

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
January 10, 2022**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: Melvin Poole,
Trina Plowman, Karen Smith
Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Brenda Reeder, Michael Sandy, Dale Burris, Thelma and Rodney Tomberlin, Tracy and Lisa Lowder, Gary Stewart, Carlton Burton, (NCDOT) M. Pate Butler, Jeff Littlefield

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

The **Agenda** was approved by **Motion #1489** made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman , Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

The **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of December 13, 2021** were presented. **Motion #1490** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the minutes; Vote: 3 Yea, 9 Nay

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of December, 2021, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1491** was made by Karen Smith, second by Melvin Poole, to accept the Town’s **expenditures for the month of December, 2021**; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report
Police Protection: Melvin Poole, no report
Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole no report
Waste Collection: Karen Smith, no report
Zoning: Karen Smith , no report

OLD BUSINESS –

No word has been received from John Bridgers, Land Records Consultant with the Secretary of State’s office. Aloma Whitley will attempt to contact him or someone else.

The letter had been mailed to all citizens who **live** in Red Cross and have access to the Waste Management waste roll-out carts. The letter stressed the requirement to put all

trash in closed bags before throwing into the carts. This will help prevent the trash blowing out of the trucks when it is dumped into the trash receptacle on the truck.

Budget **Amendment #1** was made to the **2021-2022 Budget for the Town of Red Cross**. Michael Sandy requested to be paid as “Professional Fees” instead of regular payroll. The Amendment #1 will move funds from the Enforcement Officer Account to the Professional Fees Account. **Motion #1492** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: Yea 3, Nay 0.

Filing fees for 2022 Elections must be approved by motion and vote of the Council in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 163-291.3. After discussion, Melvin Poole made **Motion #1493** to reduce the **filing fee to \$10.00**, a \$5.00 reduction than the fee was set for the last several years; Trina Plowman second the motion; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

A PowerPoint presentation was given by M. Pate Butler and Jeff Littlefield, of the NCDOT, of five intersections within the Town of Red Cross which have been studied for safety improvements resulting from traffic count growth and accident history. The intersections were all with NC 24/27 and were: West Stanly High School, NC 205, Smith Grove Road, Bethel Church Road, and Running Creek Church Rd./Pless Mill Road. The State DOT will seek the funds for the work; the work is at least 3 years out. Mr. Butler and Mr. Pate requested from the Town a Resolution of Support for the improvements. Council tabled the matter to next month’s meeting.

Gary Stewart spoke with Council to offer his professional services to contact and assist people/companies who have an interest in the future development of the Town Center. He was instrumental in the Town Center Master Plan process and has the knowledge and expertise to advise and inform anyone with information included in the Master Plan. Council thanked him for his time and will keep his offer close in mind.

Citizen Tracy Lowder asked about when work on the plans for Town Center would begin.

There were no council comments.

Motion #1495 was made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith, to adjourn the meeting.

8:50 P.M.
January 10, 2022

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
A. Whitley, Admin.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
February 14, 2022**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: Melvin Poole,
Trina Plowman, Karen Smith
Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Brenda Reeder, Tracy and Lisa Lowder, other citizens

Mayor Brattain opened the meeting; Karen Smith gave the invocation.

The **Agenda** was adjusted, to replace the Closed Session item, by speaker Lt. Ted Haigler, Stanly County Sheriff's Office, by **Motion #1496** made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith, Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

The **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of January 10, 2022** were presented. **Motion #1497** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the minutes; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of January, 2022, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1498** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of January, 2022**; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report
Police Protection: Melvin Poole, no report
Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole no report
Waste Collection: Karen Smith, no report
Zoning: Karen Smith , no report

OLD BUSINESS –

Attempts will continue to obtain information regarding the State Plane Coordinates matter introduced by John Bridgers of the Secretary of State office.

A PowerPoint presentation was given to Council by M. Pate Butler and Jeff Littlefield of NCDOT on January 10, 2022, regarding future changes to five intersections in

the Town. The DOT is requesting a “RESOLUTION REGARDING SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTIONS OF NC HWY. 24/27 WITH WEST STANLY HIGH SCHOOL, NC 205, SMITH GROVE ROAD, BETHEL CHURCH ROAD, AND RUNNING CREEK CHURCH ROAD/PLESS MILL ROAD” from the Town of Red Cross. The State would seek funds for the projects. Council requested the matter be tabled to the February meeting in order to have more time to study and absorb more understanding of the changes as illustrated on the map illustrations provided. **Motion #1499** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 0 for Yea, 3 for Nay in **opposition to the Resolution.**

Lt. Mike (Ted) Haigler, who has been in charge of the officers and hours of patrol of the Town of Red Cross, spoke at the meeting, saying he would be retiring on April 1 from the Sheriff’s Office and wanted to introduce two deputies who would be assuming his duties of patrol to the Town. They are Lt. George Miller and Lt. Joe Harwood, both who have been with the Stanly County Sheriff’s office for many years. With the near-future development of the property on Hatley-Burris Road of approximately 200+ houses coming to the Town, the extra person in charge of the patrol will be needed.

The Town Council discussed the need to re-adopt, re-affirm a RESOLUTION FOR REASONABLE RULES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. According to G.S. 160A-81 and G.S. 160A-81.1, the governing body may adopt reasonable rules fixing the maximum time allotted per speaker, **which will be 3 minutes**, and provide for the “**maintenance and decorum (behavior)**” of a meeting. **Motion #1500, to re-adopt and re-affirm said Resolution**, made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith; Vote: 3 Yay, 0 Nay.

