

**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING**  
**January 12, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith called into session the Public Hearing addressing Petition RZ01-15. Robbie Fox, Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town of Red Cross presented the Planning Staff Report on the petition filed by Raeford C. Quick requesting to Rezone Lot 1, a 2.81 acre parcel p/o PIN 559502760156, near the intersection of Gaddis and Boundary Road. This property is being rezoned from a HB to a RA zoning designation, purpose of the zoning change: preparing plot for a single family dwelling unit.

Mr. Fox reading the ---

**Land Us Plan Analysis:** “The subject property is located along the boundary of rural agricultural and highway business designated land use areas within the Town of Red Cross. The Rural Agricultural district features residential uses that support those working on and/or owning the land with residences. Utilities for this area are primarily provided by a private onsite wells and septic disposal systems. Public utilities may be available to some parcels within this area.”

**Conclusions:** “The proposed rezoning is consistent with the Red Cross Future Land Use Plan. The proposed zoning change to RA would allow the property to be developed as a single family residential. This is a conventional rezoning request, therefore all uses permitted in the RA zoning district would be allowed on the subject property if approved. The Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed the application and voted unanimously to recommend approval by Town Council.”

Mr. Foxx asked if there were any questions from council or citizens. One citizen asked if the subject property was located where the rezoning sign is and also what would be built there. Mr. Foxx stated that is the location and a single family residence would be built there. Another citizen stated that there were also red flags at the corners of the location. Mr. Foxx asked if there were any other comments, specifically directing to Mrs. Eubanks, who said “No, I have already given my comments”. Mr. Foxx then left the podium and took his seat.

Mayor Smith then asked again if there were any council comments or citizens comments.

There being none, he asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. **Motion #945** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Kelly Brattain, to **close the Public Hearing**.

**Town of Red Cross  
Minutes of Council Meeting  
January 12, 2015**

**Present**-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers Present: Kelly Brattain, Jerry Jordan

Councilmembers Absent: Barbara Carpenter, J. J. Curlee

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post; Robbie Foxx, Zoning Enforcement Officer;  
Michael Sandy, Stanly County Planning Director; citizens

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith opened the meeting; Kelly Brattain gave the invocation.

The **Agenda was presented**, **Motion #946** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Kelly Brattain to accept as presented; council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting was presented. **Motion #947** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Kelly Brattain to accept; council members voted all in favor to **approve the minutes** with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – a copy of the financial report for the month of December, 2014, was presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #948** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Jerry Jordan to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of December, 2014**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Police Protection: Barbara Carpenter, absent

Street Maintenance: Barbara Carpenter, absent

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Zoning: J. J. Curlee, absent

**OLD BUSINESS**

## NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Smith presented the matter of the Public Hearing conducted prior to the opening of the regular council meeting - Petition RZ01-15. Raeford C. Quick requested to rezone Lot 1, 2.81 acre parcel p/o PIN 559502760156, near the intersection of Gaddis and Boundary Roads, the property to be rezoned from a HB to a RA zoning designation. The floor was open for questions and comments. There being none, **Motion #949** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Jerry Jordan to **approve the rezoning request**.

Michael Sandy, Stanly County Planning Director, addressed council regarding the Abandoned Manufactured Home program. The owner of a mobile home can apply to the county for assistance with the expenses to remove an abandoned mobile home from the real property. The program is a grant program which Stanly County applies for and participates in. Each town must adopt the Abandoned Manufactured Home Ordinance in order for citizens within the town limits to apply to the program. The town would be required to pay an administrative fee of \$200 for each home to be removed. In the event that a landowner qualifies for a hardship situation, the town could be required to pay a portion or all of the \$350 landfill tipping fee to the county. After brief discussion by council that it would benefit the appearance of the town if abandoned and/or undesirable property could be removed, **Motion #950** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Kelly Brattain, for the **Town of Red Cross to accept the Abandoned Manufactured Home Ordinance**.

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor Smith reminded council that the Town of Red Cross is hosting the Stanly County Loan Government Liaison Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, beginning at 6:30 PM for dinner at the Fellowship Hall of Red Cross Baptist Church.

**Motion #951** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Kelly Brattain, and voted all in favor with no opposition to **close the meeting**.

