**Town of Red Cross Minutes of**

**Town Council Meeting**

**Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

**(Following The Public Hearing)**

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 Barbara Carpenter

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Recognition of guests 4+

The agendawas approved with an adjustment to move item #16 citizen comments, to item number #14. **Motion #2001** to approve the agenda as amended; was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Millie Steed Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The **Minutes of the Council meeting on April 14, 2025**, were approved with a date correction under the street report. **Motion #2002** to approve was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The **Minutes of the closed session for the Council meeting on April 14, 2025**, were approved with a correction to the date and the addition of mileage compensation. **Motion #2003** to approve was made by Barbara Carpenter second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The **Minutes of the Budget workshop for May 5, 2025**, were approved. **Motion #2004** to approve was made by Millie Steed, second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No

Barbara Carpenter presented the Financial Report to each Council Member for the month of April 2025; **Motion #2005** to approve the financials was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Millie Steed; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

Fire Protection was presented by Millie Steed; the town has received the estimated fire tax rates from the county for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Oakboro Fire Department is estimated for a 9% fire tax rate, Ridgecrest Fire Department is estimated for an 11% fire tax rate, and West Stanly is estimated for a 12% fire tax rate. There has been discussion amongst the Stanly County Commissioners to move some or all of the fire departments to a revenue neutral fire tax rate due to the revaluation. We will not know an exact tax rate until the county adopts their budget in June. The town is also trying to obtain monthly reports of incidents to share at future meetings.

Street Maintenance was presented by Millie Steed; There has been a street sign erected at Bethel Church Road and 24/27. There was also a downed four-way intersection sign at Pless Mill and 24/27 the NCDOT made the repairs quickly. There was a traffic light out on Southway at 24/27 and North Oakridge at 24/27.

Police Protection was presented by Lisa Lowder with a report from April 2025. There were 68 events with 8 drag racing events, 5 suspicious persons, the rest were traffic stops, and business checks.

Waste Collection was presented by Lisa Lowder who shared that June 14th will be bulk pick up, and June 28th will be white goods pick up.

Zoning was presented by Mike Efird, there have been 3 new violations realized the past two weeks and all have been notified that they are in violation. Mike Efird expressed some concern about our current accessory building ordinance needing some updating to be more realistic depending individual on lot sizes. The town has also recently approved phase 1 map 2 of the Streamside subdivision. Today, Mike Efird received a request for review of the final plat for phase 1 map 3. Mike Efird shared that the Planning and Zoning board has sent a favorable recommendation to the town board, to rezone the property at 114 East Red Cross road from M1 to central business to match the rest of town hall property. Andrew Smith made **Motion#2006** to move forward with rezoning, second by Millie Steed; Vote 4 Aye, 0 No.

Parks and Recreation was presented by Andrew Smith, there will be discussion to set a workshop for the design of the park later in the agenda. Mike Efird also added that the Part F reimbursement deadline for this quarter is May 19th, if we are unable to meet the deadline the next quarter begins July 1st. We are currently waiting for the report on the second appraisal which has been done.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council discussed and voted to approve the retroactive grant project ordinance for the American Rescue Plan act of 2021. **Motion#2007** was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The Council discussed and voted on appointing Kristi Thompson to represent the town for the Stanly County Convention and Visitors Bureau. **Motion#2008** was made by Andrew Smith Second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

The Council discussed and voted on setting a workshop for May 19th at 6pm to meet with Chambers Engineering for designing the park. **Motion#2009** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No

The Council discussed and voted on renewing the certificate of deposit coming mature on May 18, 2025, contingent we decide we will not need to withdraw after our May 19th workshop. We will renew for 7 months @3.92%. **Motion#2010** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

Mayor Lionel Hahn opened the floor to comments from citizens. Citizen Danny Norton signed up to speak. He stated he is very concerned about people speeding past his house which is on a curve on Hilltop Road. The speed limit is 45MPH would like it reduced to 35 MPH. There have also been large trucks from the new subdivision making u turns in his driveway and it is damaging his property.

**Motion #2011** to **Go Into Closed Session**, was made by Andrew Smith, second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No for; **discussion of contracts, G.S. 143-318.11.**

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**Motion #2012** to **Go into Open session was** made by Lisa Lowder, second by Barbara Carpenter/Millie Steed; Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No

The floor was opened for further comments, citizen Billie Steed expressed he still is not satisfied with the budget/tax rate.

**Motion#2013 was** made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder; **to Adjourn the Council Meeting;** Vote: 4 Aye, 0 No.

**Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: Monday June 9, 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