Gale Allen, Michael Goode, B.S. Maske, Elaine Caple, Boyd Caple, Tina Peoples, Michele Dunlap, Detra Watkins, Ernest Cole, Charlie Council, Lenora Council, Daniel Quick, Brenda Goode, Buster Goode, Valerie Legrand, Tito Thomas, Gerald Watkins, Avonda Wilson, Gal Legrand, Anthony Simpson, Chris Edwards, Mary Kellerhals, Dale Ward, Jody Hopper.

Council Members Present:

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

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, of 314 Washington St., spoke in support of changing street names.

Avonda Wilson, of 303 Mayo St., said residents of West and East Badin support changing street names. She said supporters understand there's a process that will take time, but current street names in West Badin do not represent the black community, and requested they be renamed.

Anthony Simpson, of 220 Wayne St., said Avonda Wilson's position is shared and West Badin wants the matter pushed forward.

Chris Edwards, Mt. Zion Church Deacon, said his church wants council to change street names soon.

Phyllis Rummage, of 39 Poplar St., noted excess deer population. She estimated spending \$80,000 on landscaping and fences since 2012 including replacement and repair due to nuisance deer on her property. Rummage requested council help resolve the issue of deer overpopulation in Badin.

Mary Kellerhals, of 79 Walnut St., said people are feeding deer in Badin and worsened the deer nuisance. Deer are accustomed to people feeding them to the point of dependency, are causing property damage and risk disease. Kellerhals would like deer feeding to end.

Dale Ward, of 37 Hickory St., said Public Works dept. needs money, staff and equipment and noted right-of-way overgrowth. He said he reviewed June financial reports asked why some amounts changed. Councilman Milano said town finances are audited each year and recommended Ward ask the town manager his questions. Almond said budget the figures Ward asked about were adjusted through a budget amendment unanimously approved by Badin Town Council during its regularly scheduled council meeting in June.

Charlie Council, of 13 Tallassee St., asked why public comment sign-in doesn't solicit phone numbers or emails to respond to public comments. He asked if planning session minutes could be posted online. Almond noted no action is taken in planning sessions, but they can be made available.

Milano said a policy is needed for changing street names and council will work on such a policy.

Detria Watkins, of 502 Grant St., asked about the process to change street names. Milano said council is already working on it and doing research.

Bill Harwood, of 24 Henderson St., said one street name has changed in Badin which took 9 months to complete. It was a private drive belonging to Stanly County, but is inside the town limits.

CALL TO ORDER

Harwood called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add item 10(a), Speed bumps: Lowder

Second: Milano

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve June 14, 2022 Public Hearing Minutes: Chambers

Second: Milano

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Motion to approve June 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes: Huntley

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Communications Director, Kyle Griffin, of Stanly County Emergency Communications addressed council regarding street naming guidelines, policies, and ordinances in Stanly County.

NC Wildlife District 6 District Biologist Rupert Medford addressed council on best practices for municipal deer population issues. Medford said state parks and large parcels of land are the issue. There isn't a good option to remove deer in Badin. Hunting is usually best but not recommended in Town of Badin due to homes being in such close proximity. Some state parks allow hunting to thin population. Medford can assist town with asking state park about possible hunting programs. Councilman Lowder suggested a meeting with council, Morrow Mountain Supt. Jeff Davidson, Alcoa, and Medford. Councilman Milano requested discussing an ordinance restricting deer feeding.

Council discussed moving forward with an ordinance to change street names.

Motion to establish an ordinance similar to Stanly County's to change street names in Badin: Milano

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Almond will provide a draft ordinance in the August meeting.

Motion to change street names citizens deem offensive: Lowder

Second: Huntley

Discussion: Milano said the previous motion for a street name change ordinance covers content of the current motion and is sufficient.

Vote: Passed

Aye – Chambers, Lowder, Huntley, Harwood

Nay – Milano

Harwood said any street names changes will follow ordinance procedures.

Chambers said there has never been any doubt street names would be changed.

Council considered speed control for Sumpter St., beginning with standard speed bump surveys from fire chief, police chief, and public works director. Lowder doesn't believe police can control speed there, and said he doesn't want police input on speed bumps. Milano doesn't want to delay a decision and would like something done on Sumpter St.

Motion to install 2 speed bumps on Sumpter St. with 2 signs, one on either side of the property with a special needs resident: Lowder

Second: Chambers

Discussion: A neighbor announced the special needs resident no longer lives there.

Motion revised to table discussion until August: Lowder

Second: Milano

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council adopted a resolution ratifying Centralina Regional Council's charter amendment. Centralina Regional Council updated its charter to prohibit private entities from benefitting from or having interest in the organization's earnings or assets. Towns must endorse the amended charter as the Centralina's governing document. Council was presented with the resolution to update the charter.

Motion to adopt resolution updating Centralina's charter: Lowder

Second: Milano

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS:

Almond announced Terry Eudy has been promoted to Property Maintenance Supervisor (Public Works Director)

Terry Eudy reported the following:

- Next limb/brush collection will be Tues., Aug. 2, 2022.
- Collected 12 loads of brush for the month of July.
- Boom mower has been repaired.
- Will begin clearing brush from streets and sidewalks.

Almond recommended considering boom mower replacement. Council will discuss it in August.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Stephen Smith reported 1,077 calls for service in June.
- New Officer, Joseph Hawkins, was sworn in.
- Still looking for 2 more full-time officers.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report ending July 8, 2022. Tax revenue from property, occupancy, and sales & use tax. Council was presented with the year ending June 30, 2022 financial report.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Huntley will attend CVB 8:30 a.m., July 13.
2. Almond will attend Local Gov’t Liaison meeting 6:30 p.m., July 26 in Los Jacubes, Oakboro.
3. Updates: West Badin Park shed is complete and needs backfill, Stanly St. is completed, Lou Donaldson Blvd. has passed the 1st board, street names, storm water management.
4. Almond met engineers about grant projects. Badin Conference Center may need an architect.
5. Next Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Tues., Aug. 9, in Badin Conference Center.
6. Council will enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) to discuss personnel matters pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6).

Milano asked Almond to plan to check on microphones for council meetings, and mentioned attorney attendance in council meetings. Lowder said Wood St. median intersection needs clearing.

Motion to contact Alcoa about cleaning up intersection at Wood St. median: Chambers

Second: Huntley

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council would like details on indefinite delivery contract for grant projects and discussed landscaping in Roosevelt St. median. Almond will contact a landscaper.

Motion to seek options and estimates to move playground set from ballfield to Pine St. Park: Milano

Second: Lowder

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

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: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council entered closed session.

Council reentered regular session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion: Milano

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved August 9, 2022