Citizen Comments: There were expected to be a number of citizens who wished to speak, and therefore were asked to sign a roster. **(Further work will be made to this record of speakers in this session, listing the speakers and their statements and opinions, and will be presented at the next scheduled Council meeting.)**

Mayor Brattain thanked the citizens who attended the meeting and for being very cordial while giving their comments.

Motion #1501 was made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith, to adjourn the meeting.

8:50 P.M.
February 14, 2022

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
A. Whitley, Admin.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
March 14, 2022**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: Melvin Poole,
Trina Plowman, Karen Smith
Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Brenda Reeder, Larry Allen, Michael Sandy, Andrew Smith, Gary Stewart, other citizens

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

The **Agenda** was accepted as presented, by **Motion #1502** made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

The **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of February 14, 2022** were presented. **Motion #1503** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the minutes; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of February, 2022, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1504** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of February, 2022**; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Police Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole, replacement signs ordered for Pless Mill/W. Red Cross

Waste Collection: Karen Smith, no report

Zoning: Karen Smith - the Planning and Zoning Board approved the Amendment to the Conditional Use for the Whitley Farm property to add RV Sales and Service at a Special Called Meeting on March 9, 2022

OLD BUSINESS –

Attempts will continue to obtain information regarding the State Plane Coordinates matter introduced by John Bridgers of the Secretary of State office.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Renewal form for the **Deer Urban Archery Season for the January 14 – February 19, 2023**, was presented; after brief discussion, **Motion #1505** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith; Vote was 3 Yea, 0 Nay to renew the application.

Motion #1506 was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, to **go into Closed Session to discuss legal matters**; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Motion #1507 was made by Melvin Poole, second by: Karen Smith, to **go back into Open Session**” Vote 3 Yea, 0 Nay.

In Open Session:

Citizen Comments: Citizen Larry Allen spoke of his desire for the Town to remain a small, rural setting with low taxes; does not like the Master Plan with the dense housing.

Council Comments: there were none

Motion #1508 was made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith, to adjourn the meeting.

8:00 P.M.
March 14, 2022

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
A. Whitley, Admin.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
April 11, 2022**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: Melvin Poole,
Trina Plowman, Karen Smith
Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Brenda Reeder, Michael Sandy, Andrew Smith, Tracy and Lisa Smith, Todd Smith, Charles Curcio, Wendell Copeland, Wayne Brooks, other citizens

Mayor Brattain opened the meeting and gave the invocation.

The **Agenda** was adjusted to correct numbering of items, **Motion #1509** made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith, Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

The **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of March 14, 2022** were presented. **Motion #1510** was made by Trina Plowman second by Karen Smith, to accept the minutes; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of March, 2022, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1511** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of March, 2022**; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report
Police Protection: Melvin Poole, no report
Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole,
Waste Collection: Karen Smith, no report
Zoning: Karen Smith -

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS:

Marilyn Wells, Waste Management Manager of Municipal and Community Relations, addressed Council regarding a new contract, replacing the older contract that has

automatically renewed for the Town of Red Cross since the original contract began January 1, 2004, for 3 ½ years, with an automatic extension for 2 years, to June 30, 2009. A First Amendment was signed at that time, extending the contract for 5 years, until June 30, 2014. A Second Amendment was signed on February 14, 2011, to add curbside recycling services and extend the term of the contract to June 30, 2016, with an automatic extension of 2-year terms (currently through June 30, 2022). As with practically all businesses since the “worldwide” covid pandemic, it has become necessary to adjust rates to meet rising costs as well as inflationary costs, and let Council know she will be more than available to answer any questions regarding the new contract. Council will review the new contract and be prepared for a vote at the May 9, 2022, meeting.

Debbie Bennett, Stanly County Health Department presented to Council and all present the results of the county-wide survey requested from citizens last year, with an impressive PowerPoint presentation.

Lee Snuggs, along with Scott Miller and Stewart Brasham from NCDOT, were present regarding the previous presentation of improvements to 5 intersections along NC 24/27. Unfortunately, the Resolution was not approved by Council in the February Council meeting; this information was inadvertently NOT relayed to DOT.

Michael Sandy requested to schedule a Public Hearing for May 9, 2022, to present two Interlocal Agreements with the Town of Oakboro.

Ginger Efird, a conservative candidate for the Clerk of Court of Stanly County, addressed the attendance, stating her years of experience and career with the District Attorney’s office and knowledge of the operations of the clerk of court’s office.

In comments from citizens: A request was made by citizen(s) to mail out to ALL citizens of the Town, a copy of the “map” of the “master plan” in order to get more citizens to attend meetings to express their disapproval.

In comments from Council – A handout was given to the Mayor and Council of an incident in the City of Albemarle, Manager’s office of a “1st Amendment Visitor”, who is to be allowed access to all public spaces and treated with kindness and respect. This visitor was videotaping his interactions with City staff. Often times these visitors will try and engage the staff in an effort to get a negative response, so they can videotape the negative reaction and share it via social media. If there are questions or concerns, staff are advised to refer to the County’s “facilities access policy”, a copy of which was given to Council members.

There being no further action, **Motion #1512** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, to adjourn the meeting.

