

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
January 11, 2016**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers Present: J. J. Curlee, Jerry Jordan, Melvin Poole;

Councilmember Absent: Kelly Brattain

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post; Ms. LaRock, SNAP, citizen

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

The **Agenda was approved as presented by Motion #1014** made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee, council voting all in favor.

The minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting was presented. **Motion #1015** was made by J.J. Curlee, second by Jerry Jordan to accept; council members voted all in favor **to approve the minutes** with no opposition.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of December, 2015, were presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #1016** was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee , to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of December, 2015**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Police Protection: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Street Maintenance: Barbara Carpenter, no report

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Zoning: J. J. Curlee, no report

OLD BUSINESS

The matter of a new contract presented to the town by Shaver's Lawn Service was tabled from the December meeting. J. J. Curlee presented two additional quotes: one from Bushwackers Landscaping, and one from Avila's Lawn Care. After discussion of comparison of the three quotes, council decided to accept the quote and new contract with Shaver's Lawn Service with the stipulation that the contract dates would coincide with the fiscal year dates of the town. **Motion #1017** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Melvin Poole **to contract with Shaver's Lawn Service**. Council voted all in favor, no opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Stanly County Commissioner Scott Efirm presented to council a **Resolution in Support of the Scheduled March 16th 2016 Special Advisory Referendum to Increase the Stanly County Sales Tax Rate by ¼ cent for Public Education.** Melvin Poole stated he has received negative comments about the increase because it would not keep the proposed school closings from happening. If it had been linked to saving the school closures, it would have received favorable opinion. Council decided to **table the matter until the next council meeting to see the school board's final vote on the closures**, that vote to be made the week prior to the February meeting.

Jerry Jordan presented to council the need to **move \$100,000 from the checking account to a new CD with Bank of North Carolina.** **Motion #1018** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Melvin Poole to move the funds as proposed. Council voted all in favor with no opposition.

Mayor Smith asked for comments from citizens; there were none.

Mayor Smith asked for comments from council. At this time, the mayor read a card from Barbara Carpenter, expressing her appreciation for the kindness shown to her during her time on the council and for the reception given her. She said she treasures the verse on the plaque she was presented and feels blessed to call the council "Friends" and call Red Cross home.

Motion #1019 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Jerry Jordan, and voted all in favor with no opposition to **close the meeting.**

Aloma Whitley
Town Administrator
7:20 PM
1-11-2016

Larry Wayne Smith
Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
February 8, 2016**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers Present: J. J. Curlee, Jerry Jordan, Melvin Poole,
Kelly Brattain

Town Administrator: Absent - Aloma Whitley (Notes for meeting recorded by
Lou Eubanks)

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post; Joy Almond, SNAP; Ruben Crummy, NCDOT

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

The **Agenda was approved as adjusted (to remove the Old Business Matter) by Motion #1020** made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee, council voting all in favor.

The minutes of January 11, 2016, after no discussion, were approved by Motion #1021, made by Jerry Jordan, second by Kelly Brattain.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of January, 2016, were presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #1022** was made by J J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of January, 2016**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report

Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee, no report

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Zoning: Melvin Poole, no report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Rueben Crummy of the NC DOT presented the plans and maps for the CTP for the City of Locust and the Town of Red Cross.

Mayor Smith presented to Council “**A Resolution to Request an Amendment to the Charter of the Town of Red Cross**”. The amendment would address the possible or incidental vacancy in the term of office of a council member or mayor, the reappointment of which (council member or mayor) was not addressed in the original charter. The amendment would allow the newly appointed council member or mayor to fill the entire unexpired term rather than be required to file as a candidate and run for office at the next scheduled election time. The proposed amendment would also add clarification of the appointment of a Mayor Pro Tempore. **Motion #1023** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Jerry Jordan to approve the resolution, which will be given to Representative Justin Burr to begin the process in Raleigh to present the Resolution to the General Assembly for passage.

Town Council acknowledged receipt of the letter from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for approval of the application for the Town of Red Cross to participate in the 2017 Urban Archery Season.

The company which has previously hosted the Town’s website, AASB Productions, has given notice they will no longer offer the service. Meredith Smith (M Design Group Inc.) can provide hosting via the company she uses for most of her customers’ websites for “**\$165 per year** and the customer service is terrific”. After discussion, **Motion #1024** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee to approve **web hosting with M Design Group, Inc.**

Mayor Smith asked for comments from citizens; there were none.

Mayor Smith asked for comments from council; there were none.

