

Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Public Hearing
February 8, 2021

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing addressing the **adoption of the Town of Red Cross UPDATED LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020-2040**

Michael Sandy, Town Planner and Zoning Enforcement Officer, presented the updated Land Development Plan in accordance with the provision of the State of North Carolina General Statutes 160D. Council each had a copy to review in advance. There were no citizen or council questions or comments.

Motion #1401 was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee, all voting Yay, no one voting Nay, to **close the Public Hearing**.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
February 8, 2021**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

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

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Michael Sandy

Invocation was given by Melvin Poole.

The **Agenda** was **approved by Motion #1402** made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee, all members voting Aye, no one voting No, for approval of the Agenda opposition.

The **Minutes of the Public Hearing of December 14, 2020**, regarding the adoption of a **Residential Minimum Housing Maintenance Standard Ordinance** were presented. There being no discussion, **Motion #1403** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting Aye, no one voting No, for the acceptance of the Minutes.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of December 14, 2020** were presented to each Council member. There being no questions or discussion, **Motion #1404** was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee; all members voted Aye, no one voted No.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the months of December, 2020, and January, 2021, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council **approved the financial reports for the months of December, 2020**, and January, 2021, by **Motion #1405**, made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee; all members voting Aye, no one voting No, for acceptance of the Financial reports.

Fire Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report

Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report

Street Maintenance: J. J. Curlee no report

Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee , - no report

Zoning: Trina Plowman – no report

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Brattain brought the matter of the tabled vote from the December 14, 2020, Council meeting on the acceptance by Council of the Minimum Housing Ordinance. Mr. Sandy asked Council members to submit to him within two weeks items which needed clarification for better understanding of the Ordinance. Five complaints must be received before an investigation is done and/or a violation is issued. It was also stressed that safety of dwellings for citizens is a main objective of the Ordinance. **Motion #1406** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman; voting Aye for the acceptance was J. J. Curlee and Trina Plowman; voting No against acceptance was Melvin Poole; Motion passed with a vote of 2 For and 1 Against.

Mayor Brattain addressed the Public Hearing held prior to the current Council meeting for the adoption of the Town of Red Cross UPDATED LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020-2040, in accordance with the provision of the State of North Carolina General Statutes 160D. Council members each were given a copy of the Plan for review when it was presented by the Planning and Zoning Board. After no questions or discussion, **Motion #1407** was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee; all members voting Aye, no one voting No, in acceptance of the updated Land Development Plan.

An update on the paving of Deerfield Lane: although hampered for months by rainy weather, C. K. Earnhardt & Son, Inc. has starting moving equipment to begin the paving project as of Friday, March 5. While in the area, they will also complete the final extension of the Town Hall Drive.

The renewal of the Deer Urban Archery Season for January 15 – February 20, 2022, was received from the Wildlife Management Division of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission. After brief comments, **Motion #1408** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Melvin Poole; all members voting Aye, no one voting No, to renew the Deer Urban Archery season for year 2022.

Mayor Brattain addressed the **reappointment of Department Heads**: Finance Officer remains Trina Plowman; Fire Protection: Melvin Poole; Police Protection: J. J. Curlee; Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole; Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee; Zoning Board Liaison: Trina Plowman. **Motion #1409** to approve appointments made by J. J. Curlee, second by Melvin Poole; all members voting Aye, no one voting No.

Citizens comments: (A) Ms. Debbie Bennett from the Stanly County Health Department addressed Council and all present regarding the 2021 Community Health Assessment Survey. All citizens 15 years of age and older were encouraged to fill out the survey to make aware issues of importance to the people of Stanly County. The data helps the Health Department with information to apply for grants that would benefit Stanly County. The survey was open until February 17, 2021.

(B) Census – Council received an offer for the first edition for 2021 Census Best Practices Showcase, a newsletter containing various interesting information gathered from the “2020 Census Journey”.

Council comments: Council received a sample of ink pens which were sent by mistake instead of a proof of the item for consideration and approval. The matter was tabled to the next Council meeting in March.

Motion #1410 was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee, to **adjourn the meeting**; all members voting Aye, no one voting No.

8:00 P. M.
February 8, 2021

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Admin.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
March 8, 2021**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

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

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Michael Sandy, Brenda Reeder (resident of Deerfield Lane)

Invocation was given by Trina Plowman.

The **Agenda** was **adjusted to correct the re-assignments of Departments and to add Item #11, discuss the salary of the Town Administrator, by Motion #1410**, made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee, all members voting Aye, no one voting No, for approval of the adjusted Agenda.