Aloma Whitley  
Town Administrator  
7:25 PM  
1-12-2015

Larry Wayne Smith  
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross  
Minutes of Council Meeting  
February 9, 2015**

**Present**-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Council members Present: Kelly Brattain, Jerry Jordan, Barbara Carpenter, J. J. Curlee

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post; Ms. Benton, SNAP; Melvin Poole; citizen

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith opened the meeting; J. J. Curlee gave the invocation.

The **Agenda was presented, Motion #952** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Jerry Jordan to accept as presented; council voting all in favor.

The **minutes of the Public Hearing of January 12, 2015** was presented. **Motion #953** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Barbara Carpenter to accept; council members voted all in favor to **approve the minutes of the Public Hearing** with no opposition.

The minutes of the **January 12 Town Council meeting** was presented; there being no discussion, **Motion #954** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Kelly Brattain; council members voted all in favor to **approve the minutes** with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – a copy of the financial report for the month of January, 2015, was presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #955** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of January, 2015**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Police Protection: Barbara Carpenter, absent

Street Maintenance: Barbara Carpenter, absent

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Zoning: J. J. Curlee, reported to council that the Planning Board elected officers at the Regular monthly meeting on February 2, 2015

**OLD BUSINESS**

## NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Smith presented a citizen, Melvin Poole, who requested to address council on the current matters presented to the citizens of the county by the School Board regarding the closing of Norwood, Oakboro and East Albemarle schools, as printed in the Stanly News and Press on January 27, 2015. He commented on the hundreds of citizens attended the Board of Education meeting on February 3 to oppose the consolidation and redistricting, citing overcrowding and reassignment of so many students unacceptable. Mr. Poole stated that the Board of Education has not received transportation data related to the additional busing of students, which could have a critical impact.

The letter of "Approval Pending Adoption" has been received from the U. S. Department of Homeland Security (FEMA) for the Cabarrus Stanly Union Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Representatives from each City/Town served on the Hazard Mitigation Task Force to identify the needs of all areas covered by the regional plan. All municipalities who represent this Regional Plan must adopt by Resolution in order to secure final approval from FEMA. **Motion #956** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Barbara Carpenter to approve the **Resolution to adopt the Cabarrus Stanly Union Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan**. Council members voted all in favor with no opposition.

There were no citizen comments.

Council Member Barbara Carpenter thanked Melvin Poole for his comments on the current matters impacting the county's schools.

Council Member Jerry Jordan thanked Mayor Smith and his grandson, Andrew, for the work of removing and cleaning the old fence line along the highway, commenting on what an attractive impact it has made as motorists approach the new town sign from the westerly direction.

**Motion #957** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by Jerry Jordan, and voted all in favor with no opposition to **close the meeting**.

Aloma Whitley  
Town Administrator  
7:30 PM  
2-9-2015

Larry Wayne Smith  
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING**  
**May 11, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith called into session the Public Hearing for the first reading of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Jerry Jordan, Finance Officer, commented regarding the proposed budget copies given to council members, asking if there were any questions or comments, which there were none.

Mayor Smith then asked again if there were any council comments, then asked if there were any citizens comments.

There being none, he asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. **Motion #958** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee, to **close the Public Hearing**.

**Town of Red Cross  
Minutes of Council Meeting  
May 11, 2015**

**Present-**Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Council Members Present: Jerry Jordan, Barbara Carpenter, J. J. Curlee

Council Member Absent: Kelly Brattain

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post; Ms. Gibbs, SNAP; Dana Stoogenke, RPO;  
Reuben Crummy, NC DOT; Mark Morgan, Stanly County office of NC DOT

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith opened the meeting; Jerry Jordan gave the invocation.

The Agenda was presented and adjusted to add Item #9, requested by J. J. Curlee, to make recommendations for the terms of office for the Board of Adjustment; **Motion #959** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by Jerry Jordan to **accept the agenda as adjusted**; council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the **February 9, 2015 Town Council meeting** was presented; there being no discussion, **Motion #960** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Barbara Carpenter; council members voted all in favor to **approve the minutes** with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – a copy of the financial report for the months of February, March and April, 2015, was presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #961** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Barbara Carpenter, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the months of February, March and April, 2015**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain - absent

Police Protection: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Street Maintenance: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, absent

Zoning: J. J. Curlee – to present Agenda Item #9 to Council

**OLD BUSINESS**

## NEW BUSINESS

Dana Stoogenke, RPO and Reuben Crummy, NC DOT office, updated council on current recommendations for each mode of transportation in the 2015 Stanly County CTP Amendment to include Locust and Red Cross. The CTP is based on projected growth for the planning areas. The modes of transportation includes Public Transportation, Pedestrian, Highway, and Bicycle, maps of each presented. Public meetings will be held probably in July and August in preparation for Adoption of the CTP plan. Mark Morgan of the Stanly County DOT office was present to provide additional information on affected areas, as he is logically more familiar with the roadways.