Motion #1025 was made and voted all in favor with no opposition to **close the meeting.**

2-8-2016

Larry Wayne Smith, Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
April 11, 2016**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers Present: J. J. Curlee, Jerry Jordan, Melvin Poole,
Kelly Brattain; Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post; Ms. Larock, SNAP; Martha Sue Hall for Esther House

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

The **Agenda was approved by Motion #1026** made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee, council voting all in favor.

The **Minutes** of February 8, 2016, after no discussion, were approved by **Motion #1027**, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Melvin Poole.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the months of February and March, 2016, were presented to each council member by Jerry Jordan. There being no discussion, **Motion #1028** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the months of February and March, 2016**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report

Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee, no report

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Zoning: Melvin Poole, no report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Martha Sue Hall was present to represent the Esther House of Stanly County in observance of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and to request a Proclamation from the Town of Red Cross to encourage all citizens to speak out against sexual violence and to support their local communities' efforts to prevent and respond to these appalling crimes. Council members agreed to support the Esther House with the Proclamation.

Council Member J. J. Curlee presented to Council the renewal contract received from the Stanly County Sheriff's Office for the **new fiscal year for the police protection for the Town of Red Cross**. Copies had been given to members for review. There being no discussion, **Motion #1029** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Kelly Brattain to accept the renewal contract.

Mayor Smith asked for comments from citizens; there were none.

Mayor Smith asked for comments from council; he then informed council of some damage to gutter and fascia board at the back of the office along the ramp area and was looking for repair persons or business.

Motion #1030 was made by Melvin Poole, second by Kelly Brattain and voted all in favor with no opposition to **close the meeting**.

4-11-2016
7:20 PM

Larry Wayne Smith, Mayor

Town of Red Cross
Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING
May 9, 2016
7:00 PM

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith called into session the Public Hearing for the Request for Adoption of the Locust-Red Cross Comprehensive Transportation Plan, requested by the NC Department of Transportation. Dana Stoogenke, Rocky River RPO, and Reuben Crummy, NC DOT, were present to answer and questions or concerns.

There being none, Mayor Smith asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. **Motion #1031** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee, to **close the Public Hearing**.

Town of Red Cross
Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING
May 9, 2016
7:00 PM

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith called into session the Public Hearing for the first reading of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Jerry Jordan, 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 Smith 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 #1032** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee, to **close the Public Hearing**.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
May 9, 2016**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers Present: J. J. Curlee, Jerry Jordan, Melvin Poole,
Kelly Brattain; Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post; Reuben Crummy, NCDOT; Dana Stoogenke, RRRPO

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

The Agenda was adjusted to add item nine (audit contract) for discussion; **Motion #1033** made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee, council voting all in favor to accept the **agenda as adjusted**.

The **Minutes of April 11, 2016**, after no discussion, were approved by **Motion #1034**, made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of April, 2016, was presented to each council member by Jerry Jordan. There being no discussion, **Motion #1035** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Jerry Jordan, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of April, 2016**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report
Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report
Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee, no report
Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report
Zoning: Melvin Poole, no report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Smith asked for discussion on the first Public Hearing held prior to the current council meeting on the Request for the Adoption of the Locust-Red Cross Comprehensive Transportation Plan. There was no discussion; **Motion #1036** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Melvin Poole to **adopt the Locust-Red Cross Comprehensive Transportation Plan.**

Mayor Smith asked for any discussion on the First Reading of the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017, as presented in the second Public Hearing held prior to the current town council meeting; there was no discussion.

The contract for the audit of the financial records of the Town of Red Cross, for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, was received from Gerrelene Walker for Maxton C. McDowell, CPA, for a fee of \$3,400.00. After no discussion, **Motion #1037** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee to accept the **contract for the audit.**

There were no citizen comments.

There were no council comments

Motion #1038 was made by Melvin Poole, second by Kelly Brattain to **adjourn the meeting.**

5-9-2016
7:10 PM

Larry Wayne Smith, Mayor

Town of Red Cross
Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING
June 13, 2016
7:00 PM

Mayor Larry Wayne Smith called into session the Public Hearing for the second reading of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Jerry Jordan, 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 Smith 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 #1039** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain to **close the Public Hearing**.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
June 13, 2016**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers Present: J. J. Curlee, Jerry Jordan, Melvin Poole,
Kelly Brattain; Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post; Karlen Lambert, SNAP; citizen

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

The Agenda was approved as presented by **Motion #1040** made by Jerry Jordan, second by Melvin Poole, council voting all in favor to accept the **agenda as presented**.

