Town of Red Cross Minutes of Public Hearing January 13, 2020

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing addressing Petition RZ2019-02.

Michael Sandy presented the petition filed by Rebecca I. Dry, requesting to rezone a 6.46 acre parcel p/o PIN 559502255333, located on North Oak Ridge Road, Oakboro, NC. This request is for rezoning designation from RA to R8 zoning – Residential Mixed Use, which may contain small clusters of duplex and multi-family uses.

Mayor Brattain asked if there were any questions and /or comments from the citizens, of which there were approximately 31 citizens present.

Ms. Dry asked to speak first, stating that the area needs a place for multifamily residences to be built in an effort to accommodate middle-income families in transition with opportunities to continue living in Red Cross when between long term permanent residences. This land also is in accord with the Land Development Plan 2010-2030 guide to provide an area for developing small businesses, town homes, condominiums or other multifamily residences, with sidewalks and greenways.

Citizens: Linda Thompson – Mrs. Thompson stated she and her family have lived directly across Oak Ridge Road from the property in this rezoning matter. There has always been trash which she and another neighbor has tried to keep cleaned along with mowing the roadside on this property. The heavy traffic and careless drivers have contributed to many wrecks along the stretch from the church to the sharp curve at Jacob Road. There is very little shoulder along the road, adding to the danger of residents going to their mailboxes. If this many condos were built at that location, the traffic would increase to the point it would be hard to enter the highway or make turns onto or off.

Lionel Hahn, stated his family had owned 600 acres in the past of what is now the Town of Red Cross. While he values improvement, he feels that multifamily units would contribute to citizens who would come and go Wendell Copeland, who has lived in the Town since 1975, values the homesites its own acreage instead of staying in the Town.

Wendell Copeland stated he values the neighborhood homesites in the Town of Red Cross with acreage for yards.

Mildred Steed and her husband moved to the Town of Red Cross in 1993 for the privacy of their own country home with their acreage for their own yard. She also says the traffic would be so much worse if 35 home units were added along the stretch of roadway. Also a concern to her would be the value of the homes already in the neighborhood – if that many condos were built, with transitional owners.

Melanie Burnette has lived on North Oak Ridge Road all her life and still lives in her homeplace with her elderly father. She had seen firsthand the increasing traffic through the years. The roadway is used as a cut through to go to Hwy. 73 and to Mt. Pleasant. Drivers pick up too much speed from the church then have to slow down for the curve. It has been dangerous for years for people to cross the road to their mailboxes.

Sylvia Poplin has also lived in the neighborhood many years, her home the homeplace for her children who are grown and gone. The traffic is also a large concern for her as the rest of the neighbors. She also thinks the neighborhood should remain as it is with single family homes as it has been for 50 years.

Melvin Poole agrees with the other citizens' concern about the increased traffic risks.

Gene Herrin – also the concern about the already hazardouls traffic.

Jeff Honeycutt – bought his home just to get out of crowded areas like Charlotte for a single family home area with its own yard.

With no further comments, Mayor Brattain called for a motion to close the Public Hearing. **Motion #1297** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman to **close the Public Hearing**.

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Council Meeting January 13, 2020

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee,

Trina Plowman, Kelly Brattain

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: approximately 31, Michael Sandy

Mayor Brattain opened the meeting; J. J. Curlee gave the invocation.

The **Agenda** was approved by **Motion** #1298 made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting approval with no opposition.

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of November 11, 2019 were presented. Motion #1299 was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the minutes, all voting in approval with no opposition.

The Minutes of the Town Council Special Called Meeting of November 15, 2019 were presented. Motion #1300 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the minutes as presented.

The Minutes of the Town Council Special Called Meeting of November 20, 2019 were presented. Motion #1301 was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the minutes as presented.

The Minutes of the Town Council Special Called Meeting of December 12, 2019 were presented. Motion #1302 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the minutes as presented.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the months of November and December, 2019, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1303** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the months of November and December, 2019**; Council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report

Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee no report

Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee, - reported to Council that the 25 Recycle Containers have

been received from Toter.

Zoning: Trina Plowman, no report

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Brattain called for discussion or comments regarding the Public Hearing held prior to the current Town Council meeting addressing the request for a zoning change by Ms. Rebecca Dry for property located on North Oak Ridge Road. After hearing the concerns of all the citizens who spoke during the Public Hearing, J. J. Curlee made **Motion #1304** to **deny the zoning request**; the motion was second by Trina Plowman.

Mayor Brattain **temporarily reassigned** the Departments as shown above, for **Fire** Protection and Waste Collection. **Motion #1305** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to approve the assignments.