Council discussed the completion of the **landscaping of the new town sign**, reviewing **the expenses** and agreed to accept by **Motion #962**, which was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by J. J. Curlee.

Council liaison to the Planning and Zoning Board, Councilman J. J. Curlee presented the P & Z Board **recommendations for the terms of office for the Board of Adjustment**, as follows:

Melvin Poole, 3 years  
Tina Eudy, 2 years  
Thelma Tomberlin, 2 years  
Harris Williams, alternate, 1 year

**Motion #963** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Barbara Carpenter to accept those recommendations.

There were no comments from citizens.

Council members Barbara Carpenter and J. J. Curlee commented on the attractive impact the new sign has made as motorists approach the Town Hall Drive.

Councilman Jerry Jordan stated his appreciation to all emergency personnel as to how well a recent unfortunate incident was handled.

**Motion #964** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Barbara Carpenter, and voted all in favor with no opposition to **close the meeting**.

Aloma Whitley  
Town Administrator  
7:30 PM  
5-11-2015

Larry Wayne Smith  
Mayor



**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING**  
**June 8, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith called into session the Public Hearing for the second reading of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Jerry Jordan, Finance Officer, commented regarding the proposed budget copies given to council members, asking if there were any questions or comments, which there were none.

Mayor Smith then asked again if there were any council comments, then asked if there were any citizens comments.

There being none, he asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. **Motion #965** was made by J. J., second by Jerry Jordan, to **close the Public Hearing**.

**Town of Red Cross  
Minutes of Council Meeting  
June 8, 2015**

**Present**-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Council Members Present: Jerry Jordan, Barbara Carpenter, J. J. Curlee, Kelly Brattain

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post; Sheriff George Burris and wife, citizen

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith opened the meeting; Barbara Carpenter gave the invocation.

The Agenda was presented and adjusted to add Item #9, for any discussion on the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Barbara Carpenter made the **Motion # 966** to **accept the agenda as adjusted**; Kelly Brattain second the motion with council voting all in favor.

The **minutes of the Public Hearing of May 11, 2015** were presented; there was no discussion. **Motion #967** was made Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee to accept the minutes as presented, council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the **May 11, 2015 Town Council meeting** was presented; there being no discussion, **Motion #968** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Barbara Carpenter, council members voted all in favor to **approve the minutes** with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – a copy of the financial report for the month of May, 2015, was presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #969** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Barbara Carpenter, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of May, 2015**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain – contracts ready to be mailed to the three fire departments for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Police Protection: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Street Maintenance: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Zoning: J. J. Curlee – no report

## OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

The **renewal quote** for the renewal of the town's property and liability insurance coverage with the **Interlocal Risk Financing Fund of North Carolina** was presented to each council member to review. The renewal premium quoted as \$2,315.00, which is approximately \$88.00 less than the previous year. There being no discussion, **Motion #970** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee to accept the quote for the renewal of the insurance coverage.

Mayor Smith presented the proposed budget to council as was given in the first and second readings in the Public Hearings of May 11, 2015 and June 8, 2015, asking if there were any questions or discussion. There being none, **Motion #971** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain to **accept the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**.

Comments from citizens – Sheriff George Burris addressed council, saying he intends to try to attend the council meetings of all the towns in the county on a rotation schedule in an effort to stay in touch and establish a more familiar basis with the citizens of the county. He gave an update of current operations of the department, including more patrol to increase visibility, new uniforms for officers, and increased use of the “speed monitor” in towns experiencing traffic problems with speeders.

Comments from council – The mayor reported the purchase and replacement of three street signs that had somehow become missing.

Mayor stated that the town had received a donation from a citizen toward the expenses of the town's new masonry sign and landscaping, expressing his appreciation.

Councilmember Jerry Jordan congratulated Councilmember Kelly Brattain on his son's graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy and induction into the Marines as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant.