8:40 P.M.
April 11, 2022

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
A. Whitley, Admin.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
May 9, 2022**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: Melvin Poole (arriving at 7:20; family matter),
Trina Plowman, Karen Smith

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Brenda Reeder, Michael Sandy, Andrew Smith, Tracy and Lisa Lowder, Todd Smith, Mike and Ellen Hinson,

Mayor Brattain opened the meeting and gave the invocation.

The **Agenda** was approved as presented, **Motion #1513** made by Trina Plowman, second by Karen Smith, Vote: 2 Yea, 0 Nay

The **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of April 11, 2022** were presented. **Motion #1514** was made by Trina Plowman second by Karen Smith, to accept the minutes; Vote: 2 Yea, 0 Nay

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of April, 2022, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1515** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of April, 2022**; Vote: 2 Yea, 0 Nay

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report
Police Protection: Melvin Poole, no report
Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole,
Waste Collection: Karen Smith, no report
Zoning: Karen Smith -

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS:

Marilyn Wells, Waste Management Manager of Municipal and Community Relations, presented a new contract for the Town of Red Cross. The original contract began January 1, 2004, for 3 ½ years, with an automatic extension for 2 years, to June 30, 2009. A First Amendment was signed at that time, extending the contract for 5 years, until June 30, 2014. A Second Amendment was signed on February 14, 2011, to add curbside recycling services and extend the term of the contract to June 30, 2016, with an automatic extension of 2-year terms (currently through June 30, 2022). As with practically all businesses, since the “worldwide” covid pandemic, it has become necessary to adjust rates to meet rising costs as well as inflationary costs. Ms. Wells let Council know she would be more than available to answer any questions regarding the new contract. Discussion, questions; **Motion #1516** was made by Karen Smith; second by Trina Plowman, to **accept the new contract with Waste Management.**

The **Public Hearing** was requested by Michael Sandy for June 13, 2022, meeting, for **two Interlocal Agreements** with the Town of Oakboro. **Motion #1517** was made by Trina Plowman, second by Karen Smith; Vote 2 Yea, 0 Nay.

(Melvin Poole joined the meeting at approximately 7:20 PM)

The Ethics Training class, which is a statutory requirement, will be set up for the Mayor and Council within the next few months.

Motion #1518, for a “**Called Meeting**” on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 7:00 PM was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, to **discuss the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023.** Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

The publication was **mistakenly overlooked** for May 3, 2022, for a Public Notice for the First Reading of the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The publication will be in the Stanly News and Press on May 17, 2022, for a “**Special Called Meeting for a Public Hearing on May 23, 2022, for the First Reading of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.**”

Gary Stewart has presented a proposal to Town Council for his contract to represent the Town of Red Cross on an “as needed basis” for inquiries/interest regarding the future Town Center Master Plan. He was a partner with Burton Engineering in the Town Center Master Plan project conducted in 2020-2021. A vote on his contract will be presented at the June 13, 2022, Council meeting.

A copy of the Town Center Master Plan map has been mailed out to citizens at the request of Andrew Smith.

Citizen Comments: Andrew Smith spoke to tell Council he appreciated their time and work contributed as the Council for the Town.

Council Comments:

There being no further action, **Motion #1519** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, Vote: 3 Yea, 0 nay, to adjourn the meeting.

8:40 P.M.
May 9, 2022

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
A. Whitley, Admin.

Town of Red Cross
Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING
May 23, 2022
7:00 PM

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing for First Reading of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. 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.

There being none, he asked for a motion to **close the Public Hearing**. **Motion #1521** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith, to **close the Public Hearing**; Votes: 3, Yea, 0 Nay.

Town Of Red Cross

Minutes of Called Meeting

May 19, 2022

Present: Mayor Kelly Brattain, Council Members Trina Plowman, Karen Smith,
Melvin Poole

Guest: Michael Sandy

A called meeting was held to discuss the Proposed Budget for the Town of Red Cross for Fiscal Year 2022-20223.

After brief discussion that currently no need for any adjustments are seen, **Motion #1519** was made by Melvin Poole, to **approve the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**, second by Trina Plowman; three votes Aye, all in favor with no Nay votes.

There being no other business, **Motion # 1520** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman, to adjourn the **Called Meeting**.

Town of Red Cross
Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING
June 13, 2022
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, 2022 through June 30, 2023. 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.

There being none, he asked for a motion to **close the Public Hearing**. **Motion #1522** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman, to **close the Public Hearing**; Votes: 3, Yea, 0 Nay.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
June 13, 2022**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Karen Smith

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley, Michael Sandy

Guests: Andrew Smith, Tracy and Lisa Lowder, Todd Smith, Wendell Copeland, Tyler Williams, Lionel Hahn, Larry Allen, Victor Dermid

Mayor Brattain opened the meeting, invocation by Melvin Poole.