In citizens comments: A late arrival citizen, Mr. Russ Davis, apologized for being late, but stated how thankful he is that the zoning change was not granted, as he owns property in the area and has assured his neighbors he will not put multi-housing beside their property.

Peter Ascuitto stated to the citizens present that he is running for Stanly County Commissioner and plans to protect the Sales Tax which the municipalities get from the state rather than allow the County Commissioners to vote to keep those taxes for the county and the towns not get their share. In 2017 there was an unfortunate attempt by some of the County Commissioners to vote to keep those taxes from the towns.

Melvin Poole stated that he is very busy with a work session with the School Board, for which he is running for re-election.

There were no council comments.

Motion #1306 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to adjourn the meeting.

8:30 P.M. January 13, 2020

Kelly Brattain, Mayor A. Whitley, Admin.

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Council Meeting February 10, 2020

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee,

Trina Plowman, Kelly Brattain

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: approximately 31, Michael Sandy

Mayor Brattain opened the meeting; Trina Plowman gave the invocation.

The **Agenda** was approved by **Motion** #1307 made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting approval with no opposition.

The **Minutes of the Public Hearing** of January 13, 2020, were presented. There being no discussion, **Motion #1308** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, with no opposion.

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of January 13, 2020, were presented. Motion #1309 was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the minutes, all voting in approval with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the **financial reports for the months of January, 2020**, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1310** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of January, 2020**; Council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee no report Waste Collection – J. J. Curlee, no report Zoning: Trina Plowman, no report

OLD BUSINESS – none

Mayor Brattain called for discussion and comments regarding the **renewal of the Deer Urban Archery Season** for January - February 14, 2021. **Motion #1311** was made J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, with no opposition.

Michael Sandy, Zoning Enforcement Officer, presented to council an application submitted to and approved by the Planning and Zoning Board, to rezone 8.44 acres on South Oak Ridge Road, from RA to GB zoning designation. He requested a Public Hearing prior to the March 9, 2020, Town Council Meeting. **Motion #1312** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowan, to approve the **Public Hearing on March 9, 2020,** with no opposition.

Council discussed a quote from Sedona Waterproofing Solutions for maintenance on the gutters on Town Hall. After reviewing the quote, Council tabled the matter because the quote did not include replacing the existing gutters, only a drainage plan.

Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes is a law passed by the North Carolina House and Senate on July 11, 2019, and is the first major recodification and modernization of city and county development regulations since 1905. Every city and county development regulation in the state must be updated by January 1, 2021. Michael Sandy has developed a Time-Line Schedule with the Planning and Zoning Board to review and update the Town of Red Cross Land Development Plan, to conform to the new law.

Motion #1313 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to support the Update of the Land Development Plan as required, all in agreement with no opposition.

There were no citizen comments.

There were no council comments.

Motion #1314 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to adjourn the meeting.

8:20 P.M. February 10, 2020

Kelly Brattain, Mayor A. Whitley, Admin.

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Public Hearing March 9, 2020

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing addressing Petition RZ2020-01.

Michael Sandy presented the petition filed by Jimmy Bacogeorge, requesting to rezone an 8.44 acre parcel Tax Record 139462 located on South Oak Ridge Road, Oakboro, NC. This request is for rezoning designation from RA to GB zoning, Commercial Mixed Use – Limited Retail and Mini/related storage units.

Michael Sandy, Town of Red Cross Planning and Rezoning Enforcement, presented Mr. Bacogeorge's request along with the Planning Staff Report to the Council members and the citizens present. Public water and sewer are available through the County water line and a forced sewer main on Oak Ridge Road.

Mayor Brattain asked if there were any questions and /or comments from the citizens. Citizen and adjoining property owner, Anabel Speight, started her comments by saying she was originally concerned with the water flow/drainage, types of business that would appear, what view this would have on the proposed "Town Center" for the Town of Red Cross and security issues relating to the back areas of the property planned for self storage and larger units for RV's and boats. Mr. Bacogeorge presented an impressive site plan for the group to see, showing water retainage pond for drainage, screening landscape along setback areas (per town ordinance), proposed hours of access between 7 AM and 11 PM, adequate area lighting (per town ordinance), and existing wooded areas to remain. Land uses include barber/beauty salon, dine-in restaurant, bookstore, boutique, coffee/soda/bakery shop, yoga studio, insurance office, pharmacy.

After speaking with Mr. Bacogeorge on several occasions and observing the site plans he presented, Mrs. Speight stated she is agreeable with the rezoning, especially since he promised her a restaurant.