Councilmember Barbara Carpenter stated the council needs to look into purchasing a lawn mower for the purpose of keeping the walking trail mowed. Another suggestion by Councilmember Jerry Jordan was to get a quote from Shaver's Lawn Service as they were already mowing the lawn of the town, to see what the increase would be for the walking trail. On another note, Mayor Smith mentioned that he had heard of possibly contracting with the state for the mowing around the ponds, using the extending arm of the tractor mowers the state uses, making the field area “much more attractive. All these suggestions to be reported on at the next or a later meeting.

An agenda item for the next meeting was requested to look into the purchase of the “Purple Heart City” signs as are being displayed at the entrance of several other towns in the county.

**Motion #972** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee, and voted all in favor with no opposition to **close the meeting**.

Aloma Whitley  
Town Administrator  
7:25 PM  
6-8-2015

Larry Wayne Smith  
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross  
Minutes of Council Meeting  
July 13, 2015**

**Present-**Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Council Members Present: Jerry Jordan, J. J. Curlee, Kelly Brattain

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Absent – Barbara Carpenter

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith opened the meeting; Kelly Brattain gave the invocation.

The Agenda was presented and with no adjustments, Kelly Brattain made the **Motion # 973** to **accept the agenda as presented**; second by J. J. Curlee with council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the **June 8, 2015 Public Hearing** was presented; there being no discussion, **Motion #974** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Kelly Brattain, council members voted all in favor with no opposition.

The minutes of the **June 8, 2015 Town Council meeting** was presented; there being no discussion, **Motion #975** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Jerry Jordan with council voting all in favor with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – Jerry Jordan - a copy of the financial report for the month of June, 2015, was presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #976** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Jerry Jordan, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of June, 2015**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Police Protection: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Street Maintenance: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Zoning: J. J. Curlee – no report

**OLD BUSINESS**

## NEW BUSINESS

Council discussed the need to amend the current year budget from \$215,000.00 to \$240,000.00, in order to add the line items for Capital Outlay and Payroll Taxes Expenses. There being no discussion, **Motion #977** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, council voting all in favor with no opposition.

The fire department contracts for the services of Oakboro Fire Department, Ridgecrest Fire Department and West Stanly Fire Department for the fiscal year 2015-2016 were presented to council. There were very little changes to each contract, the amounts being computed on the tax valuations obtained from the Stanly County Tax Assessor's office. There being no discussion, **Motion #978** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee to **accept the Fire Departments contracts for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**.

The **sheriff's department contract** for the services of the Stanly County Sheriff's Office for the **fiscal year 2015-2016** was presented to council. There was a slight decrease in the percentage charged for the retirement contribution, with no other changes. There being no discussion, **Motion #979** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee to accept the sheriff's department contract, council voting all in favor with no opposition.

On January 13, 2014, town council gave a proclamation to the Military Order of the Purple Heart – an organization whose mission is to support combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support related legislative initiatives, and make sure we never forget the sacrifices made by those Purple Heart recipients. Council discussed the desire to add the "Purple Heart City" signs to the Town of Red Cross city limit signs, as many other towns in the county have done. After discussion, **Motion #980** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee, to **purchase the Purple Heart City** signs to be installed at the east and west locations of the town limits, council voting all in favor with no opposition.

The town had received notice in May that John Pollard, CPA, would be unable to contract with the town to do the audit for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015. A previous CPA, Gerrelene Walker, was contacted and stated that she would be available to do the audit through her brother's CPA office, Maxton McDowell, who has an office in Albemarle. Ms. Walker had done the town's audits for the years 2009 – 2012, till her retirement in 2013. After discussion, **Motion #981** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, to **contract with Ms. Walker for the audit for the fiscal year 2014-2015**, council voting all in favor with no opposition.

Councilmember Barbara Carpenter had previously stated, at the June 8, 2015 meeting, that council needs to look into purchasing a lawn mower for the purpose of keeping the walking trail mowed. Mayor Smith presented to council two estimates for mower/tractors. A quote from Stanly Tractor Company, Inc. was for a Kubota , L2501DT4WD tractor with mower accessories for a total price of \$17,934.00. A second quote from Quality Equipment, LLC was for a John Deere 3032E Compact Utility Tractor with mower accessories for \$15,848.00 total price. After discussion of the items on the two quotes, **Motion #982** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee to **purchase the John Deere tractor from Quality Equipment LLC**, council voting all in favor with no opposition.

