**Town of Red Cross Minutes of**

**Town Council Meeting**

**Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

**(Following The Pre-Meeting at 6:30pm)**

Present:

Mayor: Lionel Hahn

Council Members: Lisa Lowder, Andrew Smith, Barbara Carpenter, and Millie Steed

Planning and Zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Mayor Lionel Hahn Called the meeting to order

Invocation was given by Millie Steed

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Recognition of guests 5+

The agendawas approved **Motion #1980** to approve the agenda; was made by Andrew Smith, second by Barbara Carpenter Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The **Minutes of Public Hearing #1 of March 10, 2025**, were approved **Motion #1981** to approve was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Millie Steed; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The **Minutes of Public Hearing #2 of March 10, 2025**, were approved **Motion #1982** to approve was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The **Minutes of the Council meeting on March 10, 2025**, were approved. **Motion #1983** to approve was made by Barbara Carpenter, second by Millie Steed; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No

Barbara Carpenter presented the Financial Report to each Council Member for the month of March 2025; **Motion #1984** to approve the financials was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

Fire Protection was presented by Millie Steed with no report

Street Maintenance was presented by Millie Steed who reported that she is continuing to replace the street signs. Due to new standard sign measurements additional street signs have been ordered. Millie Steed also shared some items discussed at the Rocky River RPO TAC meeting. There is a resurfacing project that will be happening on Main Street in Oakboro beginning in April and looking to be completed by October 2026. The roundabout at Big Lick, Liberty Church, and South Oakridge is moving along with getting acquisitions. The utility easements are having longer waits than anticipated, once in order they will hope to begin by summer 2027.

Police Protection was presented by Lisa Lowder with a report from March 2025. There were 60 events total with the majority being traffic stops and security checks.

Waste Collection was presented by Lisa Lowder who shared that the Bi-Annual Clean up drive is taking place on April 12-26th. There is a lot of trash along the roadways and the town can really use some help with the trash pickup.

Zoning was presented by Andrew Smith who reported that the planning board is still working on new development standards, but some newly proposed bills may affect these plans.

Mike Efird shared that the final plat for phase 1 map 2 has been approved by the technical review committee. Joseph Burleson is having the final plat recorded and will deliver Mike a copy once recorded allowing Joseph Burleson to begin selling those lots on that map.

The park is in the Streamside subdivision but not completed. Mike Efird requested since it is not completed it be bonded. Mike Efird also has received the bonds for the sidewalks, asphalt, and lights as well. These bonds have been approved by AMT for 125% actual cost.

Mike Efird received a request to reduce the bond for Phase 1 map 1 due to the progress that has been made in that section, AMT and Mike approved the reduction.

Mike Efird is still receiving requests for subdivisions in the area they range from four to twenty lots and Mike has made everyone aware there is no sewer available to these locations.

Parks and Recreation was presented by Andrew Smith, the town is hoping to close on the corner property very soon, then the town is hoping to begin the initial phases of the park.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council discussed and vote on the proposed budget amendment #3 for the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance. **Motion#1985 was** made by Millie Steed, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The Council discussed and voted on opening a bank account for the park project. **Motion#1986** to open a bank account was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The Council discussed and voted on signors for the park account. **Motion#1987** to have Lionel Hahn, Lisa Lowder, and Shannon Alberta as the signors for the account was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The Council discussed and voted on moving the money from the general fund to the project fund account once setup. **Motion#1988** to move the money was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No

The Council to discussed and vote on setting a work shop and two public hearings for the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. **Motion#1989** to have a workshop on May 5 @ 5:30pm, the first public hearing on May 12th @ 7pm, and the second public hearing on June 9 @ 7pm was made by Andrew smith, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The Council discussed and vote on adopting a resolution opposing changes to local planning and zoning by the North Carolina General Assembly. **Motion#1990** to adopt the resolution was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The Council voted to adopt a resolution to decrease the speed limit from 55 MPH to 45 MPH on Hatley Burris Road from the Streamside Subdivision to 205. **Motion#1991** to adopt the resolution was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The Council discussed and voted on the audit contract from Tony Brewer for the June 30, 2025 audit. **Motion#1992** to move forward with the contract was made by Millie Steed, Second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The Council discussed and voted on switching to fiber and office suite with Kinetic Windstream for our telephone needs. **Motion#1993** to switchwas made by Millie Steed, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

**Motion #1994** to **Go Into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel, contracts, and acquisition of real property, G.S. 143-318.11.**, was made by Andrew Smith, second by Barbara Carpenter. Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No

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**Motion #1995** to **Go into Open session was** made by Lisa Lowder, second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No

The council voted to set a workshop for Monday May 12th at 6pm to discuss the contract with the Stanly County Sheriff’s department. **Motion#1996** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Barbara Carpenter. Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No

The council discussed setting a closing date for the near future to close on the property at 114 East Red Cross Road. The parties will reach out to each other to find a date that works for everyone.

The council voted on increasing payroll for Mike Efird and Shannon Alberta by 10% percent. **Motion#1997** to approve the increase was made by Barbara Carpenter, Second by Lisa Lowder. 4 Aye, 0 No

Mayor Lionel Hahn opened the floor for comments with none given,

Mayor Lionel Hahn opened the floor for Comments from Council. Millie Steed thanked Mike for his hard work writing the resolution for HB 765. Mayor Lionel Hahn recognized and thanked Mike Efird for two years of great service to the town. Barbara Carpenter shared a moving poem written by one of our own town citizens.

**Motion#1998** wasmade by Andrew Smith, second by Barbara Carpenter; **to Adjourn the Council Meeting;** Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

**Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: Monday May 12, 2025 at 7pm following the pre-meeting at 6:30pm.**

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Lionel Hahn - Mayor

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Shannon Alberta – Town Clerk