A friend of Mr. & Mrs. Bacogeorge, and also a past resident of the Red Cross area, Mr. Everette Curlee, asked to speak to those present on behalf of the couple, stating he has known them for many years and wanted to assure the Town of Red Cross they would be an asset to the town as owners and/or residents.

With no further comments, Mayor Brattain called for a motion to close the Public Hearing. **Motion #1315** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee to **close the Public Hearing.**

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Council Meeting March 9, 2020

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain
Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee,
Trina Plowman
Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: P & Z Board Members Trina Eudy, Thelma Tomberlin, Dale Burris and Harry Williams, Michael Sandy, P & Z Enforcement Officer and 5 citizens

Mayor Brattain opened the meeting: J. J. Curlee gave the invocation.

The **Agenda** was approved by **Motion** #1316 made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting approval with no opposition.

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of February 10, 2020, were presented. Motion #1317 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the minutes, all voting in approval with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of February, 2020, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1318** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of February**, 2020; Council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee no report Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee, - no report

Zoning: Trina Plowman, no report

OLD BUSINESS - none

Mayor Brattain called for comments/discussion on the Public Hearing held prior to the current council meeting regarding the rezoning request by Mr. Bacogeorge. Councilmember J. J. Curlee stated that after viewing the material presented and the favorable comments from citizens, he made **Motion #1319**, second by Trina Plowman, to approve **the request for rezoning**, **from RA to GB**, all in favor with no opposition.

Council discussed the need to have a workshop meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 7:00 PM, to discuss the current FY budget and the new budget for FY 2020-2021.

There were no further comments from citizens.

There were no further comments from council.

Motion #1320 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to adjourn the meeting.

8:00 P.M. March 9, 2020 Kelly Brattain, Mayor A. Whitley, Admin.

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Council Meeting April 13, 2020

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain
Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee,
Trina Plowman
Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: none

Mayor Brattain opened the meeting: Trina Plowman gave the invocation.

The **Agenda** was approved by **Motion** #1321 made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting approval with no opposition.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of March 9, 2020 were presented. Motion #1322 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the minutes with no opposition.

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of March 9, 2020, were presented. Motion #1323 was made by Trina Plowman, second by J.J. Curlee, to accept the minutes, all voting in approval with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of March, 2020, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1324** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of March**, **2020**; Council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee no report Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee, - no report

Zoning: Trina Plowman, no report

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Brattain called for comments/discussion for an amendment to the current year's budget. There being none, **Motion #1325** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to approve the **First Amendment to the Budget for FY 2019-2020**, with no opposition.

Mayor Brattain called for comments and discussion on the Preliminary Budget for the FY 2020-2021. There being none, **Motion #1326** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the **Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021**, all in favor with no opposition.

Council was presented a proclamation from the Stanly County Board of Commissioners regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, requesting all municipalities be included under the **County's Proclamation of a State of Emergency**. **Motion #1327** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, for the Town of Red Cross to be included in the proclamation, all in favor with no opposition.

An additional charge was added to a previously submitted quote by **Shaver's Lawn Service**. Additional work of removing tree stumps and roots left by a previous business had to be done in order for Shaver to begin their landscaping work. **Motion # 1328** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, that the additional charge was legitimate and should be paid.

There were no comments from citizens.

There were no further comments from council.

Motion #1329 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to adjourn the meeting.

8:30 P.M. April 13, 2020 Kelly Brattain, Mayor A. Whitley, Admin.

Town of Red Cross Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING May 11, 2020 7:00 PM

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing for the First Reading of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Trina Plowman, 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 Brattain 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 #1330** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to **close the Public Hearing**.

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Council Meeting May 11, 2020

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain
Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee,
Trina Plowman
Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Ray Quick, Michael Sandy

Mayor Brattain opened the meeting: Trina Plowman gave the invocation.

The **Agenda** was approved as presented by **Motion** #1337 made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting approval with no opposition.

The **Minutes of the Public Hearing held on May 11, 2020** for the first reading of the proposed budget for the new Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was approved with **Motion #1338** made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting approval.

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of May 11, 2020, were presented. Motion #1339 was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the minutes, all voting in approval with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of May, 2020, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1340** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of May, 2020**; Council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee no report Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee, - no report

Zoning: Trina Plowman, no report

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion and vote on the proposed Budget for the new Fiscal Year 2020-2021. There being none, **Motion #1341** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to **approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**, all voting approval.

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion regarding the **renewal contract** with the **Stanly County Sheriff's Department for the Police Protection for the Town of Red Cross**. Having reviewed the contract prior to the meeting, Council had no discussion. **Motion #1342** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, all approving the motion.