The **Minutes of the Public Hearing of February 8, 2021, for the approval of the Updated Land Development Plan 2020-2040**, in accordance with the provision of the State of North Carolina General Statutes 160D, were presented. There being no discussion, **Motion #1411** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Melvin Poole, all members voting Aye, no one voting No, for approval of the Minutes of the Public Hearing.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of February 8, 2021**, were presented to each Council member. There being no questions or discussion, **Motion #1412** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman; all members voted Aye, no one voted No, for approval of the Minutes.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of February, 2021, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council **approved the financial reports** by **Motion #1413**, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Melvin Poole; all members voting Aye, no one voting No, for acceptance of the Financial reports.

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report

Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole, no report

Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee, - no report

Zoning: Trina Plowman – At the meeting on March 2, 2021, the election of officers was held for the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of Adjustment.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Brattain presented the discussion on the Second Amendment of the Budget for 2020-2021. A discussion was held with the Town's Accountant, Mr. William Huneycutt, CPA, regarding the beginning expenses for the Town Center Master Plan Project. He advised simply to add a Line Item for the Project, along with the amount already designated in the Contract with Burton Engineering. Because there are no Capital Improvement projects to be done in the Budget year, \$60,000 was moved to the Master Plan project, along with \$15,000 moved from Maintenance budget item, and adding additional \$15,000 to Basic Operating Costs, for a total of \$90,000., which will cover the contract as adopted. **Motion #1414** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman; all members voting Aye, no one voting No, to approve the **Second Amendment of the Budget of 2020-2021.**

In an Old Business Item: the matter of an Invoice received for the order of imprinted ink pens for the Town, in which matter an unfortunate/unexplained filling of the order was done for 1,000 pens instead of a quote and proof of the pens being submitted to the Town beforehand for approval. After discussion among the Council members, in which all agreed they feel sure they would not have ordered but 500 pens **Motion #1415** was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee; all voting Aye, no one voting No, to **pay for 500 pens, requesting an adjusted invoice for 500 pens.**

Council was presented a letter from Department of Transportation, Powell Bill Division, addressing an excess of Powell Bill funds sent to the Town, which must be spent by June 30, 2021, in order to not lose that money. Town Administrator Aloma Whitley explained to the Town that the Powell Bill Division has not received the current reports showing all money spent/to be spent by the end of June, 2021. The current projects of the final extension of Town Hall Drive and the paving of Deerfield Lane, both currently being done, will use the excess amounts.

Mayor Brattain addressed Council with the matter of an increase to the salary of the Town Administrator, **Aloma Whitley, an increase of \$100. per month in salary**, beginning immediately, stating a lot of time that has passed since an increase was last given (which was July, 2016). After no questions or discussion, **Motion #1416** was made by J.J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman; all voting Aye, no one voting No, to approve the increase.

There were no citizen comments.

In council comments: Mayor Brattain welcomed the citizen, Brenda Reeder to the meeting and invited her back.

In another matter, he mentioned he had spoken to Mr. Dwayne Wingo of the Stanly County Utilities Department regarding the current project of sewer expansion. Michael Sandy has also been in contact with Mr. Wingo and told Council there is an important meeting scheduled for Friday, March 12, at 10:30 AM at the Stanly County Commissioners Meeting Room. Anyone can attend this meeting which involves the current urgent situation of the sewer expansion taking place from Oakboro area along Hwy. 205/South Oak Ridge Road. This will have a vital impact on the future Town Center of Red Cross.

Motion #1417 was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee, to **adjourn the meeting**; all members voting Aye, no one voting No.

7:55 P. M.
March 8, 2021

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Admin.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
April 12, 2021**

Present - Mayor Pro Tem J. J. Curlee
Council Members Present: Trina Plowman, Melvin Poole
Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Brenda Reeder (resident of Deerfield Lane)

Invocation was given by J. J. Curlee

The **Agenda** was approved by **Motion #1418**, made by Trina Plowman, second by Melvin Poole, all members voting Aye, no one voting No, for approval of the Agenda.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 8, 2021**, were presented to each Council member. There being no questions or discussion, **Motion #1419** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; all members voted Aye, no one voted No, for approval of the Minutes.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of March, 2021, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council **approved the financial reports** by **Motion #1420**, made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; all members voting Aye, no one voting No, for approval of the Financial reports.

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report

Melvin Poole: Street Maintenance: progress on Deerfield Lane

Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee , - no report

Zoning: Trina Plowman – no report

OLD BUSINESS – The invoice for the order of ink pens received was adjusted by MacGrafix to bill the Town for 500 pens instead of 1,000, as Council approved on March 8, 2021, by Motion #1415. A check will be written for the 500 pens, to resolve the unfortunate error made by the vendor, at no fault of the Town or MacGrafix. Mayor Brattain picked up the box of pens from MacGrafix and delivered to Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Deerfield Lane has been completed as far as the asphaltting/paving. Several citizens have expressed how much they are pleased with the improvement. The shoulder work has not been done as all contractors contacted has stated they are so far behind in work and cannot give a quote, but another business has agreed to submit a contract as soon as possible.

