

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
January 13, 2014**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers: Jerry Jordan, Dicky Hatley, Kelly Brattain, Barbara Carpenter; Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley

Guests: Luanne Williams, SNAP; members of Military Order of Purple Heart, Chapter 634; Michael Sandy, Planning Director of Stanly County Planning/Zoning Department, citizens

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

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith called to open the Public Hearing, stating the purpose was regarding the text amendment to update Article IX Board of Adjustment of the Town of Red Cross Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the text amendment were previously given to council members for review. After no questions or comments were offered by council, **Motion #876** was made by Dicky Hatley, second by Kelly Brattain to **close the Public Hearing**.

The Agenda was presented; **Motion #877** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Barbara Carpenter to **accept the Agenda**; council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting was presented. **Motion #878** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Dicky Hatley to accept; council members voted all in favor to **approve the minutes** with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for December were presented to each council member. Finance Director Jerry Jordan asked for any questions or comments. There being none, **Motion #879** was made by Dicky Hatley, second by Kelly Brattain, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of December**; 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: Dicky Hatley, no report

OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

Council moved to vote on the matter presented in the Public Hearing, that being **the text amendment to update the Article IX Board of Adjustment of the Town of Red Cross Zoning Ordinance**. **Motion #880** was made by Dicky Hatley, second by Kelly Brattain to accept the text amendment; council voted all in favor with no opposition.

Commander Mike Stubbs and members of the Chapter 634 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart gave a presentation to council and citizens on the organization which was formed in 1932 “for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the decoration.” The chapter is attempting to meet with municipalities, professional sports teams, businesses, etc. to obtain proclamations of designation as a “Purple Heart” entity. Once all municipalities in Stanly County have made the proclamation, the county can then be designated as a “Purple Heart County”. **Motion #881** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by Kelly Brattain for a Proclamation for the **Town of Red Cross to be recognized as a “Purple Heart City of the State of North Carolina”**.

Council discussed the plans for erecting a flagpole in the front area of town hall. Mayor Smith presented quotes to council from two companies for a 35’ pole with a 6’ x 10’ United States flag and a 5’ x 8’ North Carolina flag. **Motion #882** was made by Dicky Hatley, second by Barbara Carpenter to accept the quote from **Condor Flag Company of Charlotte, NC at a cost of \$3,801.63**.

Council briefly discussed the CTP plan, all agreeing that the northern route currently shown on the CTP Amendment map from the DOT office seemed the most acceptable. The next meeting on the CTP plan was the next evening, Tuesday, January 14, at the Crutchfield Campus, in the Huneycutt Room.

There were no citizens’ comments.

In comments from council, Mayor Smith called for a **vote to recess the meeting to Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at the Crutchfield Center, Locust, NC in the Huneycutt Room**, concurrent with the CTP meeting conducted by Dana Stoogenke. **Motion #883** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Dicky Hatley, council all voting in favor with no opposition.

On Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 6:00 PM, the Town of Red Cross Town Council meeting was called back into session in the Huneycutt Room, Crutchfield Campus, Locust, NC, by Mayor Larry Wayne Smith. The meeting was concurrent with the regularly scheduled meeting of the CTP with Dana Stoogenke of the Department of Transportation and representatives from The City of Locust and the Town of Stanfield. Various speakers made comments on their respective municipalities’ preferences concerning the routes on the

current map of the Stanly County CTP Amendment. Mayor Larry Wayne Smith expressed to the group that the Town of Red Cross Town Council were in agreement that the northern alternate route was the preference of the council.

At 7:04 PM, Motion #884 was made by Dicky Hatley, second by Kelly Brattain to **close the meeting.**

Aloma Whitley
Town Administrator
7:04 PM
1-14-2014

Larry Wayne Smith
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
February 10, 2014**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers: Jerry Jordan, Barbara Carpenter; Town Administrator,
Aloma Whitley

Absent -- Kelly Brattain

Guests: Luanne Williams, SNAP; Stanly County Commissioner Peter Ascuitto, Lynn Clodfelter, citizens

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

The Agenda was presented; **Motion #885** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Barbara Carpenter to **accept the Agenda**; council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the January 13, 2014 meeting was presented. **Motion #886** was made by Barbara Carpenter, 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 reports for December were presented to each council member. Finance Director Jerry Jordan asked for any questions or comments. There being none, **Motion #887** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by Jerry Jordan, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of January, 2014**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: no report

Police Protection: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Street Maintenance: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Waste Collection: no report

Zoning: no report

OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

Stanly County Commissioner Peter Ascuitto asked to address the council as he is attempting to visit all municipalities in the county to get acquainted. He answered questions from council regarding the Alcoa property, the purchase of the Oakboro sewer system by the county, CTP meetings, and the addition of two commissioners to the county board.