The **Agenda** was approved as presented, **Motion #1523** made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith, Vote: 3 Yea, 0 No

The **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of May 9, 2022** were presented. **Motion #1524** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the minutes; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 No

The **Minutes of the Called Meeting of May 19, 2022** were presented. **Motion #1525** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 3 Yea 0 No

The **Minutes of the Public Hearing of May 23, 2022** were presented. **Motion #1526** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith. Vote: 3 Yea, 0 No

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of May, 2022, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1527** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of May, 2022**; Vote: 2 Yea, 0 No

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Police Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole, asked for a list of all roads in the Town of Red Cross; (list has been delivered)

Waste Collection: Karen Smith, no report

Zoning: Karen Smith -

OLD BUSINESS – Discussion of the presented contract with Gary Stewart tabled to a later date

NEW BUSINESS:

Brenda Reeder was sworn in to **fill the council seat vacant** since the passing of J. J. Curlee. She has been attending the council meetings for over a year and has become acquainted with the process of Council in the business and discussions of the meetings, and has read the manual from the UNC School of Government, “Suggested Rules of Procedure for a City Council”. She graciously offered to fill the vacant seat. **Motion #1528** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman, to approve Mrs. Reeder to be sworn in to serve on the Town Council; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 No

The Public Hearing for the Second Reading of the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 was held prior to the current Council Meeting. Mayor Brattain asked for any discussion, which there was none. **Motion #1529** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith to **accept the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023**. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 No

The Public Hearing for Two Interlocal Agreements with the Town of Oakboro was postponed to a later date for more time for review by the attorneys.

Council had copies of the Fire Department contracts for review. With no questions or discussion, **Motion #1530** was made by Brenda Reeder, second by Trina Plowman, to **approve the Fire Department contracts with Oakboro, Ridgecrest and West Stanly Fire Departments**; Vote: 4, Yea, 0 No

Council has copies of the audit contract presented by **Mr. Will Huneycutt for the audit of the financial records of fiscal year 2021-2022**. There were no questions; **Motion #1531** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote 4 Yea, 0 No.

The quotes for the **Workers Comp** and **Property & Liability** policies were reviewed by Council. The Workers Comp premium remains the same as last year - \$750.00. The Property and Liability premium is \$2,394.79, an increase of \$96.95 more than the previous year quote. There being no questions or discussion, **Motion #1532** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman, to approve both renewals; Vote: 4, Yea, 0 No.

Gary Stewart has presented a proposal to Town Council for his contract to represent the Town of Red Cross on an “as needed basis” concerning interest in the Town Center Master Plan. **Motion #1533** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman to **table the matter again** for further thought and discussion. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 No

A “**Resolution to Adopt the Town of Red Cross Facilities Public Access Policy** was proposed after receiving information of a “1st Amendment Visitor/Auditor” at the City of Albemarle Managers Office recently. A “1st Amendment Visitor/Auditor” can (may) drop by any department of public offices and must be allowed access to all public spaces and

must be treated with kindness and respect. Often times these individuals will try to engage a staff member in an effort to get a negative reaction to possibly share on social media. Therefore, refer back to kindness and respect”. **Motion #1534** was made by Melvin Poole, Second by Karen Smith, to adopt the “Resolution –“; Vote 4 Yea, 0 No

A “RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A ‘TITLE VI POLICY’ FOR THE TOWN OF RED CROSS TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND IN ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE” a section of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibiting discrimination in any activity financed by federal funds or receiving federal financial assistance, is hereby presented to the Town Council of the Town of Red Cross for adoption. Any municipality in North Carolina which receives any type of financial assistance must have in its records this **‘Title VI Policy’**. **Motion #1535** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman to adopt this Resolution; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 No

Shaver’s Lawn Service submitted a contract for the new Fiscal Year for mowing and care of the lawn at Town Hall for the same amount as the current year. **Motion #1536** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman, to approve the renewal contract; Vote: 4, Yea, 0 No

Comments from citizens: Andrew Smith said the citizens of Red Cross haven’t changed but the Council has changed. He said the Town of Weddington, made a change to its zoning to require a minimum of 40,000 square feet for a home to be built. The Steering Committee of the Master Plan project had only 2 Red Cross people on it; the rest, he considered, would have had a conflict of interest; he thinks the Council meetings should be live streamed so that citizens who were busy would be able to view the meetings and he has the knowledge to “set that up”. Larry Allen said the map he received in the mail had no information with it and wants it to be known that he doesn’t like any of it and to leave it as it is. Lionel Hahn stated the study and plan was not in good form regarding “Engineering”. Tyler Williams stated he is opposed to any change and leave it rural. Tracy Lowder said the “map” mailed out to citizens should have had information with it; he said Gary Stewart was saying the Town had to have the housing first and then the (commercial) Town Center; spoke of the Phases in the Town Center Plan; asked about the properties along Hwy. 205 (S. Oak Ridge Road), and was told the Town has a contract on the Burriss property, which will give the Town access to S. Oak Ridge Road. He asked what would be paid for it and Mayor Brattain told him \$240,000.00, of which none would have to be borrowed.

Council Comments: Mayor Brattain stated that looking back to the planning stages, he wishes that the “Map” of the Town Center planning had just been the current Town Center property with an **overlay** of what might be or could be considered on the properties surrounding Town Center.

Councilman Melvin Poole welcomed Brenda Reeder to the Council.

There being no further action, **Motion #1537** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, Vote: 4 Yea, 0 No, to adjourn the meeting.

8:15 P.M.
June 13, 2022

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
A. Whitley, Admin.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
July 11, 2022**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Karen Smith Brenda Reeder; Town Admin; Aloma Whitley; Zoning Officer & Planner, Michael Sandy

Guests: Andrew Smith, Tracy and Lisa Lowder, Sylvia and Butch Poplin, Tara Skinner, Jenn Trombley.

Mayor Brattain opened the meeting, invocation by Brenda Reeder.