County Manager Andy Lucas and Sandy Selvy-Mullis of the Chamber of Commerce received a letter from U. S. Representative Richard Hudson regarding federal grant money for 2022, which he will be submitting ten projects from his district for consideration to receive. The Town of Stanfield and the City of Locust both stated they had no projects to submit but would like to support the County of Stanly Waste Water Treatment Project. Massive upgrades to the treatment plant will be required in the next two years, which will place a financial burden on the municipalities expected to participate in the costs of the improvements. Mayor Brattain stated that the Town of Red Cross may soon need to look into this matter of Wastewater Treatment and seek professional advice, as it is a growing source of interest in western Stanly County, including the Town.

An item discussed at the workshop meetings for the current year's budget was adding a hot water heater. It was stated incorrectly that one had never been installed. The one in the building is inoperable and needs to be replaced. In discussing the matter, Mayor Brattain said he would contact Doc Smith Plumbing about getting the water heater replaced, as it would be a convenience needed at Town Hall.

There were no citizen comments.

In council comments: Mayor Pro Tem Curlee welcomed the citizen, Brenda Reeder to the meeting and invited her back. Councilmember Plowman asked if a brighter light could be placed in the parking lot in the back, as the one currently installed is not bright enough. A workshop is planned to discuss the Budget for the new Fiscal Year 2021-2022 on Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 PM.

Motion #1421 was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, to **adjourn the meeting**; all members voting Aye, no one voting No.

7:40 P. M.
April 12, 2021

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Admin.

Town Of Red Cross
Minutes of Emergency Called Meeting

May 3, 2021

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

A special called meeting was held to discuss/approve the Proposed Budget for the Town of Red Cross for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

(A proposed Amendment #3 will be on the Agenda for the Council meeting on May 10, 2021, to adjust the current year's Budget: Three Accounts need to be decreased – Supplies, -\$3,000; Administrative Fees, -\$2,000; and Misc. Planning Board Expenses, -\$4,000. Two accounts need to be increased – Professional Fees, +\$2,000; and Enforcement Officer Payroll, +\$7,000. These changes are reflected on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.)

After discussion, **Motion # 1422** was made by J. J. Curlee to **approve the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**, second by Trina Plowman; three votes Aye, all in favor with no Nay votes.

There being no other business, **Motion # 1423** was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee to **close the Emergency Called Meeting**.

Town of Red Cross
Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING
May 10, 2021
7:00 PM

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing for the First Reading of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The proposed budget copies were given to council members, asking if there were any questions or comments, which there were none.

Mayor Brattain then asked again if there were any council comments, then asked if there were any citizens' comments.

There being none, he asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. **Motion # 1424** was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee; Vote 3 Yea, no Nay, to **close the Public Hearing**.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
May 10, 2021**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee, Trina Plowman, Melvin Poole (by telephone connection from Georgia)

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Brenda Reeder (resident of Deerfield Lane); Todd and Karen Smith, citizens;
Michael Sandy, Enforcement Officer

Invocation was given by Melvin Poole

The **Agenda** was adjusted by request of Michael Sandy, add Item #16 to call for a Public Hearing on Legislative changes to the previously approved NCGS 160D; **Motion #1425**, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting Aye, no one voting No, for the **Adjustment of the Agenda**.

The **Minutes of the Emergency Called Meeting of May 3, 2021**, to discuss and approve the items on the upcoming Budget for FY 2021-2022, were presented to Council. With no discussion, **Motion #1426** was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee; Vote: Yea 3, No votes none to approve the Minutes

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of April 12, 2021**, were presented to each Council member. There being no questions or discussion, **Motion #1427** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee; all members voted Aye, no one voted No, for approval of the Minutes.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of **April, 2021**, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council **approved the financial reports** by **Motion #1428**, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Melvin Poole; all members voting Aye, no one voting No, for approval of the Financial reports.

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report

Melvin Poole: Street Maintenance: progress on Deerfield Lane

Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee , - no report

Zoning: Trina Plowman – no report

OLD BUSINESS – The invoice for the order of ink pens received was adjusted by MacGrafix to bill the Town for 500 pens instead of 1,000, as Council approved on March 8, 2021, by Motion #1415. A check was written for the 500 pens and delivered to MacGrafix on April 13.

A quote of \$7,000.00 has been delivered to the Town by Jason Thompson Grading and Hauling, Inc., for the completion of the work to the **shoulders and right-of-way of Deerfield Lane**. After brief discussion, **Motion #1429** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the contract.