There were no citizen comments.

There were no council comments.

Motion #888 was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Barbara Carpenter to **close the meeting.**

Aloma Whitley
Town Administrator
7:35 PM
2-10-2014

Larry Wayne Smith
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
March 10, 2014**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers: Jerry Jordan, Kelly Brattain, Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley

Absent – Barbara Carpenter

Guests: Luanne Williams, SNAP; Natalie, Weekly Post; Dana Stoogenke, RRRPO; citizens

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

The Agenda was presented; **Motion #889** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Jerry Jordan to **accept the Agenda**; council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the February 10, 2014 meeting was presented. **Motion #890** 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 – copies of the financial reports for December were presented to each council member. Finance Director Jerry Jordan asked for any questions or comments. There being none, **Motion #891** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Jerry Jordan, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of February, 2014**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: no report

Police Protection: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Street Maintenance: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Waste Collection: no report

Zoning: no report

OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

Dana Stooenke, Rocky River RPO gave an update on the status of the CTP, commenting on disagreement among the municipalities as to the desired route; that the highway between Coley Store Road and Renee Ford Road would definitely be over capacity; commenting on the current NC State House of Representatives bill number HB817, regarding funding for the Strategic Highway Corridor. She also stated that public workshops should soon be scheduled on the CTP, hopefully in April/May.

An estimate was submitted to install **the flag pole light, LED lights for the front of the building and a ditch for the wiring.** **Motion #892** was made by Jerry Jordon, second by Kelly Brattain, to accept the estimate of Wayne Brooks Electric for the work to be done. Council voted in favor with no opposition.

An estimate was submitted for the removal of large tree stumps, removal of the large dead tree behind the parking lot, add an additional pipe at the driveway and spread a load of dirt over exposed rocks near the barn. **Motion #893** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Jerry Jordan, to accept the estimate of Ted A. Coble & Sons Grading Inc., for the **tree and stump work, pipe installation, and dirt over exposed rocks.** Council voted in favor with no opposition.

Council discussed a date for a White Goods Pickup for the town and agreed on Monday, April 28, 2014. Notice will be placed on the website and in the Stanly News and Press.

There were no citizen comments.

There were no council comments.

Motion #894 was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Jerry Jordan to **close the meeting.**

Aloma Whitley
Town Administrator
7:34 PM
3-10-2014

Larry Wayne Smith
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
April 14, 2014**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers: Jerry Jordan, Kelly Brattain, Barbara Carpenter; Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley

Guests: Luanne Williams, SNAP; Natalie, Weekly Post; citizens

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

The Agenda was presented; **Motion #895** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Barbara Carpenter to **accept the Agenda**; council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the March 10, 2014 meeting was presented. **Motion #896** 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 reports for March were presented to each council member. Finance Director Jerry Jordan asked for any questions or comments. There being none, **Motion #897** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by Kelly Brattain, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of March, 2014**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: no report

Police Protection: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Street Maintenance: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Waste Collection: no report

Zoning: no report

OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was made to **nominate J. J. Curlee to fill the council position** left vacant by the passing of Dicky Hatley. **Motion #898** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Barbara Carpenter, to make the nomination; council voted in approval with no opposition.

A temporary recess was call by Mayor Larry Wayne Smith, during which time the oath of office was issued to J. J. Curlee as new council member by town administrator and Notary Public, Aloma Whitley.

Council and guests then proceeded to the front yard of town hall to the flag pole for the dedication and ceremonial flag raising and pictures.

The meeting was then reconvened.

Comments from citizens: Anabel Speights addressed council and guests on two subjects:

Citizens are asked to consider a donation toward the expense of the flag pole, lighting of the pole and building and landscape costs.