The **Agenda** was **Adjusted** to add Item #10, a Contract with A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Incl.; and #11, a Closed Session; **Motion #1539** made by Brenda Reeder, second by Trina Plowman, Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Minutes of the **Public Hearing on June 13, 2022 for the Second Reading of the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023**; **Motion #1540** made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of June 13, 2022**, were presented; **Motion #1541** was presented by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The **Minutes of the Emergency Called Meeting on June 29, 2022** were presented; **Motion #1542** was made by Trina Plowman, second by Brenda Reeder; Vote: 4 Yea 0 Nay

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of **June, 2022**, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1543** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of June, 2022**; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 No

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report
Police Protection: Melvin Poole, no report
Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole
Waste Collection: Karen Smith, no report
Zoning: Karen Smith –

At this time, Mayor Brattain asked the newest Council Member, Brenda Reeder which Department she would like to be the Director of, since Melvin Poole had an extra department; she choose the Police Protection.

Old Business

NEW BUSINESS –

**** A contract with A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc.** for the plan review and inspection of the roads including asphalt, curb and gutter, storm drainage, sidewalk,, and erosion control for “Forrest Creek Phases IV thru VI on Hatley Burris Road in Red Cross, NC”. Council has a copy of the contract. Any questions or discussion? **Motion #1544** made by Karen Smith, second by Brenda Reeder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The two Interlocal Agreements with the Town of Oakboro, one regarding the service by the Town of Oakboro to furnish water and sewer services to the Forrest Creek Phases IV, V. and VI; the other Interlocal Agreement is for the annexation line between the properties between the two towns. Michael Sandy requested a **Motion for a Public Hearing** prior to the meeting on August 8, 2022. **Motion #1545** made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Motion #1546 was made by Melvin Poole, second by Brenda Reeder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay for Council to **go into Closed Session** to discuss a legal contract.

Motion #1547 was made by Brenda Reeder, second by Trina Plowman, to go back into **Open Session**; Vote: 4, Yea, 0 Nay

Mayor Brattain stated that Council discussed in Closed Session the need to acquire a legal representative as time has shown more need of legal assistance. Council has requested the **services of James A. Phillips, Jr. on a retainer basis.** **Motion # 1548** made by: Melvin Poole, second by Brenda Reeder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Comments from citizens: Andrew Smith asked the Council members what is their “own” opinion on the “Town Center” so he could tell citizens he talks to how the Council feels. Mayor Brattain and Council Member Brenda Reeder said they were in favor of the “Plan”.

Sylvia Poplin spoke against the plan to build up the Town Center with dense housing and a commercial district, rather leave it rural as it is now.

Tracy Lowder spoke I favor of Andrew’s opinions. He also spoke in a negative opinion on Gary Stewart’s contract proposal.

Lisa Lowder spoke to keep the town rural as when incorporated. She asked about zoning and was told the Town’s Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance has been recently updated, as required by the State of North Carolina.

Tara Skinner, a resident of Westway Drive, supports keeping the Town rural.

Jen “?”, not a citizen, wanted to express what the loss of rural homeland meant to her when dense homesites and commercial areas took over her rural home.

Comments from Council – Melvin Poole made a comment about the importance of zoning for large tracts of land.

Motion #1549 was made to **adjourn the meeting** by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

7:55 PM
7-11-22

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Clerk

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
August 8, 2022**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Brenda Reeder,
Town Admin., Aloma Whitley; Zoning Officer & Town Planner, Michael Sandy
Absent: Karen Smith, Council

Guests: Andrew Smith, Lisa Lowder, Sylvia and Butch Poplin, Tara Skinner, Mike and Ellen Hinson, other citizens

Mayor Brattain opened the meeting, invocation by Trina Plowman.

The **Agenda** was **Adjusted** to add/correct Items #7, 8, 9 and 10; **Motion #1550** made by Brenda Reeder, second by Trina Plowman, Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

The **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of July 11, 2022**, were presented; **Motion #1551** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of **July, 2022**, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1552** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Brenda Reeder, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of July, 2022**; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 No

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Police Protection: Brenda Reeder, no report

Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole, signs have been ordered for Hatley- Burris and S. Oak Ridge Rd.

Waste Collection: Karen Smith

Zoning: Karen Smith –

(7) **Old Business** – Some confusing was discussed regarding the necessity for a Public Hearing in connection with two different Interlocal Agreements being prepared between the Town of Red Cross and the Town of Oakboro. The two attorneys are in consensus that the **AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT** regarding the Annexation Boundary Line between the two towns DOES require a Public Hearing before a Council Vote.

NEW BUSINESS –

8) Michael Sandy requested a **Motion for a Public Hearing** prior to the meeting on September 12, 2022, regarding the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Red Cross and Town of Oakboro for an **Annexation Line Agreement**. Michael Sandy and Mike Efir, of Oakboro, have worked together for several months on a map that will follow property lines, instead of cutting through parcels. **Motion #1553** made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 3 Yay, 0 Nay

(9) Michael Sandy presented “**A RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF RED CROSS TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF OAKBORO**”. The governing body of the Town of Red Cross hereby determines that it is necessary and in the public interest to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Oakboro for the providing of sanitary sewer and potable utilities to that area known as Forrest Creek Subdivision, Phases 4, 5 and 6. The Town of Red Cross has approved and annexed that area known as Forrest Creek Subdivision Phases 4, 5 and 6. The Town of Red Cross has agreed that the Town of Oakboro may provide water and sewer services to that area designated as Forrest Creek Subdivision Phases 4, 5 and 6. Burleson Development Group, LLC as agreed to fully comply with the ordinances and permitting requirements for Forrest Creek Subdivision Phases 4, 5 and 6 with the Town of Oakboro. A copy of the Interlocal Agreement shall be attached to and incorporated by reference to this Resolution. The Mayor of the Town of Red Cross is authorized to execute such attached Interlocal Agreement and to have his signature attested by the Town Clerk. **Motion #1554**, to approve this **RESOLUTION**, was made by Brenda Reeder, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