Mayor Brattain called Darrell Gallimore regarding the water heater work for Town Hall, who stated the price would be around \$1,000. (No word was received from a previous business for the work). **Motion #1430** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman to accept the bid for the work; Vote: 3 Yeah, no one voted no

NEW BUSINESS

During the April 12, 2021 meeting, Mayor Brattain and Council discussed a letter from Richard Hudson to the municipalities in his district regarding federal grant money which would be given to ten districts. The Town of Stanfield and the City of Locust, as does the Town of Red Cross, had no projects to submit. However, the Town of Stanfield and the City of Locust sent letters of support on behalf of the Stanly County Waste Water Treatment project; massive upgrades to the treatment plant will be required within the next two years. The project will place a financial burden on the municipalities which will be expected to participate in the costs. **Motion #1431** was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee, to declare a **Resolution in Support of the Stanly County Waste Water Treatment Project**. Vote was 3 Yeah, none for No, to Sign the Resolution.

Mayor Brattain called for comments on the Minutes of the Public Hearing held prior to the current Council meeting for the First Reading of the Proposed Budget for FY 2021-2022; **Motion #1432** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman to accept the **Minutes** of the Public Hearing; Vote: 3 Yeah, none No

A workshop was held on April 22, 2021, attended by J. J. Curlee, Trina Plowman and Melvin Poole, to discuss the projected Budget for 2021-2022. An Emergency Called Meeting was held on May 3, 2021, in place of a second workshop meeting, to further discuss and vote approval for the Proposed/Preliminary Budget for FY 2021-2022.

An **Amendment #3 to the current year's Budget 2020-2021** needs to be made to move money from/to 5 Accounts: **From Supplies** (-\$3,000.), **Administrative Fees** (-\$2,000.) and **Miscellaneous Planning Board Expense** (-\$4,000.); **Moved to: Professional Fees** (+2,000.), **Enforcement Officers Payroll** (\$7,000.) Discussion; **Motion #1433** was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee; Vote: 3 for Yeah, none for No.

Trina Plowman made a request at the last meeting to improve the lighting in the parking lot. A call was made to Duke Energy and Tyrone Douglas, an Engineering Tech for Pike Engineering, met with Aloma Whitley and J. J. Curlee on April 28. Based on the coverage area, he suggested an LED 70W gray light for a 3-year contract at \$10.14/month. The contract has already been signed and returned. No date of installation just yet.

The Agenda was adjusted at the request of Michael Sandy to schedule a Public Hearing on June 14, 2021, to present changes made by the legislature on the Chapter 160D of the Land Use Plan. A motion will be requested at the next Council meeting.

Comments from citizens: Karen Smith, a citizen from Lakewood Road, ask if a seat was still vacant on the Council and volunteered to fill that seat. Mayor Brattain expressed appreciation for her interest and said he will talk with her after the meeting adjourns.

Comments from council: Melvin Poole, out of town on a visit with grandchildren, thanked Council for allowing him to attend the meeting “virtually”.

Motion # 1434 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Melvin Poole; Vote: 3 Yeah, none No, to **adjourn the meeting.**

7:35 P. M.
May 10, 2021

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Admin.

Town of Red Cross
Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING #1
June 14, 2021
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, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The proposed budget copies were given to council members, asking if there were any questions or comments, which there were none.

Mayor Brattain then asked again if there were any council comments, then asked if there were any citizens' comments.

There being none, he asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. **Motion # 1437** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman; Vote 2 Yea, 0 Nay, to **close the Public Hearing**.

Town of Red Cross
Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING #2
June 14, 2021
7:00 PM

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing for the approval of the Zoning Ordinance for the update of Chapter 160D required by the North Carolina General Statutes.

Mayor Brattain asked 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 # 1438** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman; Vote 2 Yea, 0 Nay, to **close the Public Hearing**.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
June 14, 2021**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee, Trina Plowman, Melvin Poole (by telephone connection from Georgia)

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Brenda Reeder (resident of Deerfield Lane); Todd and Karen Smith, citizens;
Michael Sandy, Enforcement Officer; Mike Haigler

Invocation was given by J. J. Curlee

The **Agenda** was presented presented to Council; with no comments, **Motion #1439**, was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, all members voting Aye to approve the Agenda.

The Minutes of the **Public Hearing #1**, held prior to the current Council meeting, for the **Second Reading of the Proposed Budget for FY 2021-2022** was presented to Council. There were no questions or comments. **Motion #1440** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman; all members voting Aye.

The Minutes of the **Public Hearing #2** held prior to the current Council meeting, requesting approval of the **Chapter 160D of the Zoning Ordinance** as required by North Carolina General Statutes, was presented to Council. Michael Sandy offered to reply to any questions or comments; there were none. **Motion #1441** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Karen Smith, all members voting Aye, to approve the updated Chapter 160D of the Zoning Ordinance.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of May 10, 2021**, were presented to each Council member. There being no questions or discussion, **Motion #1442** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee; all members voted Aye, for approval of the Minutes.