She wanted to bring awareness of the upcoming Relay for Life campaign on May 16 at North Stanly High School. In addition to that event, citizens from Oakboro and Big Lick Baptist Church have items for sale: t-shirts for \$15.00; luminaries for \$5.00 (which will be on display during the May 16 event), and purple bows to decorate mailboxes, windows, etc. for \$5.00.

Comments from council: Mayor Smith stated that council would like to begin thinking of constructing a permanent sign for the town at the highway entrance. He also asked council to meet for a workshop on April 28 to discuss the upcoming budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

Motion #899 was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Jerry Jordan to **close the meeting**.

Aloma Whitley
Town Administrator
7:24 PM
4-14-2014

Larry Wayne Smith
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
May 12, 2014**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers: Jerry Jordan, Kelly Brattain, Barbara Carpenter; Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley

Guests: Luanne Williams, SNAP; Natalie, Weekly Post; citizens

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith opened the meeting and Jerry Jordan gave the invocation. # Mayor Larry Wayne Smith called to open the Public Hearing for the first reading of the proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015. There were no public comments; council members had not discussion; **Motion #900** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain to **close the Public Hearing**.

The Agenda was presented; **Motion #901** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Barbara Carpenter to **accept the Agenda**; council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the April 14, 2014 meeting was presented. **Motion #902** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by J. J. Curlee to accept; council members voted all in favor to **approve the minutes** with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for April were presented to each council member. Finance Director Jerry Jordan asked for any questions or comments. There being none, **Motion #903** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of April, 2014**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: no report

Police Protection: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Street Maintenance: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Waste Collection: no report

Zoning: no report

OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

A guest, Mr. Russell Sharples, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Stanly Chamber of Commerce, was scheduled to speak but was unable to attend.

There were no comments from citizens.

Jerry Jordan commented that he was awaiting quotes from Locust Monument and Tarheel Marble for the proposed new town sign.

Motion #904 was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Barbara Carpenter, to **close the meeting.**

Aloma Whitley
Town Administrator
7:12 PM
5-12-2014

Larry Wayne Smith
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
June 9, 2014**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

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

Guests: Luanne Williams, SNAP; Natalie, Weekly Post

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

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith called to open the Public Hearing for the second reading of the proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015. There were no public comments; council members had no discussion; **Motion #905** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by Jerry Jordan to **close the Public Hearing**.

The Agenda was presented with an adjustment to add item #16 regarding the proposed new sign for the town; **Motion #906** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee to **accept the Adjusted Agenda**; council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting was presented. **Motion #907** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee to accept; council members voted all in favor to **approve the minutes** with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports were presented to each council member. Finance Director Jerry Jordan asked for any questions or comments. There being none, **Motion #908** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by Kelly Brattain, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of May, 2014**; 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 stated that he had checked the code for the proposed new town sign and the plans were proper according to code.

OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

The first order of new business was discussion and vote on the proposed **budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015**. No discussion was brought up by council. **Motion #909** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by Kelly Brattain to accept the proposed budget. Council voted all in favor with no opposition.

The contract with the firm of **John A. Pollard, CPA, for the auditing of the town's financial records** was presented. Council agreed that past service from this firm has been consistently satisfactory. **Motion #910** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee to accept the contract. Council voted all in favor with no opposition.

Council discussed the **Deer Urban Archery Season** and voted to accept by **Motion #911** made Kelly Brattain, second by Barbara Carpenter. Council voted all in favor with no opposition.

Dana Stoogenke, RPO, and Reuben Crummy, NCDOT, requested the town to send a **letter to request a delay in the study of a new draft policy that would replace the Strategic Highway Corridors**. The study could significantly change recommendations of Hwy. 24-27. **Motion #912** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by Kelly Brattain, for the town to send the letter of request. Council voted all in favor with no opposition.

Council discussed the masonry quote received from **Roger Morgan Masonry** for the masonry work for the **town's proposed new sign**, the quote for \$6,000-\$6500. **Motion #913** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee to accept Mr. Morgan's quote for the masonry work. Council voted all in favor with no opposition.

The North Carolina League of Municipalities requested the town to join other municipalities in the state to form a new annual voluntary joint action program created to protect municipalities' collective interests regarding water quality and electric regulatory issues. The **Regulatory Technical Assistance Fund** would have a suggested annual contribution from the town of **\$52.25**. **Motion #914** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Jerry Jordan, to contribute to the new program through the NCLM; council voted all in favor with no opposition.