(10) Michael Sandy presented the **Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Red Cross and the Town of Oakboro** for the purposes of providing water and sewer services to the “**Plat**” (**Forrest Creek Subdivision phases 4, 5 and 6**). A copy of **Interlocal Agreement** is attached to this permanent record of the Minutes of the August 8, 2022, Council Meeting. **Motion #1555** was made by Trina Plowman, second by Brenda Reeder; Vote: 3 Yay, 0 Nay

(11) Michael Sandy gave an update of the Housing Code Violation, stating that a certified letter had been sent to the resident with a deadline of July 31, 2022 to avoid further action. The resident must “remove abandoned vehicle or obtain registration”, remove debris and mow high grass.

Citizen comments: Andrew Smith spoke, again voicing his opposition to the “Town Center” project and again announcing his campaign to run for a council member for the Town of Red Cross.

Teresa Copeland asked what would result if the citizen had not begun cleanup efforts as of the July 31 deadline of the Housing Code Violation. Michael Sandy stated that a “Civil Penalty Assessment Citation” was issued with a fine of \$50.00 and a due date to avoid further penalties.

Council Comments: Mayor Brattain thanked the Council and citizens for an orderly meeting.

Motion #1556 was made by Melvin Poole, second by Brenda Reeder to adjourn the meeting

8-8-2022
7:25 PM

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Clerk

Town of Red Cross
Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING
September 12, 2022
7:00 PM

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing for the purpose of the presentation and vote of an Annexation Boundary Agreement between the Town of Red Cross and the Town of Oakboro.

There being no questions or discussion, Motion #1557 was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman to close the Public Hearing; Vote was 3 yea, 0 nay

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
September 12, 2022**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: Trina Plowman, Brenda Reeder, Karen Smith;

Absent: Melvin Poole; Town Admin., Aloma Whitley; Zoning Officer & Town Planner, Michael Sandy

Guests: Andrew Smith, Bruce Muehl, Lionel Hahn, Sylvia and Butch Poplin, Tara Skinner, Mike and Ellen Hinson, other citizens

Mayor Brattain opened the meeting, invocation by Karen Smith.

The **Agenda** was **Adjusted** to add Item #12, report on Housing Code Violation; **Motion #1558** made by Trina Plowman, second by Karen Smith, Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

The **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of August 8, 2022**, were presented; **Motion #1559** was made by Trina Plowman, second by Brenda Reeder; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

6) Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of **August, 2022**, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1560** was made by Brenda Reeder, second by Karen Smith, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of August, 2022**; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 No

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Police Protection: Brenda Reeder, no report

Street Maintenance

Waste Collection: Karen Smith

Zoning: Karen Smith –

7) Old Business: none

New Business;

8) Michael Sandy presented to the Council the **Interlocal Agreement** between the Town of Red Cross and Town of Oakboro for an **Annexation Boundary Line Agreement** addressed in the Public Hearing prior to the current Town Council Meeting. **Motion #1561** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay.

9) The **Contract with the Stanly County Sheriff's Office** has been received for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Council has had copies to review; the only change is a one percent increase in the retirement contribution, which is a regular increase each year. **Motion #1562** was made by Brenda Reeder second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

10) Michael Sandy presented a request for annexation procedures: **Richard Karp**, 147 Smith Grove Road, Oakboro, requesting the **Public Hearing** to be set for November 14, 2022, Council meeting. **#1563** made by Trina Plowman, second by Karen Smith. Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

11) Michael Sandy presented a request for annexation procedures: **Joseph Burleson**, approximately 38 acres on Big Lick/Stamfield Road, requesting the **Public Hearing** to be set for November 14, 2020 Council Meeting. **Motion #1564** was made by Trina Plowman, second by Karen Smith. Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay.

12) Michael Sandy gave an update of the Housing Code Violation: the first fine of \$50.00 was paid to the Town of Red Cross on September 14, 2022, with a notice that the owner "expects to be done cleaning my property by September 30."

Citizen comments: Andrew Smith spoke, again voicing his opposition to the "Town Center" project and again announcing his campaign to run for a council member for the Town of Red Cross. He stated he would like to see the Town Center property be developed as an agricultural setting keeping it rural.

Council Comments: Mayor Brattain and Michael Hinson spoke briefly on the possibility of vehicles being parked on the field next to the Hinson property during upcoming auction of the Hinson property, scheduled for October 21, 22 and 23. Certificates of Insurance have been acquired by the Town from Mr. Hinson's insurance as well as the Auction Company's insurance company.

Motion #1565 was made by Karen Smith, second by Brenda Reeder to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay.

9-12-2022
7:25 PM

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Clerk

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
October 17, 2022**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: Trina Plowman, Melvin Poole, Brenda Reeder

Absent: Karen Smith

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Michael Sandy (late arrival), Butch and Sylvia Poplin, Billy and Mildred Steed, Joel and Juanita Pressley, Mike and Ellen Hinson, Andrew Smith & wife, others

Invocation was given by Melvin Poole.