The **Minutes of the Emergency Closed Meeting of May 25, 2021**, were presented to Council; there were no questions or comments. **Motion #1443** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman; all members voting Aye to approve the minutes.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the financial report for the month of **May, 2021**, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council **approved the financial reports** by **Motion #1444**, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman; all members voting Aye, for approval of the Financial reports.

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report

Melvin Poole: Street Maintenance: Deerfield Lane complete

Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee , - no report

Zoning: Trina Plowman – no report

**OLD BUSINESS – Water heater installed
Deerfield Lane now seeded along shoulders
Parking lot light not yet replaced**

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Karen Smith, a citizen of Red Cross, graciously volunteered to fill the vacant council seat, and was sworn in as a new Council Member.

The contract was submitted to the Town by William R. Huneycutt, CPA, PLLC, who has done the audit for the Town of Red Cross for the past three years. A copy of the contract has been given to Council for review. There were no questions or comments from Council. **Motion #1445** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to accept the **Contract** for the **Audit of the Town of Red Cross FY 2020-21**, all members voting Aye.

A copy of the **Contracts with the three Fire Departments** – Oakboro, Ridgecrest and West Stanly – for the FY 2021-22, were presented to Council for review. With no discussion or questions, **Motion #1446** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to approve the three contracts, all members voting Aye.

At this time Mayor Brattain announced that Council would go into closed session briefly to discuss legal matters.

Mayor Brattain and Council returned from closed session.

Mayor Brattain received a letter from Jeania Martin, Stanly Community College Foundation Executive Director for the SCC 50TH Anniversary. She is requesting all ten municipalities of Stanly County to sign a **Proclamation In Honor of the 50th Anniversary of Stanly Community College**. **Motion #1447** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee; all members voting Aye. The Mayor and Council members all signed the Proclamation and it was returned to Ms. Martin.

Michael Sandy has requested a Public Hearing on July 12, 2021 to address an **Annexation Petition**. **Motion #1448** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Karen Smith, to call the **Public Hearing** on July 12, 2021; all members voting Aye.

Michael Sandy also requested a Public Hearing on July 12, 2021 to address a request for a **Zoning change**. **Motion #1449** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to call for a **Public Hearing #2** on July 12, 2021; all members voting Aye.

Comments from citizens

Comments from council: Melvin Poole, out of town on a visit with grandchildren, thanked Council for allowing him to attend the meeting “virtually”.

Motion # 1450 was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 3 Yeah, none No, to **adjourn the meeting**.

7:45 P. M.
June 14, 2021

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Admin.

Town of Red Cross
Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING
July 12, 2021
7:00 PM

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing for addressing two separate items: (1) Request for Annexation, (2) Request for Rezoning.

The Request for Annexation of three parcels of land on Hatley Burriss Road by three owners: Richard and Cheryel Bray, Burleson Square, LLC (Joseph Burleson), LTC Development, LLC (Terry Whitley). The property is within the “sphere of influence” of the Town of Red Cross Corporate Limits and fronts on Hill Top Road. It is approximately 97.33 acres.

The Request for Zoning Amendment was from County RA to Conditional Zoning by Joseph Burleson. Michael Sandy gave much information regarding the request for 97.23 acres which would contain approximately 250 single family lots. A homeowners association would be formed. Plans are for 2 ½ units per acre. The units would be 1600 square feet plus a 2-car garage, brick/stone front, landscaped entrances, streets lights, driveways 20’ wide, no parking in yards or on streets, sidewalks on both sides of the new interior streets, which will be maintained by the Town of Red Cross, sewer treatment provided by the Town of Oakboro, minimum of 20 extra parking spaces for residents or visitors, only wrought iron fences allowed, no wood. The subdivision 23+ acres of open area, 13.24 acres of paved streets, 3.44 acres of right-of-way along Hatley Burriss Road. Other amenities stated on the Staff Report for ZA 21-01.

Mayor Brattain asked if there were any citizen comments. John Pova, resident of Jet Drive, adjacent to requested annexation property, asked about power lines on the property; Joseph Burleson answered that he had already talked with Duke Energy and arrangements have been made to re-position lines. Dustin McIntyre, adjacent property owner, stated he felt there would be a negative impact to the area as far as traffic, as it has already increased with the current development. Mr. Burleson stated a traffic study has been performed and is being reviewed by NCDOT.

Mayor Brattain then asked if there were any Council comments.