The quote for the renewal of the property and liability insurance through the Interlocal Risk Financing Fund of North Carolina through the NCLM was presented with the premium of \$2403.00. **Motion #915** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee to accept the **renewal quote for Property and Liability Insurance** through the Interlocal Risk Financing Fund of North Carolina. Council voted all in favor with no opposition.

Council discussed the size and color of the granite for the inset for the proposed new sign for the town and agreed on 4' by 8' black granite with frost lettering. After reviewing the quote from Locust Monument Plant for approximately \$7,555.00 plus tax for this size of granite, **Motion #916** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Kelly Brattain, to allocate **\$15,000 total for the new sign for the town** (this including the masonry quote of \$6,000-\$6500 previously approved by council). Council voted all in favor with no opposition.

There were no comments from citizens.

J. J. Curlee, Zoning officer, stated there would not be a meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board for the month of July.

Motion #917 was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by J. J. Curlee to **adjourn the meeting.**

Aloma Whitley
Town Administrator
7:50 PM
6-14-2014

Larry Wayne Smith
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
August 11, 2014**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

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

Guests: Luanne Williams, SNAP; Natalie, Weekly Post, citizen

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

The Agenda was presented with an adjustment to add item #10 regarding the lettering for the new sign for the town; **Motion #918** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Barbara Carpenter to **accept the Adjusted Agenda**; council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the June 9, 2014 meeting was presented. **Motion #919** was made by J. J. Curlee, 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 reports were presented to each council member. Finance Director Jerry Jordan asked for any questions or comments. There being none, **Motion #920** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the months of June and July, 2014**; 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 stated that the Department of Commerce would go through town/city ordinances by request of the municipality for the expense of travel. Lou Eubanks, member of the Planning and Zoning Board was to contact Mr. David Fencil to discuss the possible need for review of the town's ordinances.

OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

The first order of new business was discussion and vote on the renewal of the **contract with the Stanly County Sheriff's Department** for police protection for the new fiscal year 2014-2015. Barbara Carpenter, police protection director, stated that the only change from the previous year contract was a .64% increase for retirement contribution. **Motion #921** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain to accept the contract. Council voted all in favor with no opposition.

Council discussed the renewal **contracts with** the three fire departments which serve the areas within the Town of Red Cross – **Oakboro Fire Department, Ridgecrest Fire Department and West Stanly Fire Department**. There were no rate changes in either of the three contracts. **Motion #922** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by Barbara Carpenter to accept all three contracts for the fiscal year 2014-2015. Council voted all in favor with no opposition.

Council discussed a three year renewal contract with the County of Stanly **Blackboard Connect for Government** with an annual fee of \$351.44. This service provides for quick notification in the event of emergency situations. **Motion #923** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by Jerry Jordan to accept the renewal contract. Council voted all in favor with no opposition.

Council discussed the size and positioning of lettering on the granite part of the new town sign. It was agreed to table this matter to the September 8, 2014, meeting to obtain sketches of lettering samples from Locust Monument Plant.

There were no comments from citizens.

There were no comments from council.

Motion #924 was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee to **adjourn the meeting**.

Aloma Whitley
Town Administrator
7:34 PM
8-11-2014

Larry Wayne Smith
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
September 8, 2014**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers: Jerry Jordan, Kelly Brattain

Barbara Carpenter, J. J. Curlee; Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley

Guests: Mary Sycuro, SNAP; Natalie Lloyd, Weekly Post, citizen

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

The Agenda was adjusted to move item #7, speaker Donna Miller, to item #9 to allow for Ms. Miller to arrive at the meeting; **Motion #925** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Kelly Brattain to **accept the Agenda as adjusted**; council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the August 11, 2014 meeting was presented; **Motion #926** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain to **approve the minutes**; council members voted all in favor with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – a copy of the financial report was presented to each council member. Finance Director Jerry Jordan asked for any questions or comments. There being none, **Motion #927** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of August, 2014**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Police Protection: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Street Maintenance: Barbara Carpenter had contacted the sheriff's office regarding trash pick-up along the highway and was referred to the Department of Transportation. The DOT told her that a request should be sent to that office and a trash pickup could be scheduled, but that no pickup could be scheduled on a regular basis.