The West Stanly Fire Department had requested an increase of their tax rate with the Stanly County Commissioners. However the increase was denied. Therefore the contract presented to the West Stanly Fire Department was accepted as presented to them.

Mayor Brattain presented a contract from C. K. Earnhardt & Son, Inc. for the extension of Town Hall Drive to use Powell Bill Funds. Motion #1343 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman to accept the contract.

Each election year the Council must pass a **Filing Fee** for anyone filing for an office with the Town of Red Cross. **Motion #1344** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to keep the filing fee as it is currently - \$15.

There were no comments from citizens.

Mayor Brattain discussed with Council the need to obtain quotes for the proposed building from last FY for the storage of the recycle carts. The architect from last year responded to the request for a quote. He will be presenting the plans to Cory Lawhon. At lease two other quotes need to be obtained.

Motion #1335 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman to adjourn the meeting.

7:30 P.M. May 11, 2020 Kelly Brattain, Mayor A. Whitley, Admin.

Town of Red Cross Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING June 8, 2020 7:00 PM

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing for the second reading of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Trina Plowman, 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 Brattain 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 #1336** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman to **close the Public Hearing**.

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Council Meeting June 8, 2020

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain
Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee,
Trina Plowman
Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Ray Quick, Michael Sandy

Mayor Brattain opened the meeting: Trina Plowman gave the invocation.

The **Agenda** was approved as presented by **Motion** #1337 made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting approval with no opposition.

The **Minutes of the Public Hearing held on May 11, 2020** for the first reading of the proposed budget for the new Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was approved with **Motion #1338** made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting approval.

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of May 11, 2020, were presented. Motion #1339 was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the minutes, all voting in approval with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of May, 2020, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, Motion #1340 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the Town's expenditures for the month of May, 2020; Council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee no report Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee, - no report Zoning: Trina Plowman, no report

OLD BUSINESS - none

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion and vote on the proposed Budget for the new Fiscal Year 2020-2021. There being none, **Motion #1341** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to **approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**, all voting approval.

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion regarding the **renewal contract** with the **Stanly County Sheriff's Department for the Police Protection for the Town of Red Cross**. Having reviewed the contract prior to the meeting, Council had no discussion. **Motion #1342** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, all approving the motion.

The West Stanly Fire Department had requested an increase of their tax rate with the Stanly County Commissioners. However the increase was denied. Therefore the contract presented to the West Stanly Fire Department was accepted as presented to them.

Mayor Brattain presented a contract from C. K. Earnhardt & Son, Inc. for the extension of Town Hall Drive to use Powell Bill Funds. Motion #1343 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman to accept the contract.

Each election year the Council must pass a **Filing Fee** for anyone filing for an office with the Town of Red Cross. **Motion #1344** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to keep the filing fee as it is currently - \$15.

The Cabarrus Stanly Union Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan was formed in 2014 by the three counties to combine resources to reduce the long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards and to remain eligible to receive state and federal assistance in the even of a declared disaster. Representatives from the three counties have met over the last two years to update the plan. Once the plan is final, all counties and municipalities must pass a Resolution to adopt it before FEMA and the NC Division of Emergency Management will approve the plan. Motion #1345 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman to approve the Resolution to adopt the Cabarrus Stanly Union Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, all voting in approval.

Final invoices for the Workers' Comp and Property and Liability Insurance coverages were received and presented to the Council. Both invoices agreed to the previous proposals received for the policies administered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

The Blackboard Connect contract with Stanly County Emergency Management will expire on June 30, 2020; however Brian Simpson said the contract is in the process of being updated.

Mr. Bob Remsburg has been closely working with Mr. Peter J. Sabo, the Partnership Specialist with the Census Bureau for our region for Census 2020. Starting in April, the Town of Red Cross has led Stanly County municipalities in the number of responses to the 2020 surveys. As of July 7, Red Cross has a 73.6% response rate.

Comments from citizens: Ray Quick was in attendance and presented Council with the "Red Cross" sign which was at the crossroads of Hwy. 205 and NC 24-27 prior to the incorporation of the town. Plans are to display the sign at an appropriate place at Town Hall. He also presented a storage box containing a flag presented to the Town by Bobby Harold Barbee, which was flown over the state capitol on the day the Town of Red Cross was officially incorporated by the General Assembly, August 1, 2002. Also in the box are notes of the many meetings held in preparation for the incorporation taken by citizen, Miss Linda Yow, and many newspaper articles pertaining to the happenings for the newly formed Town of Red Cross. Mayor Brattain expressed appreciation to Mr. Quick and assured all the items of the young Town's history are appreciated and will be well taken care of.