There being none, he asked for a motion to **close the Public Hearing**. **Motion # 1451** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman; Vote 2 Yea, 0 Nay

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
July 12, 2021**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee, Trina Plowman, Karen Smith
Melvin Poole (by telephone connection)

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Brenda Reeder (resident of Deerfield Lane); Charles Curcio, SNAP, John Pova, resident of Jet Drive, Dustin McIntire, adjoiner property owner, Mr. ? Deal, newspaper, Joseph Burleson, Jerry Burleson, Michael Sandy, Enforcement Officer; Mike Haigler, Deputy Sheriff

Invocation was given by Trina Plowman

The Agenda was presented to Council; with no comments, **Motion #1452**, was made by Karen Smith, second by J. J. Curlee, to **approve the Agenda**; 3 members voted Aye, no Members voted Nay.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing #1 on July 12, 2021, was presented to Council; there being no discussion, **Motion #1453** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman, to approve the Minutes; 3 members voted Aye, no one voted Nay.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing #2 on July 12, 2021, was presented to Council; there being no discussion, **Motion #1454** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee; tot approve the Minutes; 3 members voted Aye, no one voted Nay.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of July 12, 2021**, were presented to each Council member. There being no questions or discussion, **Motion #1455** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Karen Smith ; 3 members voted Aye, no one voted Nay, for approval of the Minutes.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the **Financial Report for the month of June, 2021**, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council approved the financial reports by **Motion #1456**, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Karen Smith; 3 members voting Aye, 0 members voting Nay, for approval of the Financial reports.

Before remaining reports, Mayor Brattain re-assigned the department of Zoning Liaison to new Council Member, Karen Smith.

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report

Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole, no report
Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee, - no report
Zoning: Karen Smith – no report

OLD BUSINESS – No word yet from Duke Energy and the Tech who prepared the contract to install a new light in the parking lot; no response to emails or a telephone message; Aloma Whitley will continue to pursue a response from Duke.

NEW BUSINESS

The **renewal of the contract with the Stanly County Sheriff's Office for FY 2021-2022** was received with no increase to the FICA withholding, and a 2.34% increase for the retirement benefit. Council had copies to review and with no discussion or comments, **Motion #1457** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Trina Plowman; Vote was 3 for Yea, 0 for Nay to approve the renewal .

The **renewal contract with Shaver's Lawn Service for FY 2021-2022** was received; the monthly fee remained the same as the current year - \$683.82. Council had copies to review and with no discussion or comments, **Motion #1458** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee; Vote was 3 for Yea, 0 for Nay.

The **contracts for all three of the Fire Departments for FY 2021-2022** have been signed and received.

All documentation required for the **American Rescue Plan Act** has been submitted to SAM.gov (federal) and NCPRO (state). Nathaniel Habluka and Laura Jimenez, Office of State Budget & Management, both stated that the account is "active". The first payment of "half" of the funds will be distributed this year and the balance one year later.

The next item on the Agenda was the Public Hearing held prior to the Council meeting, held for **two separate** Motions:

(1) Request for **Annexation of three parcels** of land on Hatley Burris Road by three owners: Richard and Cheryel Bray, Burleson Square, LLC (Joseph Burleson), and LTC Development, LLC (Terry Whitley). Michael Sandy, Zoning Enforcement Officer, was present to answer and questions; there being none or comments, **Motion #1459** was made by Trina Plowman, second by J. J. Curlee; Vote was 3 for Yea, 0 for Nay, to approve the annexation for the three parcels.

(2) Application for a **Zoning change from County RA to Conditional Zoning** by Joseph Burleson. Michael Sandy was present to address any questions or comments. **Motion #1460** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Karen Smith, to approve the request for zoning change. Vote was 3 Yea, 0 Nay.

No comments from citizens.

No comments from council – Melvin Poole was unable to attend in person but attended “virtually” by telephone.

Motion #1461 was made to **adjourn the meeting** by Karen Smith, second by J. J. Curlee; Vote was 3 Yea, 0 Nay

7:45 P. M.
July 12, 2021

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Admin.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
August 9, 2021**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: J. J. Curlee, Trina Plowman, Karen Smith
Melvin Poole (by telephone connection)

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Michael Sandy, Barbara Carpenter

Invocation was given by Karen Smith

The Agenda was presented to Council; with no comments, **Motion #1462**, was made by Melvin Poole, second by J. J. Curlee, to **approve the Agenda**; 4 members voted Aye, no Members voted Nay.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing on July 12, 2021, was presented to Council; there being no discussion, **Motion #1463** was made by J. J. Curlee, second by Melvin Poole, to approve the Minutes; 4 members voted Aye, no one voted Nay.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of July 12, 2021**, were presented to each Council member. There being no questions or discussion, **Motion #1464** was made by Trina Plowman, second by Karen Smith; 4 members voted Aye, no one voted Nay, for approval of the Minutes.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the **Financial Report for the month of July, 2021**, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council approved the financial reports by **Motion #1465**, made by J. J. Curlee, second by Karen Smith; 4 members voting Aye, 0 members voting Nay, for approval of the Financial reports.