There were no citizen comments.

There being no council comments, **Motion #983** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Jerry Jordan, and voted all in favor with no opposition to **close the meeting**.

Aloma Whitley  
Town Administrator  
7:35 PM  
7-13-2015

Larry Wayne Smith  
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross  
Minutes of Council Meeting  
September 14, 2015**

**Present-**Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Council Members Present: Jerry Jordan, J. J. Curlee, Kelly Brattain, Barbara Carpenter

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post, Martha Sue Hall, Esther House, citizen

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith opened the meeting; J. J. Curlee gave the invocation.

The Agenda was presented and with no adjustments, Jerry Jordan made the **Motion # 984** to **accept the agenda as presented**; second by Barbara Carpenter, with council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the **July 13, 2015 Town Council meeting** was presented; there being no discussion, **Motion #985** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, with council voting all in favor with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – Jerry Jordan – copies of the financial reports for the months of July and August, 2015, were presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #986** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the months of July and August, 2015**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Police Protection: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Street Maintenance: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Zoning: J. J. Curlee – no report

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**



Martha Sue Hall addressed council on behalf of the Esther House of Stanly County, an organization which strives to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse with resources and support they need to begin their journey to safety and independence. Esther House is again requesting all cities, towns and the County of Stanly to adopt a **proclamation**, as was done last year, to declare **October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. **Motion #987** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by J. J. Curlee, council voting all in favor with no opposition.

The Stanly County Convention & Visitors Bureau sent a letter to the town stating that the tenure of the town's representative to the CVB Board of Directors – Mrs. Lou Eubanks – has expired. The Town had the option to re-appoint Mrs. Eubanks or appoint another person. Mrs. Eubanks preferred not to be reappointed. Mayor Smith nominated **Aloma Whitley to represent the Town on the CVB Board**; **Motion #988** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee, council voting all in favor with no opposition.

Council discussed a need for a credit card to be available for miscellaneous purchases for the town, such as office supplies and postage. The card would be obtained through the Suntrust Bank branch in Oakboro, where the checking account is located.

There were no citizen comments.

In council comments, J. J. Curlee stated the need for a drop slot in the back entrance door for items that need to be delivered to the town when no one is in the office. He will look into the cost of installation.

**Motion #989** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Barbara Carpenter, and voted all in favor with no opposition to **close the meeting**.

Aloma Whitley  
Town Administrator  
7:20 PM  
9-14-2015

Larry Wayne Smith  
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross  
Minutes of Council Meeting  
October 12, 2015**

**Present-**Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee, Kelly Brattain

Council Members Absent: Jerry Jordan, Barbara Carpenter

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post, citizen

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith opened the meeting and gave the invocation.

The Agenda was presented and with no adjustments, J. J. Curlee made the **Motion # 990** to **accept the agenda as presented**; second by Kelly Brattain, with council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the **September 14, 2015 Town Council meeting** was presented; there being no discussion, **Motion #991** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee, with council voting all in favor.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – Copy of the financial report for the month of September, 2015, was presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #992** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of September, 2015**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Police Protection: no report

Street Maintenance: no report

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Zoning: J. J. Curlee – no report

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council discussed the need to re-roof Town Hall, agreeing to obtain quotes for architectural shingles to present at the next meeting (November 9).

Rueben Crummy of the Department of Transportation requested for council to **re-affirm the Land Use Plan. Motion #993** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, all voting in favor with no opposition.

The unusual wind and rain storm of September damaged the US and NC flags unexpectedly. In order for replacement flags to be available in the event of a future damage occurrence, council was requested to approve the purchase of two of each of the flags, which would cost \$315.09, which is more than the allowed \$250.00 for miscellaneous purchases. **Motion # 994** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee, and voted approved with no opposition to **purchase two of each flag.**

There were no citizen comments.

In council comments, Kelly Brattain stated he would purchase and install the drop slot in the back entrance door (for items that need to be delivered to the town when no one is in the office) as was discussed at the October meeting.

Mayor Smith stated that a Public Hearing for a “Zoning Text Amendment” will be held at 7:00 PM on November 9, 2015.

Immediately following that hearing, a Public Hearing for a “Zoning Atlas Amendment” will be held, followed by the regular council meeting.