There being no other comments by citizens or council, **Motion #1346** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman to adjourn the meeting.

7:50 P.M. June 8, 2020

Kelly Brattain, Mayor A. Whitley, Admin.

Town Of Red Cross

Minutes of Emergency Called Meeting

June 30, 2020

Present: Mayor Kelly Brattain, Council Members J. J. Curlee, Trina Plowman

A special called meeting was held to make an adjustment to the current years Budget for the Town of Red Cross. Two accounts were adjusted – **Account #504 – Administrative Expenses, from which \$1,000.00 was moved to Account #617** – Payroll Expense, Zoning Officer Michael Sandy.

Motion # 1347 was made by J. J. Curlee to approve the adjustment to the Budget, second by Trina Plowman, all in favor of the adjustment.

There being no other business, **Motion #1348** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman to **close the Emergency Called Meeting**.

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Council Meeting July 13, 2020

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain
Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee,
Trina Plowman
Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: none

Invocation was given by J. J. Curlee

The **Agenda** was adjusted to at three items submitted late (Shaver's Lawn Care, School of Government, CVB) and approved by **Motion** #1349 made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting approval with no opposition.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of June 8, 2020 were presented. Motion #1350 was made to approve the minutes by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman.

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of June 8, 2020, were presented. Motion #1351 was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the minutes, all voting in approval with no opposition.

The Minutes of the Emergency Called Meeting on June 30, 2020 were presented. Motion #1352 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman to accept the Minutes.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of June, 2020, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There was an item that Aloma Whitley needed to go over with the accountant on the financial reports. Council **accepted the checkbook register for the month of July, 2020**, by **Motion #1353**, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman. Council were in agreement to receive the financial reports for the month of July, 2020, at the August meeting.

Fire Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee no report Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee, - no report

Zoning: Trina Plowman, no report

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion and vote on the Contract submitted to the Town of Red Cross by William R. Huneycutt, CPA, PLLC, to prepare the audit for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Motion #1354 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to approve the contract with Mr. Huneycutt to prepare the audit.

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion regarding the "re-submitted" **renewal contract** with the **Stanly County Sheriff's Department for the Police Protection for the Town of Red Cross**. A legal issue required the contract be resubmitted. Having reviewed the contract prior to the meeting, Council had no discussion. **Motion #1355** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all approving the motion.

According to Brian Simpson of the Stanly County Emergency Management Department. the renewal contract with the Blackboard Connect is still being negotiated.

Mayor Brattain presented the contract from **Shaver's Lawn Service** (Kelly Shaver) for the "Monthly Landscape Management Agreement" for the Town of Red Cross. Kelly's monthly fee (\$532.84) has not changed for 4 years. The new quote - \$672.83 per month - is an increase of \$139.99 per month. Being well pleased with the appearance of the grounds and compliments from the public, council were in agreement to accept the quote from Kelly Shaver for the **Fiscal Year 2020-2021**. **Motion #1356** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman to accept the contract.

Mayor Brattain presented the annual dues for the **School of Government Foundation, Inc.** in the amount of \$103.10. **Motion #1357** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to approve payment of the dues.

Mayor Brattain presented the annual dues for the Stanly County Convention and Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$774.00. Motion #1358 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to approve payment of the dues.

There were no comments from citizens.

There were no comments from council.

Motion #1359 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to **adjourn the meeting**.

7:15 P.M. July 13, 2020

Kelly Brattain, Mayor Aloma Whitley, Admin.

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Council Meeting August 10, 2020

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain
Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee,
Trina Plowman
Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Michael Sandy, Planning, Zoning and Enforcement Officer

Invocation was given by Trina Plowman

The **Agenda** was adjusted to at two items submitted late (Stanly County EMS Contract, Discuss Town Center Planning) and approved by **Motion** #1360 made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting approval with no opposition.

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of July 13, 2020, were presented. Motion #1361 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the minutes, all voting in approval with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of July, 2020, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council **accepted the checkbook register for the month of July, 2020**, by **Motion #1362**, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman,

Fire Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee no report Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee, - no report Zoning: Trina Plowman, no report

OLD BUSINESS – none

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion and vote on the Annual Membership for the NC Association of Municipal Clerks, amount of \$80.00 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Motion #1363 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to approve the Membership fee.

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion and vote on the renewal annual Membership for the **Stanly County Chamber of Commerce** in the amount of \$255.20. Council had no discussion and **Motion #1364** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, approving the motion.

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion and vote on the renewal of the annual membership for the **Rocky River Rural Planning Organization**, amount of \$190.33. **Motion #1365** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to approve the renewal.