Before remaining reports, Mayor Brattain re-assigned the department of Zoning Liaison to new Council Member, Karen Smith.

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Police Protection: J. J. Curlee, no report

Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole, no report

Waste Collection: J. J. Curlee, - no report

Zoning: Karen Smith – The P & Z Board discussed sending out letters to adjainers of the town limits to urge requesting voluntary annexation into the town limits

OLD BUSINESS – A tech doing contract work for Duke Energy, “Alex”, came to Town Hall to hopefully clear up the confusion taking place regarding the replacement of the back parking lot light. He said **he personally came “a couple months ago and installed the LED 70W bulb”**, replacing the previous light that was not bright enough. He didn’t know why the service installation department had said the job was not done.

NEW BUSINESS

The invoice for the renewal of the Property and Liability Insurance was received and will be paid this week. A copy of the P & L, Workers Comp, and the NC League of Municipalities renewals are in Councils’ packets.

A copy of information regarding tap fee and capacity fee was received from Mike Efird, Town Manager of the Town of Oakboro. The upcoming development of the 97+ acres on Hatley Burriss road will be served by the Town of Oakboro for water and sewer.

The (Federal) American Rescue Plan Act is working through the NC Pandemic Recovery Office (NCPRO) to expedite funds to the towns and cities of North Carolina. Information from Kara Millonzi, NC School of Government, is in Councils’ packet. Also, a copy of an email from Nathan Habluka and Laura Jimenez, Office of the State Budget and Management, showing the registration status is “active” for the Town of Red Cross to receive funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. A conversation with “Megan” of the office of System for Award Management (SAM.gov) related that the registration with that department is also in order. Funds are being distributed in the order registrations were received. The first payment (Tranch) which will be “half” of the funds allocated to the Town will be received this year, the other half next year. The Town of Red Cross is required to formally accept the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLRF) of H.R, 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 by adopting a **RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS**. Funds received under CSLRF must only be spent for purposes and regulations authorized by the CSLRF and by State Law. Other requirements are stated in the **RESOLUTION**. **Motion #1466 to adopt the RESOLUTION** was made by Karen Smith, second by J. J. Curlee; Vote was 3 members AYE, 1 member, Melvin Poole, voted Nay; Motion passes 3 to 1.

Comments from citizens: Barbara Carpenter, citizen and former council member, has been on a mission to find who is responsible for the trash on the right of ways for the Town of Red Cross. Many complaints have been received from citizens and others who pass by the right of ways, commenting on the problem of trash. Mrs. Carpenter made many phone calls to arrive at the information from the State DOT that “Dixie Lawn Service” has the contract for the Town of Red Cross, and that they come once a month to pick up debris. Council told Mrs. Carpenter they agreed that the highway trash has become a problem and expressed appreciation to her for her work on this “misson”.

Comments from Council: Michael Sandy, Town Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, told Council that letters were being sent to “adjoiners” of the Town of Red Cross limits, to urge them to consider requesting annexation into the Town.

Motion #1467 was made to **adjourn the meeting** by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote was 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

7:45 P. M.
August 9, 2021

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Admin.

Town Of Red Cross
Minutes of Special Called Meeting

September 30, 2021

Present: Mayor Kelly Brattain, Council Members Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman
Aloma Whitley, Town Administrator, Michael Sandy, Town Planner

Mayor Kelly Brattain called the Special Called Meeting to order.

Melvin Poole made **Motion #1468** to go into **closed session**; Trina Plowman second the motion.

Mr. Dwayne Wingo, Stanly County Utilities, Director of Field Crew Services, met with those present to give information on the ongoing upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment facilities serving western Stanly County, necessary because of the growth of both residential areas and the relocation of Charlotte Pipe to Oakboro. He gave details on the current upgrade in progress to facilitate 1.9 million gallons of capacity. As soon as that upgrade is done, IMMEDIATELY work to upgrade to furnish 2.5 million gallons of capacity will begin. A very complicated system of numbers is involved in making all the calculations to accomplish the upgrades. Mr. Wingo suggested the Town hire an engineer to study the needs the Town of Red Cross should be planning and preparing to fund in the not so distant future. Michael Sandy will look into contacting an engineer's services.

Motion #1469 was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, to **close the Closed Session**; both council members voting in approval.

There being no further business of the called meeting Melvin Poole made **Motion #1470** to close the Called Meeting, Trina Plowman second the motion; all in agreement with a vote of Aye to close meeting.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
October 11, 2021**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: Trina Plowman, Karen Smith
Melvin Poole

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Brenda Reeder, Michael Sandy, Carlton Burton, David Williams, Gary Stewart, Ken Bullock, Matt Graham, Harry Williams, Dale Burris, Thelma Tomberlin, Tina Eudy, Todd Smith, Freda Smith, Darin and Cindy Robinson

Mayor Kelly Brattain asked at this time if all present would join him in observance of a Moment of Silence to honor Town Council Member J. J. Curlee, who passed away on September 7, 2021, and in gratitude for his years of valuable service to the Town of Red Cross.