The **Agenda** was presented to Council; **Motion #1566**, was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, to **approve the Agenda** as presented; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Minutes of the Council meeting of September 12, 2022, were presented; **Motion #1567** was made by Brenda Reeder, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Minutes of the Public Hearing of September 12, 2022, were presented; **Motion #1568** was made by Brenda Reeder, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the **Financial Report for the month September, 2022** was presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council approved the financial report by **Motion #1569**, made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote was 3 Aye, 0 Nay

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Police Protection: Brenda Reeder, no report

Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole, no report

Waste Collection: Karen Smith - absent

Zoning: Karen Smith - absent

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Brattain called for a Motion to “**table**” **two items on the Agenda** to the November Council meeting, to be presented by Michael Sandy, who had not yet arrived. **Motion #1570** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Brenda Reeder; Vote: 3 Aye, 0 Nay

Mayor Brattain presented the need to **transfer some money** from the checking account **into a CD at Uwharrie Bank** to keep a proper amount in the general funds. **Motion #1571** was made by Brenda Reeder, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 3 Aye, 0 Nay

Mayor Brattain presented a request for a **Resolution** presented to the Town of Red Cross from the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding a **Project for Construction of a Traffic Roundabout at Intersection of NC 205 and SR 1115 (Liberty Hill/Big Lick Road)**. Council member Trina Plowman was against the project in the interest of truck drivers. **No Motion was made**; therefore the request for a **Resolution** supporting the project **was denied**.

Comments from citizens: Lisa Lowder – introduced herself as a candidate for Council in the upcoming November 8 election . She wants to keep Red Cross rural and is willing to learn the operation of the Council and become involved with the decisions being made for the Town.

Millie Steed – commented on the Locust Town Center where a new brewery is now opened and some citizens say the noise continues at night till 10:00 pm. She also asked about the annexation line she had heard about and was told about the Interlocal Agreement between Red Cross and the Town of Oakboro for future annexation of properties between the two towns.

***Michael Sandy arrived.** Mayor Brattain asked for a Motion to **Rescind the previous Tabling of the 2 items to be presented by Michael Sandy**. **Motion #1572** was made by Brenda Reeder, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 3Yea; 0 Nay

Michael Sandy presented a **Petition for Annexation by Richard and Cynthia Karp** for their property on 147 Smith Grove Road, and requested Council to **schedule a Public Hearing on November 14, 2022**, prior to the regular Council meeting. **Motion #1573** made by Brenda Reeder, second by Tina Plowman; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Michael Sandy presented a **Petition for Annexation by Joseph Burleson for property at Big Lick**, containing approximately 35+ acres, and requested Council to **schedule a Public Hearing on November 14, 2022**, prior to the regular Council meeting. **Motion #1574** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Brenda Reeder; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay.

Report on the Housing Code Violation – Michael Sandy stated that the resident has made some progress on the clean-up effort of the property and asked for an extension to the end of the month (October).

***Citizen Comments (continued):** Andrew Smith – Reiterated his desire to keep Red Cross rural and is on the ballot for Council Member to get involved to keep it that way.

Comments from Council: Brenda Reeder spoke, saying she was also running on the ballot for Council Member. She attended council meetings for over a year to become familiar with the subject matter of the meetings before volunteering to serve. She supports the Master Plan for Town Center because it will bring businesses and a park for citizens to enjoy. Also it will provide a place for a satellite sheriff's office and other private offices and businesses. Housing would be on private properties surrounding the Town Center.

Motion #1575 was made to **adjourn the meeting** by Melvin Poole, second by Brenda Reeder; Vote: 3 Aye, 0 Nay.

8:40 P. M.
October 17, 2022

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Admin.

Town of Red Cross
Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING
November 14, 2022
7:00 PM

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing for a Request for Annexation of property into the Town of Red Cross, owners Richard and Cynthia Karp, address 147 Smith Grove Road, Oakboro, NC 28129.

There being no questions or comments, **Motion #1576** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Brenda Reeder, to **accept the Request for the Karp property for Annexation into the Town Limits of Red Cross**; Votes: 4, Yea, 0 Nay.

Town of Red Cross
Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING
November 14, 2022
7:00 PM

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing for a Request for Annexation of property into the Town of Red Cross, owner – Joseph L. Burleson, approximately 35+ acres on Big Lick Road, Oakboro, NC, which property is on the Town of Red Cross side of the recently approved Interlocal (Annexation Line) Agreement between the Town of Red Cross and the Town of Oakboro.

Motion # 1577 was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, to close the public hearing; Vote 4 Yea, 0 Nay

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
November 14, 2022**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Karen Smith Brenda Reeder; Town Admin; Aloma Whitley; Zoning Officer & Planner, Michael Sandy

Guests: Wendell Copeland, Lionel Hahn, Tracy and Lisa Lowder, Ellen Hinson, Irene Burris

Mayor Brattain opened the meeting; invocation by Brenda Reeder.

The **Agenda** was Approved by **Motion #1578** made by Melvin , Poole, second by Brenda Reeder, Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of October 17, 2022**, were presented; **Motion #1579** was presented by Brenda Reeder, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial reports for the month of **October, 2022**, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. There being no discussion, **Motion #1580** was made by Brenda Reeder, second by Karen Smith, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of October, 2022**; Vote: 4 Yea, No 0

The new CD was opened at Uwharrie Bank as was presented and approved at the October 17, 2022, meeting.