Trina Plowman, Council Member and Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Board, presented a request for a **Public Hearing at the September 14, 2020** Town Council meeting. The request is to rezone a 12.45 acre parcel, Tax Record 26150, located at 232 West Red Cross Road, from RA to GB (Conditional Whitley Farm) Zoning designation. **Motion #1366** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to grant the Public Hearing.

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion and vote on the renewal of the contract with the County of Stanly for the use of the Blackboard Connect services. The fee for each of the three years of the contract will be: 2020: \$309.37; 2021: \$3.15.54; 2022: \$321.87; Motion #1367 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the terms of the contract for the three year term.

Michael Sandy told the Board that he has begun to explore the plans for Town Center, which will be quite a task, as far as all that is involved with permits, approvals, etc. He also stated that the representative for the Whitley Farm family, Gary Stewart, has experience and asked if the Board would like for Mr. Sandy to invite him to the next meeting to begin a discussion on the project, and the Board agreed.

Mr. Sandy also told the Board he had been in contact with a party who is exploring a project of a cell tower close in the area, but told the board that there is a LOT of details involved in a project like this, and will keep them posted on the project.

There were no comments from council.

Motion #1368 was made by J. J, Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to adjourn the meeting.

7:35 P. M. August 10, 2020 Kelly Brattain, Mayor Aloma Whitley, Admin.

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Public Hearing September 14, 2020

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing addressing Petition RZ2020-02.

Michael Sandy presented the petition filed by Whitley Family Farm, requesting to rezone a 12.45 acre parcel Tax Record 26150 located on West Red Cross Road, Oakboro, NC. This request is for rezoning from RA to HB (Conditional Whitley Farm) Zoning designation.

Michael Sandy, Planning and Rezoning Enforcement, along with Gary Stewart of Stewart Land Group, presenting the Whitley family, presented illustrations of different conditional uses which would be subject to the approval of the Planning and Zoning Board. Whitley Family member, Terri Barbee, expressed that the family wanted the property to be an asset to the Town of Red Cross. Dale Burris commented that it would be a desirable addition to the Town, especially with the Conditional Use requirement.

After no further comments, **Motion #1369** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to **close the Public Hearing.**

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Council Meeting September 14, 2020

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee,

Trina Plowman

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Michael Sandy, Dale Burris, Thelma Tomberlin, Gary Stewart, Terri Barbee, Nell

Beam

Invocation was given by J.J. Curlee

The **Agenda** was approved by **Motion** #1370 made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting approval with no opposition.

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of August 10, 2020, were presented. Motion #1371 was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the minutes, all voting in approval with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the months of July and August, 2020, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council **approved the financial reports for the months of July and August, 2020**, by **Motion #1372**, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman,

Fire Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee no report Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee, - no report Zoning: Trina Plowman, no report

OLD BUSINESS - none

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion and vote on the Public Hearing held prior to the current Council meeting concerning the Whitley Farm property, requesting a rezoning change from RA to HB (Conditional Whitley Farm) Zoning designation. Michael Sandy commented that after the meetings with several of the adjoining land owners who were presented illustrations of the different conditional uses which would be allowed, subject to the approval of the Planning and Zoning Board, all comments were favorable. Two family members were present who expressed the family's desire for the property to become a desirable change for the Town of Red Cross. There being no questions or comments from Council, J. J. Curlee made Motion #1373, seconded by Trina Plowman, to grant the zoning change from RA to HB (Conditional) Zoning designation.

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion and vote on the renewal of the Town's Certificate of Deposit #3 (Account #---1874), which will mature on 9-17-2020 for another one-year term at the new current interest rate (rate not available till that day). Motion #1374 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to let the Certificate automatically renew on the maturity date.

Michael Sandy presented the Scope of Services Proposal to the Council for the beginning of the Master Plan for the Town Center. After discussion of the total cost, Council asked if the Plan could be presented in phases, and therefore less cost at one time than the total. Mr. Gary Stewart agreed to do that and will present the phases at the next Council meeting in October.

There were no citizen comments.

There were no further council comments.

There being no further business, **Motion #1375** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to **adjourn the meeting.**

8:00 P. M. Kelly Brattain, Mayor September 14, 2020 Aloma Whitley, Admin.

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Council Meeting October 12, 2020

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee, Trina Plowman

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Michael Sandy, Phil Love

Invocation was given by Trina Plowman

The **Agenda** was **adjusted** to add two items (1- proclamation for "Thank You for Your Service"; 2- presentation to the Board by Gary Stewart, representing Burton Engineering Associates, of the revised contract) **Motion** #1376 made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting approval with no opposition.

