

BADIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

July 14, 2020

BADIN TOWN HALL

VISITORS

Dale Ward, Sherrill Mullis, Bonnie Hill, Derrick Smith, Dr. Eric Johnson, Jenny Allen, David Cornett, Phillip Cornett, Jack Allen

Council Members Present:

Anne Harwood, Mayor
Deloris Chambers, Mayor Pro Tem
Ernest Peoples
Larry Milano
Gary Lowder

Staff Present:

Jay Almond, Town Manager
Wayne Carter, Public Works Director
Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk
Stephen Smith, Police Chief

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Eric Johnson, unaffiliated candidate for District 5 County Commissioner, introduced himself. The family physician and Vietnam War Veteran said he has no special interest or special agenda.

District 28 Assistant District Attorney Phillip Cornett, may be appointed District Judge.

Bonnie Hill, 131 Spruce St., feeds deer, said she researched NC Wildlife Resources Commission website, and deer stopped eating neighbors' plants since she began feeding them.

Derrick Smith, 80 Pine St., reported being chased by a dog in town on more than once. Would like people to be responsible and keep dogs restrained. Would like town to look at animal ordinance.

Jenny Allen, 41 Hickory St., requested deer feeding prohibited in town, said deer have eaten plants in her yard, and reported 20-30 deer in neighborhood nightly. She said supplemental feeding can harm deer, that they attract predators and spread disease. She referenced urban bow hunting to decrease deer population.

Dale Ward, 37 Hickory St., hopes "dead man" will go back in Falls Road median, said infrastructure needs attention, including pot holes, Spruce Street ditch, and storm water off Magnolia Street.

Sherrill Mullis, 63 Falls Rd., said Falls Road has water issues where a drain has partially collapsed.

CALL TO ORDER

Harwood called the meeting to order.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 9, 2020 Budget Hearing

Motion to approve June 9, 2020 Budget Hearing Minutes: Milano
Second: Chambers
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes pending clarification on page 2 regarding concrete “dead man” bollard and vehicle traffic: Milano
Second: Peoples
Vote: Passed/Unanimous

BUSINESS

Council considered placement of “dead man” traffic bollard. Almond suggested, if returning it to Falls Road median, council consider placement away from NC 740 traffic collisions.

Milano asked if NCDOT permitted it in the median and if so what regulations are required.

Lowder it is a subdivision sign to DOT, and there is no additional liability to town by placing it there.

Motion to reinstall “dead man” traffic bollard in Falls Road Median: Lowder

Milano asked about the bollard’s significance and questioned putting it at risk rather than elsewhere. Believes refurbishing it was unnecessary spending when drainage and alleys need attention.

Chambers asked Dale Ward to describe its significance.

Ward said it was a highway divider.

Second: Chambers

Vote: Passed

4 Ayes (Lowder, Harwood, Peoples, Chambers)

1 Nay (Milano)

Council reviewed Town of Edenton ordinance regulating food trucks, peddlers, and itinerant merchants and will email Almond related suggestions.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Smith gave June police report.

- There were 2,743 calls for service in June.
- Police Department is currently running background checks on 2 applicants.
- Milano asked why no speeding tickets in June. Chief Smith said he’s arranging officer certification for town radar equipment and replacement of units state recently disqualified.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Almond reported that Tim Swaringen was given 3 code cases to get started on.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Wayne Carter reported the following:

- 12 Loads of brush collected in July.
- Next limb/brush collection will be August 4, 2020.
- Boom mower is being repaired.

- Public Works has been spraying weeds.
- Milano: Elm Alley is washing and grass is tall, corner of Wood St. hedges growing onto St., Dewey & Lincoln have weeds in ditch, Lee & Wood have grass & weeds in sidewalk.

Motion to seal crack in West Badin Park basketball court: Milano

Motion retracted by Milano.

Motion to get estimate to repair and if within reason, repair crack in basketball court: Milano

Second: Lowder

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Council discussed grass clippings being blown or dumped in streets by citizens.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Almond presented financial report period ending June 30, 2020, and financial report period ending July 10, 2020. Tax revenue from property, occupancy, and sales & use tax.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Almond reported the following:

1. Anwar from Badin Mart asked Almond about using office in the store to have someone coordinating a taxi/Uber service. Almond to write a letter on what's permitted.
2. Badin Council planning session will be 5:30 p.m., Wed., July 15 in Badin Conference Center.
3. Rocky River RPO TCC meeting scheduled for July 10 was cancelled.
4. Rocky River RPO TAC meeting scheduled for July 16 is cancelled.
5. Harwood and Almond will attend Local Gov. Liaison meeting 6:30 p.m., July 28 in Oakboro.
6. Census 2020 is accepting self-reports at <http://2020censu.gov> online.
7. Next Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Tues., August 11, in Badin Town Hall.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Peoples asked about Lou Donaldson Blvd. Almond said project is active but delayed due to COVID limitations. Peoples asked about a Zoom council meeting attendance link. Almond said there is a laptop in another room for viewing. The link could be shared. Peoples asked about speedbump installation, reported speeding on Lincoln and Sherman streets and said Council and Police Chief Stephen Smith should look at potential speedbump locations. Peoples will bring Almond recommendations from Chief Smith and Fire Chief, Terry Eudy.

ADJOURNMENT:

Harwood called for a motion to adjourn July 14, 2020 regular meeting.

Motion: Chambers

Second: Lowder

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

Minutes approved August 11, 2020

Minutes Prepared by: Amanda Bowers