**Motion #995** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee , and voted all in favor with no opposition to **close the meeting.**

Aloma Whitley  
Town Administrator  
7:20 PM  
10-12-2015

Larry Wayne Smith  
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING**  
**November 9, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**



Mayor Larry Wayne Smith called into session the Public Hearing addressing Petition ZT01-15 (ZT). The proposed amendment would only modify the current Agriculture Residential overlay designation along the NC Hwy 24-27 corridor, to Commercial Mixed Use, 600' inward from the right-of-way. The balance of the Agriculture Residential overlay would remain the same.

Citizen Barbara Huneycutt spoke in opposition of the zoning text amendment citing the desire of the citizens to keep the area as it was desired to be when the town was formed. She stated that growth was imminent but should not be allowed in a "hodge-podge" manner – having residential and business scattered along the corridor, an undesirable and unattractive situation for residential value.

Citizen Ray Quick spoke in opposition saying the approval of this text amendment would be damaging to the future of the Town of Red Cross. The infrastructure is not yet in place for business and the current sewer facilities will not support business. The town spent \$8,000 for the Land Development Plan, which was well invested and will have been wasted if this change is approved. The Commercial Design has not been done and should have been done. This change is contradictory to what the people of Red Cross wanted in becoming a town.

Robbie Foxx clarified to the citizens that this does not "change" the zoning to mean the property could only be used for business; it is still "residential" use but could be also used as business property with the passage of the amendment to the text to allow the "overlay". Much discussion was heard from various citizens.

Motion #996 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Barbara Carpenter to close the Public Hearing for Zoning Text Amendment.

**Town of Red Cross  
PUBLIC HEARING (#2)  
November 9, 2015  
7:00 PM**

**AGENDA:**

Call to order by Mayor Larry Wayne Smith:

Mayor to call into session the Public Hearing addressing Petition RZ02-15 (R). Oscar M. Ervin, 203 Carter Road, Monroe, North Carolina 28110, has made a request with the Town of Red Cross to Rezone Parcel #558504538902, 2.59 acres, Red Cross Road. This property rezoning request is from RA-Rural Agriculture to a GB-General Business zoning designation.

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As a result of the  
ZT ~~and~~ being  
denied, this hearing  
was not presented.  
Therefore,  
No minutes

**Town of Red Cross  
Minutes of Council Meeting  
November 9, 2015**

**Present**-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee, Kelly Brattain

Jerry Jordan, Barbara Carpenter

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post, Robbie Foxx, Zoning Officer, Joy Almond, SNAP, County Commissioner, Scott Efird, 16 citizens

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith opened the meeting; Jerry Jordan gave the invocation.

The Agenda was adjusted to add item #11 for Commissioner Scott Efird to speak to council and citizens; J. J. Curlee made the **Motion # 997** to **accept the agenda as adjusted**; second by Barbara Carpenter, with council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the **October 12, 2015 Town Council meeting** was presented; there being no discussion, **Motion #998** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, with council voting all in favor.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – Copy of the financial report for the month of October, 2015, was presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #999** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of October, 2015**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Police Protection: no report

Street Maintenance: no report

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Zoning: J. J. Curlee – no report

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Smith brought the matter of the Zoning Text Amendment Change to Council to discuss and vote. Council Member Kelly Brattain commented that the citizens have spoken to let council know the general consensus is against the requested change. Mayor Smith then asked if there was a motion to accept the Zoning Text Amendment; no motion was made and the matter of the text amendment was considered struck down.

Because the text amendment change was denied, the matter of the second public hearing to request rezoning of the 2.59 acre parcel from RA to GB was invalid and not presented.

Quotes for the re-roofing of Town Hall were presented to council. After reviewing, there being no discussion, **Motion #1000** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain to accept the quote from Alejandro V. Sanchez for \$6,150.00 for the roofing work.

Stanly County Commissioner Scott Efird addressed council and citizens regarding a proposed one-quarter cent sales tax increase for the county. The increase would be used ONLY for schools. As opposed to property tax, this tax would be paid not only by the county citizens but anyone who purchased goods in the county. The citizens will vote on this proposed increase in 2016, at the time of the next presidential election. He left a three-page information document for anyone wishing to become informed on this proposed tax increase.

In citizen comments, Barbara Huneycutt told council she appreciated their attention to the wishes of the citizens regarding the change requested to the zoning designations.

There were no council comments.

**Motion #1001** was made by J.J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, and voted all in favor with no opposition to **close the meeting**.