The **Minutes of the Public Hearing of September 14, 2020** were presented. Petition **RZ2020-02**, filed by the Whitley Family Farm, requested a Zoning designation from RA to HB (Conditional Whitley Farm). **Motion #1377** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing.

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of September 14, 2020, were presented. Motion #1378 was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the minutes, all voting in approval with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the months of September, 2020, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council **approved** the financial reports for the month of September, 2020, by Motion #1379, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman,

Fire Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee no report Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee, - no report

Zoning: Trina Plowman, no report

OLD BUSINESS – none

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion and vote on the renewal of the **contract** with Phil Love for the mowing of the fields around Town Hall. The contract is renewed each year from November 1 to October 31. Motion #1380 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to again renew the contract, all in favor of the motion.

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion and vote on the renewal of the **Town's** contract with Michael Sandy to serve as the Town's Zoning Enforcement Officer. The contract is "extended for additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of the parties". Mr. Sandy has requested for his title to be "Town Planner" and/or "Zoning Enforcement Officer", depending of which work designation he is performing. Motion #1381 was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to agree to the terms of renewal of the contract, all in favor of the motion.

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion and vote on **Amendment#1** to the current **Town of Red Cross Budget for 2020-2021**. The added projects of the Town: **1** – preparing a Town Center Master Plan, and **2** - Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes requiring major recodification and modernization of city and county development regulations (Land Use Plan); has and continues to require additional hours of work for Town Planner/Zoning Officer Michael Sandy. Account #617 – Payroll Expense/Enforcement Officer, was requested to be increased from \$7,000 to \$17,000. **Motion #1382** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all in favor of the motion, to make the requested change.

The Stanly County Register of Deeds office has continued the annual "Thank You For Your Service" event to extend to all veterans graditude for their service in the military to serve and protect our country. A proclamation is requested from the municipalities of the county to honor the veterans by this event. Motion #1383 was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to grant the Proclamation on behalf of the Town of Red Cross, all in favor of the motion.

At the September 14 Town Council meeting, Michael Sandy and Gary Stewart, representing the Burton Engineering Associates, were asked if the **Scope of Services Proposal** could be presented in phases. Mr. Stewart agreed to do so and presented the phases at the current October 12 meeting. The Phase I: Goal Setting Analysis and Programming – \$36,500.00; Phase II: Concept Development, Community Meeting, Preferred Concept Plan, and Final Presentation - \$49,500.00. **Motion #1384** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman to accept the contract as presented in the phases of service, all in favor of the motion.

There were no comments from citizens.

There were no comments from Council.

There being no further business, **Motion #1385** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to **adjourn the meeting.**

7:31 P. M. October 12, 2020 Kelly Brattain, Mayor Aloma Whitley, Admin.

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Council Meeting November 9, 2020

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee, Trina Plowman

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Michael Sandy

Invocation was given by J. J. Curlee

The Agenda was approved by Motion #1386 made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting approval with no opposition.

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of October 12, 2020, were presented. Motion #1387 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the minutes, all voting in approval with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of October, 2020, was presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council approved the financial reports for the month of October, 2020, by Motion #1388, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman,

Fire Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee no report Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee, - no report

Zoning: Trina Plowman, no report

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Brattain called for comments, discussion and vote on the renewal of two CD's - #4 and #6 – both to renew on November 17, 2020. Motion #1389 was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to renew both CD's, all in favor of the motion.

The draft of the Land Use Plan update required by Chapter 170D of he North Carolina General Statutes has been presented to the Planning and Zoning Board for review and approval. On approval, the draft will then be presented to Town Council at the December 14, 2020, Council meeting for approval to hold a Public Hearing at the January 2021 meeting.

Michael Sandy, P & Z Officer, contacted Paul Petitgout, President of Lowry's Environmental and Ecological Services, LLC, to get a proposal for a Preliminary Wetland Evaluation of the immediate area of the Red Cross Town Center area. This Evaluation is another timely step toward the Town Center Master Plan, and after review of the proposal, Motion #1390 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman to accept the proposal, all in agreement.