The minutes of the **Public Hearing** on May 6, 2016 regarding the **Locust-Red Cross Comprehensive Transportation Plan** were presented; **Motion #1041** was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee, council voting all in favor to accept the minutes as presented.

The minutes of the Public Hearing for the **first reading of the proposed budget** for the fiscal year 2016-2017 was presented; **Motion #1042** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain to accept the minutes as presented.

The **Minutes of May 9, 2016**, town council meeting, after no discussion, were approved by **Motion #1043**, made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of May, 2016, was presented to each council member by Jerry Jordan. There being no discussion, **Motion #1044** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of May, 2016**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report

Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee, no report

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Zoning: Melvin Poole, no report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Smith asked for discussion on the Public Hearing held for the **second reading** of the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017. There was no discussion. **Motion #1045** was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee to **accept the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017**, with council voting to accept with no opposition.

Discussion by council of fertilizing and mowing of the fields by a private citizen for baling of hay, which would save the town the cost of \$440.00 for bush hogging as currently being done four or five times a year. After discussion, council suggested a one-year trial to see how the fields would look as compared to the appearance after bush hogging several times a year. Stipulations agreed upon by council members were (1) using an upper NW entrance to the fields rather than the Town Hall Drive, (2) sign a "Waiver and Release From Liability for Use of Land; (3) one-year trial lease; (4) only fertilizer and lime would be used on the fields (NO use of turkey, chicken, duck or other animal litter). **Motion #1046** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Kelly Brattain to allow a citizen to mow the fields for baling of hay; council members voting in agreement to the motion were Kelly Brattain, J. J. Curlee, Melvin Poole, with Jerry Jordan voting against the motion; with the majority voting in agreement, the motion carried.

Mayor Smith suggested to council he thought it appropriate to give a **10% increase in salary to the Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley**. Jerry Jordan agreed with the suggestion, making **Motion #1047**, which was second by J. J. Curlee. Council voted all in favor of the motion.

There were no citizen comments.

There were no council comments

Motion #1048 was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee to **adjourn the meeting**. All council members voted in approval.

6-13-2016
7:23 PM

Larry Wayne Smith, Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
July 11, 2016**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers Present: J. J. Curlee, Jerry Jordan, Melvin Poole,
Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley
Councilmember Absent: Kelly Brattain

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post; Karlen Lambert, SNAP

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

The Agenda was adjusted to **add Item #10** – adopt a Resolution to execute the “Interlocal Agreement for a Group Self-Insurance Pool for Workers’ Comprehensive Risk Sharing” through the NCLM, presented by **Motion #1049** made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee, council voting all in favor to accept the **agenda as adjusted**.

The minutes of the Public Hearing for the **second reading of the proposed budget** for the fiscal year 2016-2017 was presented; **Motion #1050** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Jerry Jordan to accept the minutes as presented.

The **Minutes of June 13, 2016**, town council meeting, after no discussion, were approved by **Motion #1051**, made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of June, 2016, was presented to each council member by Jerry Jordan. There being no discussion, **Motion #1052** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Melvin Poole, to accept the Town’s **expenditures for the month of June, 2016**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, absent
Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report
Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee, no report
Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, absent
Zoning: Melvin Poole, no report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The **Fire Departments contracts for the fiscal year 2016-2017** were presented to council. There was no discussion. **Motion #1053** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee to accept the fire contracts as presented, with council voting to accept with no opposition.

A Resolution and an INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR A GROUP SELF-INSURANCE POOL FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION RISK SHARING Agreement was received from the North Carolina League of Municipalities and the North Carolina Interlocal Risk Management Agency for adoption by the Town Council, in conjunction with the Town's new workers' compensation insurance policy. Certain municipalities and other units of local government have agreed to pool the risks of their workers' compensation liabilities and payment of claims for employers' liability coverage pursuant to, and to be governed by, the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes 160A-460 et seq. (Part 1 of Article 20 of Chapter 160A). **Motion #1054** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Jerry Jordan to **adopt the Resolution and Agreement** with the said entities.

There were no citizen comments.

Council comments: Council Member Melvin Poole stated support for the City and community of Dallas, Texas in light of the recent tragic deaths of five law enforcement officers.

Mayor Smith informed council of the Ethics class required of newly elected and re-elected council members and himself. Tentative date for members to meet in the conference room to view the two-hour class is July 31, 2016 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Mayor Smith stated that Council member Jerry Jordan had arranged for the repair of the fascia board and gutter along the ramp entrance to town hall and asked for no monetary compensation; expressed his gratitude to Mr. Jordan.