Aloma Whitley  
Town Administrator  
7:53 PM  
11-9-2015

Larry Wayne Smith  
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross  
Minutes of Council Meeting  
December 14, 2015**

**Present**-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers Present: Kelly Brattain, J. J. Curlee, Jerry Jordan, Barbara Carpenter; Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post; citizens

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith opened the meeting; Barbara Carpenter gave the invocation.

The **Agenda was adjusted to add item #9, Motion #1002** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Barbara Carpenter to accept as adjusted; council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the November 9, 2015 meeting was presented. **Motion #1003** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Jerry Jordan to accept; council members voted all in favor **to approve the minutes** with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of November, 2015, were presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #1004** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of November, 2015**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Police Protection: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Street Maintenance: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Zoning: J. J. Curlee, no report

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Jerry Jordan presented the second revision to the budget for the current fiscal year to move \$1,500 of funds from the Capital Improvements line item to Payroll Taxes expense line item. **Motion #1005** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by J. J. Curlee, to approve the **Second Amendment to the Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016**. Council members voted all in favor with no opposition.



Mayor Smith informed the council that Shaver's Lawn Service has presented a contract agreement which it wishes to sign with the town to replace the previous verbal agreement which has been in effect for the past years. Council agreed to table this matter for further study of the contract and possible other quotes to be acquired.

Mayor Smith presented to council a proposal of \$1,200 from Meredith Smith of MDesign Group, Inc. to **re- design the town's website** to simplify the method of updating information changes as needed on a monthly basis. Council had received a copy of the proposal to review and as there was no further discussion, **Motion #1006** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Jerry Jordan to accept the proposal from MDesign Group, Inc. Council voting all in favor with no opposition.

Mayor Smith asked for comments from citizens; there were none.

Mayor Smith asked for comments from council. At this time, the mayor presented a plaque to out-going council member, Barbara Carpenter, expressing the council's appreciation of her service to the town for the past four years.

**Motion #1007** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, and voted all in favor with no opposition to **close the meeting**.

Aloma Whitley  
Town Administrator  
7:13 PM  
12-14-2015

Larry Wayne Smith  
Mayor

At 7:15 P.M., the **Oaths of Office to the newly elected Mayor and Town Council** members was presented by Stanly County Clerk of Court, Michael Huneycutt.

At 7:20 P.M., Mayor Larry Smith called the meeting of the new council to order.

**Motion #1008** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee, to approve the **Agenda** for the New Council; council voting all in favor with no opposition.

**Motion #1009** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Kelly Brattain, to **affirm all contracts of the previous town council:**

**Fire Departments – Oakboro, Ridgecrest, West Stanly**  
**Waste Management – garbage and recycle service**  
**Zoning with the County of Stanly**  
**Stanly County Sheriff's Office – police protection**  
**North Carolina League of Municipalities**

Council voting in favor with no opposition.

**Motion #1010** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain to **approve the responsibilities for officers:**

**Clerk to the Board – Aloma Whitley**  
**Finance Director - Jerry Jordan**  
**Fire Protection - Kelly Brattain**  
**Police Protection - J. J. Curlee**  
**Street Maintenance - J. J. Curlee**  
**Waste Collection - Kelly Brattain**  
**Zoning - Melvin Poole**  
**Bank Lock Box Keys- Aloma Whitley, Jerry Jordan**

Council voting all in favor with no opposition.

The town clerk is to dispense those records, if any, to respective officers that were previously held and turned in by outgoing officers. Bank lock box keys to be turned over, or retained, by the officers so designated by the new Town Council.

Nomination was made for **Kelly Brattain to be appointed the new Mayor Pro-tem;**  
**Motion #1011** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Jerry Jordan to make the appointment. All council voting in favor with no opposition.

**Motion #1012** was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee, to **approve the meeting date, time and place** of the new town council to remain the second Monday night of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the town hall. Council voted all in favor with no opposition.

Mayor Smith asked for citizen comments; there were none.

Mayor asked for council comments. Melvin Poole expressed appreciation on the 110% service given to the Town of Red Cross by Barbara Carpenter. Jerry Jordan, Kelly Brattain and Mayor Smith all again expressed their appreciation also.

**Motion #1013** was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee to **adjourn the meeting;** council all voting in favor with no opposition.

Aloma Whitley, Town Administrator  
7:35 P.M.  
12-14-15

Larry W. Smith, Mayor