The Scope of Services Proposal/Contract with Burton Engineering accepted by Town Council at the October 12, 2020, meeting suggested the Town of Red Cross assemble a Steering Committee. This committee, composed of members of the public and private sectors of Stanly County, would meet once a month for 6-7 months, to become acquainted with the Town Center area, the opinions of the citizen survey, a look at what other small towns have accomplished and developed, etc. The first meeting was held on December 3, 2020. Present, along with Aloma Whitley, chairman, Dale Burris, Planning and Zoning Board, Mayor Kelly Brattain, were Candice Lowder, Director, Stanly County Economic Development, Dr. Reese Linnell, Small Business Center, SCC, Marc Morgan, NCDOT, Brooke Senter, Uwharrie Bank, Travis Alley, Contractor, Allan McGuire, Architect, Jimmy Bacogeorge, Restaurant Owner, Johnny McManus, Business Owner. Also present were the Planning Team – (absent – Carlton Burton, Burton Engineering), Matthew Graham, Burton Engineering, Gary Stewart, Stewart Land Group, David Williams, Community Planner, Kenn Bullock, Town Center Planner/Urban Designer, Michael Sandy, Red Cross Town Planner.

Michael Sandy presented the draft for a **Minimum Housing Ordinance 2020-001** for review by Council. Upon approval, a **Public Hearing** is requested for **December 14**, **2020**. **Motion #1391** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to approve the Public Hearing, all in agreement.

There were no comments from citizens.

There were no comments from Council.

There being no further business, **Motion #1392** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to **adjourn the meeting.**

7:40 P. M. Kelly Brattain, Mayor November 9, 2020 Aloma Whitley, Admin.

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Public Hearing December 14, 2020

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing addressing the **adoption of a Residential Minimum Housing Maintenance Standard Ordinance.**

Michael Sandy presented the ordinance establishing provision for the maintenance of residential buildings and premises in the Town of Red Cross, North Carolina, and providing for the administration, enforcement and amendment thereof; made in accordance with the provision of the State of North Carolina General Statutes 160D-1201 as amended.

After no further comments, **Motion #1393** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to **close the Public Hearing.**

Town of Red Cross Minutes of Council Meeting December 14, 2020

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee, Trina Plowman

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Michael Sandy, Wendell Copeland, Crystal McCall, Rodney Plowman, Freda Brattain, Daniel Brattain, Brenda Peeler, Kenneth McKinney, Leonard Bessone,

Invocation was given by Trina Plowman.

The **Agenda** was **approved by Motion** #1394 made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting approval with no opposition.

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of November 9, 2020, were presented. Motion #1395 was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the minutes, all voting in approval with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of November, 2020, was presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council **approved** the financial reports for the month of November, 2020, by Motion #1396, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman,

Fire Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee no report Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee, - no report

Zoning: Trina Plowman – P & Z Board met on December 1, and approved the Draft of the

updated Land Use Plan to be presented to Town Council for review

OLD BUSINESS – none

The first order of business was the administration of the Oaths of Office to the newly elected Mayor, Kelly Brattain, and to the newly elected Council members, Trina Plowman and Melvin Poole. The oaths were administered by Aloma Whitley, Notary Public, Town Administrator.

The draft of the **updated Land Use Plan**, required by Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes, was presented to Town Council after approval by the Planning and Zoning Board, to request a **Public Hearing at the January 11, 2021** meeting of the Town Council. **Motion #1397** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all in agreement.

The Council was presented a copy of the Preliminary Wetland Evaluation, prepared by Paul Petitgout, President of Lowrys Environmental & Ecological Services, LLC. This is another important step in the project of the planning phase of the Town of Red Cross Master Plan.

The Public Hearing for the Residential Minimum Housing Maintenance Standard Ordinance for the Town of Red Cross was held prior to the current Council meeting. Councilman Poole had concerns regarding various items in the draft of the Ordinance. Council was in agreement to table this item until the January 11, 2021, meeting, for further study and understanding. Council was asked to prepare a list of concerns for Michael Sandy, P & Z Officer, and submit to him within 2 weeks.

Mayor Brattain opened a discussion of subdivisions within the Town's limits which currently have unpaved streets, and the possible use of Powell Bill funds to improve those streets. Several citizens were present at the meeting and presented pictures of damage caused by many of the rain episodes during 2020 on Deerfield Lane off Jacob Road. Other unpaved streets which were mentioned for consideration of improvements were Jet Drive, Hunter Court, Morning Dove, and Pecan Grove. Motion #1398 was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee, to begin planning for the paving of Deerfield Lane.

The need for a replacement copy machine had become apparent in recent months with the larger "booklet" type reports prepared for Planning and Zoning members as well as Council members to review. After reviewing three different companies for the option of leasing a printer, Sharp Business Systems presented a contract for free copies for the first year and a monthly fee of \$79.13. Clients included four local towns and a local church, and a service tech who lives locally. **Motion #1399** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the **lease contract with Sharp Business Systems**.

There were no citizens comments.

There were no further council comments.

Motion #1400 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Melvin Poole to adjourn the meeting.

8:00 P. M. Kelly Brattain, Mayor December 14, 2020 Aloma Whitley, Admin.