There were no further council comments. **Motion #1055** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by Melvin Poole to **adjourn the meeting**. All council members voted in approval.

7-11-2016
7:12 PM

Larry Wayne Smith, Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
September 12, 2016**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers Present: J. J. Curlee, Kelly Brattain, Melvin Poole,
Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley
Councilmember Absent: Jerry Jordan

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, The Weekly Post; Michelle Carver, Esther House

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

The Agenda was accepted as presented with **Motion #1056** made by Melvin Poole, second by Kelly Brattain, council voting all in favor .

The **Minutes of July 11, 2016**, town council meeting, after no discussion, were approved by **Motion #1057**, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Melvin Poole.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the months of July and August, 2016, were presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #1058** was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the Town’s **expenditures for the months of July and August, 2016**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report
Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report
Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee, no report
Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report
Zoning: Melvin Poole, no report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Michelle Carver, President of the Board of Directors for the Esther House of Stanly County, Inc. spoke to the council on behalf of Esther House, an organization which strives to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse with resources and support they need to begin their journey to safety and independence. She invited the council and all interested citizens to several events being held on behalf of the Esther House - a breakfast on October 6 at the First Baptist Church in Albemarle; a motorcycle ride on October 15,

and a vigil to honor victims of domestic violence on October 20. Esther House is requesting all municipalities of Stanly County to adopt a **Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation** for the month of October, 2016. **Motion #1059** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain to adopt the proclamation, with council voting all in favor.

Mayor Smith presented to council the need to **move \$100,000.00 from the checking account to a CD**. **Motion #1060** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, with council voting all in favor.

There were no citizen comments.

There were no council comments.

Motion #1061 was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee to **adjourn the meeting**. All council members voted in approval.

9-12-2016
7:24 PM

Larry Wayne Smith, Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
October 10, 2016**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers Present: Jerry Jordan, J. J. Curlee, Kelly Brattain, Melvin Poole
Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, the Weekly Post

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

The Agenda was accepted as presented with **Motion #1062** made by Melvin Poole, second by Kelly Brattain, council voting all in favor.

The **Minutes of September 12, 2016**, town council meeting, after no discussion, were approved by **Motion #1063**, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Melvin Poole.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of September, 2016, were presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #1064** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of September, 2016**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report
Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report
Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee, no report
Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report
Zoning: Melvin Poole, no report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Register of Deeds is holding the second annual "Thank You For Your Service" Veteran Event at the Stanly County Commons on November 9, 2016 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event partners with local businesses to honor and celebrate our veterans by

showing them appreciation for their service to our country by offering free or discounted services. The Register of Deeds, Suzanne Lowder, is requesting the Town Council of the Town of Red Cross to consider adopting a **Proclamation for “Thank You For Your Service Day, November 9, 2016. Motion #1065** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Kelly Brattain, with council voting all in favor.

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor Smith stated that the lights on the town’s sign at the highway and on the flagpole have been repaired. Brief discussion was held regarding the problems with lightning damage at the town hall office. Comment was made to call a security company to see if there were any suggestions to alleviate the problem. Also mentioned was the need for some painting to be done on the exterior of the office.

Motion #1066 was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee to **adjourn the meeting**. All council members voted in approval.

10-10-2016
7:18 PM

Larry Wayne Smith, Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
November 14, 2016**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers Present: Jerry Jordan, J. J. Curlee, Kelly Brattain, Melvin Poole
Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, the Weekly Post; Karlen Lambert, Stanly News & Press; citizens

Mayor Smith opened the meeting; Melvin Poole gave the invocation.

The Agenda was accepted as presented with **Motion #1067** made by J. J. Curlee, second by Kelly Brattain, council voting all in favor.

The **Minutes of October 10, 2016**, town council meeting, after no discussion, were approved by **Motion #1068**, made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee, council voting all in favor.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of October, 2016, were presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #1069** was made by Kelly Brattain, second by J. J. Curlee, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of October, 2016**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report

Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee, no report

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, no report

Zoning: Melvin Poole, no report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Town received a notification letter dated October 14, 2016 from SunTrust Bank, regarding the closing of the Oakboro branch. Although the Albemarle branch of SunTrust Bank will remain open, after brief discussion, Council Members were in agreement that the account for the town should remain local. Inquiry was made at four banks, with Uwharrie Bank giving the offer of better services with no service charges. **Motion #1070** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Jerry Jordan, with council voting all in favor to **move the Town's banking business to Uwharrie Bank at the Oakboro branch.**

Mr. Phil Love expressed his desire to extend his agreement with the town for the mowing of the fields, as the fertilize should be put out in March, 2017, for the upcoming growing season. His current agreement only extends to the end of June, 2017, and suggested that the contract actually should extend to at least October 31, the logical end of the growing season for cutting of hay. Councilman Jordan stated that because this is actually a commodity the town is offering, that it should be advertised to the public for anyone possibly interested. Public Notice will be advertised on November 17 and November 24, with a deadline of December 2, 2016 for inquiries. Persons inquiring will be given a list of stipulations for the contract. The matter is tabled to the December meeting to allow for inquiries.