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Police Protection: Brenda Reeder, no report

Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole – the Powell Bill History Report was received showing the Status of the Account is “Okay”, meaning there are not “Excess funds in the Account” that would be required to be spent or forfeited back to the State.

Waste Collection: Karen Smith – there continues to be problems with Recycle carts not being serviced for quite a few citizens including her own residence.

Zoning: Karen Smith – at the meeting of the Planning Board, Lionel Hahn was present and volunteered to become a member of the Board.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS –

The Accountant who has prepared Audits for the Town for the past 4 years has a new name after a merger. The new name of the office is Huneycutt, Parsley & Taylor, CPA. As a result, the contract which had already been signed for the Town has been re-signed in the new merger name.

Michael Sandy presented two petitions requesting annexation which were presented at the two Public Hearings prior to the current Council meeting. The first request was from Richard E. & Cynthia A. Karp, 147 Smith Grove Road, whose property is contiguous to the corporate limits of the Town of Red Cross. There were no questions or discussion.

Motion #1581 was presented by Melvin Poole, second by Brenda Reeder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The second petition requesting annexation was from Joseph L. Burlison for approximately 35+ acres on Big Lick Road. Council Member Melvin Poole asked about the zoning of the property. Mr. Sandy replied it is currently County RA, and that the current Public Hearing did not address a zoning change. **Motion #1582** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Brenda Reeder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Michael Sandy reported on the Housing Code Violation, stating that some cleaning had been done but not sufficient to the deadline of October 31. Another penalty citation will be sent with a fine of \$200.00 due by November 30, 2022.

Comments from citizens: Lynn Reeder asked how long the citations would be issued without any improvement, as it has now been several months since the resident was first cited. Wendell Copeland stated there has been very little improvement including none the back of the property. Mr. Sandy stated that if the fines don't have an effect, a Judgment can be filed against the property and owner. He also stated that the Health Department could get involved because of a hazardous situation to neighbors.

Comments from Council – Mayor Brattain thanked Brenda Reeder and Karen Smith for their service to the Town as Council Members in the vacant positions.

Motion #1583 was made to **adjourn the meeting** by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

7:45 PM
11-14-22

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Clerk



**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
December 12, 2022**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: Trina Plowman, Melvin Poole, Brenda Reeder,
Karen Smith

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Michael Sandy, Butch and Sylvia Poplin, Ellen Hinson, Lisa Lowder, Lionel Hahn, Wendell Copeland, Trish Morgan, Barbara Carpenter, Larry Wayne and Larcenia Smith, Kristi Thompson, others

Invocation was given by Trina Plowman.

Approval of the Minutes of the **Public Hearing for Karp** on November 14, 2022; **Motion #1584** made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Approval of the Minutes of the **Public Hearing for Burleson** on November 14, 2022; **Motion #1585** made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Minutes of the Council meeting of November 14, 2022, were presented; **Motion #1586** was made by Trina Plowman, second by Karen Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the **Financial Report for the month November, 2022** was presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council approved the financial report by **Motion #1587**, made by Karen Smith, second by Brenda Reeder; Vote was 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Police Protection: Brenda Reeder, no report

Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole, reported that there were no excess funds this year that were required to be spend by the Town of Red Cross to avoid being forfeited back to the State. Also, he plans to reach out to citizens of an unpaved street in the Town limits to see if the residents would like to have their street paved, using the Powell Funds, as was the Deerfield Lane.

Waste Collection: Karen Smith –

Zoning: Karen Smith –

OLD BUSINESS - CONCLUDED

NEW BUSINESS – Installation of the two new members of the Town Council – Oaths of Office administered to Lisa Lowder and Andrew Smith

Melvin Poole led a discussion regarding the position of Mayor Pro Tempore, wanting to give the new Board the opportunity to discuss whether there was a consensus for Mr. Poole to retain the position. Lisa Lowder made **Motion #1588**, second by Andrew Smith, Vote: 4 Yea 0 Nay, in agreement for **Mr. Poole to remain the Mayor Pro Tempore**.

Mayor Brattain asked the two new members which departments they wanted to be in charge of; Lisa Lowder chose Fire Protection and Waste Collection. Andrew Smith chose the Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Board.

The discussion regarding the Rocky River Rural Planning Organization was tabled to this meeting. Some new information has been received and added to this meeting packet.

Many citizens were present with concerns about the letter received regarding **zoning changes to their property**. Some asked if they could get individual information for their own property. Michael Sandy said it is for changes to the Zoning Map for the Town of Red Cross to reflect the Land Use Plan adopted in 2019. Further discussion was tabled to the next Council Meeting. **Motion #1589** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Andrew Smith, Vote 4 Yea, 0 Nay, to **table the matter to January meeting**.

Comments from Citizens: Barbara Carpenter reported on the terrible mess of trash in the medians after the State mowers went through.

Larry Wayne Smith reported that the road signs were damaged or missing at Hill Top Rd., and Pless Mill Rd.

Kristi Thompson, Trish Morgan and many other citizens were present to ask about the letters they had received regarding the zoning changes to certain properties

Comments from Council: Melvin Poole gave a statement of Tribute to Mr. Heath Hahn, who passed away recently, regarding the years of work he contributed to the Town of Red Cross, from the beginning planning stages until around 2014.

Motion #1590 was made to **adjourn the meeting** by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay.

8:00 P. M.
December 12, 2022

Kelly Brattain, Mayor