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Zoning: J. J. Curlee reported that the Planning and Zoning board had no meeting for the month of September

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Donna Miller had arrived for the meeting and was given the floor to address council regarding domestic violence. She is the Executive Director of Esther House of Stanly County. The organization strives to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse with resources and support they need to begin their journey to safety and independence. Ms. Miller is addressing all cities and towns in the county to request a proclamation to declare **October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. **Motion # 928** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by J. J. Curlee to pass the proclamation.

The renewal of the **dues to the Stanly County Convention Visitors Bureau** was presented to council; **Motion #929** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Barbara Carpenter to again pay the dues.

Council reviewed and discussed a sketch made by Tarheel Marble for the **lettering on the granite slab** for the town's new sign. **Motion #930** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Barbara Carpenter to approve the sketch, council voting all in approval.

A citizen, Mr. George Burris, asked to address the meeting, introducing himself as a candidate for the sheriff of Stanly County in the upcoming election on November 4. He wanted to assure the council of his desire to serve the Town of Red Cross as well as Stanly County with his knowledge and experience.

No other citizens comments.

Mayor Smith stated to council he was looking into the old pasture fencing being taken down as it would block the view of the town's new sign to traffic approaching from the westerly direction.

Motion #931 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
7:40 PM
9-8-2014

Larry Wayne Smith
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
October 13, 2014**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers Present: Barbara Carpenter, J. J. Curlee

Councilmembers Absent: Jerry Jordan, Kelly Brattain

Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley

Guests: Mary Sycuro, SNAP; Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post

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

The Agenda was **presented**, **Motion #932** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by J. J. Curlee to accept **as presented**; council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting was presented. **Motion #933** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Barbara Carpenter 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 was presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #934** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of September, 2014**; 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 cost of repair to the air conditioning system and replacing the laptop and printer, all damaged by the lightning storm on September . The telephone system modem was "blown apart" but there was no charge for replacement. The cost to the town after insurance reimbursement of \$289.98 was \$1,037.50. **Motion #935** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Barbara Carpenter to approve the **amount for repairs to the air conditioning system, data retrieval and replacement of the laptop and printer.**

Council received a request from a citizen to acquire the old town sign which has been replaced by the new masonry and granite sign. **Motion #936** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Barbara Carpenter, to allow the citizen to take possession of the old sign.

There were no citizen comments.

There were no council comments.

Motion #937 was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by J. J. Curlee, and voted all in favor with no opposition to **close the meeting.**

Aloma Whitley
Town Administrator
7:06 PM
10-13-2014

Larry Wayne Smith
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
December 8, 2014**

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; Robbie Foxx, Zoning Enforcement Officer; citizen

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

The **Agenda was presented, Motion #938** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee to accept as presented; council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the October 13, 2014 meeting was presented. **Motion #939** was made by Barbara Carpenter, 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 reports for the months of October and November, 2014, were presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #940** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the months of October and November, 2014**; 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 first amendment to the budget for the current fiscal year to move \$3,000 of funds from the Capital Improvements line item to Fire Protection line item, to cover a small increase for the fire department contracts. **Motion #941** was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by Kelly Brattain, to approve the **First Amendment to the Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015**. Council members voted all in favor with no opposition.

Mayor Smith presented to the council a quote from Wayne Brooks Electric for the work to install **lighting at the town's new masonry sign**. **Motion #942** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Jerry Jordan to accept the quote for the lighting work; members voted all in favor with no opposition.

Mayor Smith presented to council the need to **move \$200,000.00 of funds from the checking account to a CD account**; he checked with several banks and found the better interest rate currently was with the Bank of North Carolina. **Motion #943** was presented by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee, to move the funds; council voted all in favor with no opposition.

There was **citizen comment** regarding future plans for a park for the town. Council agreed the town could form a committee of two council members, two planning board members and two citizens to look into the planning stages for a town park.

Council Comments: Mayor Smith stated that a citizen had made a donation of \$300.00 to the town for the flagpole project.

Mayor Smith commented on a new business just opening up in the town in the commercial building owned by Lou Eubanks.

Motion #944 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
7:15 PM
12-8-2014

Larry Wayne Smith
Mayor