There were no citizen comments.

In council comments, Council member Melvin Poole submitted his letter of resignation from the town council effective December 5, 2016, due to being elected to the Stanly County School Board at the recent election on November 8. State law prohibits a person from serving two elected public offices at the same time. Mayor Smith, on behalf of the council, expressed their gratitude to Mr. Poole for his service to the town since being elected last year.

Mayor Smith pointed out the Wainscoting applied to the wall behind the council desk and chairs, to protect the wall from damage by the chairs, thanking Jerry Jordan for having the work done.

Motion #1071 was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee to **adjourn the meeting.** All council members voted in approval.

11-14-2016
7:34 PM

Larry Wayne Smith, Mayor

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
December 12, 2016**

Present-Mayor Larry Wayne Smith

Councilmembers Present: Jerry Jordan, J. J. Curlee,

Councilmembers Absent: Kelly Brattain

Town Administrator, Aloma Whitley

Guests: Natalie Lloyd, the Weekly Post; Karlen Lambert, Stanly News & Press; citizen

Mayor Smith opened the meeting and gave the invocation.

The Agenda was adjusted to add the matter of the purchase of a driveway pipe; **Motion #1072** made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee, to **accept the agenda as adjusted**, with vote all in favor.

The **Minutes of November 14, 2016**, town council meeting, after no discussion, were approved by **Motion #1073**, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Jerry Jordan; council voting all in favor.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of November, 2016, were presented to each council member. There being no discussion, **Motion #1074** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Jerry Jordan, to accept the Town's **expenditures for the month of November, 2016**; council voted to accept with no opposition.

Fire Protection: Kelly Brattain, absent

Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report

Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee, no report

Waste Collection: Kelly Brattain, absent

Zoning: no report

OLD BUSINESS

The matter of the contract for mowing of the fields for baling of hay was tabled from the November 14, 2016, town council meeting, to advertise publicly because of the concern for this being a commodity offered by the Town. Notices were published in the Stanly News and Press for two weeks on November 17 and November 24, 2016. There were no responses received from the public regarding the published notices. Mr. Phil Love, present

at the meeting, who holds a current contract to expire on June 30, 2017, wished to extend his contract because of the expense of putting fertilizer out on the fields but not having the contract extend to the cutting time in the fall of the year. The previous contract had two stipulations: the equipment would enter/exit the property at the northwest corner, and only fertilizer and lime were to be used on the fields, with NO use of animal litter. Added to the stipulations in the new contract were: Lessee would do at least two cuts of the grasses per year; Mow around the ponds twice a year; provide the Town with a certificate of personal liability insurance and a Workers' Compensation Certificate, or an Affidavit of Exempt Status Under the Workers' Compensation Act. Mr. Love agreed to the added stipulations. Councilman Jerry Jordan stated the mowing and baling done by Mr. Love during the current season was well done and made the **Motion #1075 to accept the contract with Mr. Love for the mowing of the fields for baling of hay** to be in effect to October 31, 2017; second by J. J Curlee, voted all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Uwharrie Bank representative Bradley Williams requested official authorization by the Council for the Town to be issued a credit card account with Uwharrie Bank, per bank requirements. **Motion #1076** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee with council voting all in favor to apply for a **credit card account with Uwharrie Bank.**

Mayor Smith gave council information on a driveway pipe which would meet the NCDOT requirements for grade and size - the pipe must be 32 feet long and 15 inches in diameter. The cost would be \$400.00 from Concrete Pipe and Precast of Oakboro. Mr. Phil Love offered to pick up and deliver the pipe for the town; the Department of Transportation will install. **Motion #1077** was made by Jerry Jordan, second by J. J. Curlee, to **purchase the pipe for installation at the northwest corner of the Town property.**

There were no citizen comments.

In council comments, Council Member Jerry Jordan presented to the town a copy of Mr. Ray Quick's book, "Red Cross – The Incorporation of Our Town".

Motion #1078 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Jerry Jordan to **adjourn the meeting.** All council members voted in approval.

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Larry Wayne Smith, Mayor