Invocation was given by Melvin Poole.

The Agenda was presented to Council; Michael Sandy asked Council, if it would be their pleasure at this point of the meeting, to accommodate Burton Engineering representatives, all who are out of town, to present the Final Town Center Phasing Plan and Cost Estimates of the Red Cross Town Center Master Plan project; **Motion #1471**, was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, to **approve the Adjusted Agenda** for the presentation by Burton Engineering; 3 members voted Aye, no Members voted Nay.

Michael Sandy extended appreciation to Council to allow the presentation by Burton Engineering at this time as the representatives of Burton Engineering are all from out of town. Michael also expressed appreciation to Carlton Burton and his associates for the meal provided to the Town Council and Planning and Zoning Board prior to the meeting.

Mr. Burton, Mr. David Williams, Mr. Gary Stewart, Mr. Ken Bullock and Mr. Matt Graham all spoke on "THE FINAL TOWN CENTER PHASING PLAN AND COST ESTIMATES", which (PLAN) "comprises a road map to development of the town center in a manner that will help facilitate growth and development. Budgetary estimates are provided based on major development milestones. Please refer to the attached illustrative graphic Final Town Center Master Plan – Phasing when reviewing this data." The projected cost and "definitions" of the different phases are listed:

Pre-development (Access to public utilities) - \$750,000

Phase 1: 5 to 7 years out – \$3,297,400.

Phase 2: 10 to 14 years out - \$1,379,700.

Phase 3: 15 to 21 years out - \$7,090,000.

Motion #1472 was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman, to **Adopt the Red Cross Town Center Master Plan as presented by Burton Engineering**; Votes were 3 Aye, 0 Nay

The Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of September 30, 2021 were presented. **Motion #1473** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; 3 votes Aye, 0 votes Nay, to accept the Minutes.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of August 9, 2021 were presented. **Motion #1474** was made by Karen Smith, second by Melvin Poole; 3 votes Aye, 0 votes Nay, to accept the Minutes.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the **Financial Report for the months of August and September, 2021**, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council approved the financial reports by **Motion #1475**, made by Karen Smith, second by Melvin Poole; 3 members voting Aye, 0 members voting Nay, for approval of the Financial reports.

Before the remaining reports, were presented, Mayor Brattain re-assigned the department of Police Protection to Melvin Poole; Waste Collection and Zoning Liaison to Karen Smith.

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 – The P & Z Board discussed sending out letters to adjoining of the town limits to urge requesting voluntary annexation into the town limits

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Brattain presented the renewal of the **Town's Contract with Michael Sandy as the Zoning Officer and Town Planner**. **Motion #1476** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman, to approve the renewal of the Contract; Votes 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Mayor Brattain presented the renewal of the Town's **Contract with Phil Love for the mowing of the field areas** of the Town Hall property. **Motion #1477** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman to renew the contract with Mr. Love. Votes 3 Aye, 0 Nay

The first check from American Rescue Plan Act was received in the amount of \$101,250.00, the first half of the approved amount for the Town. The second half will be received one year after the first check. The report required to be filed regarding the use of the money has been delayed from October 31 to a date in the next year.

The first check from Powell Bill (the State Aid to Municipalities Highway Fund) has been received for \$7,194.12. The second check is usually sent on December 31. Because the State Budget had not been set yet at the time of the disbursement, there is a possibility the second check will have an increased proportionate share.

Deputy Mike Haigler had sent an inquiry if Council had an opinion on a change of the beginning time of patrolling by the Sheriff's Department should be changed to 6:00 AM, as opposed to 10:00 AM as it is currently. The matter was tabled to November meeting to invite Deputy Haigler to be present to discuss the matter.

Another tabled matter was a letter received from Mr. John Bridgers of the Secretary of State's office regarding a change to the State Plane Coordinates. Michael Sandy was to try to get in touch with Mr. Bridgers on this matter.

A letter is still being prepared to go out to citizens on a growing problem of waste being blown along the Town's roadways when citizens fail to **put trash inside bags** before placing into the waste carts.

Motion #1478 was made to **adjourn the meeting** by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote was 4 Aye, 0 Nay.

8:40 P. M.
October 11, 2021

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Admin.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
November 8, 2021**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members Present: Trina Plowman, Karen Smith

Melvin Poole

Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Michael Sandy, Andrew Smith, Lisa Lowder, Peter Ascitutto, Mike Haigler

Invocation was given by Karen Smith

The Agenda was presented and ADJUSTED to add add/replace Item #9 for the matter of appointing a Mayor Pro Tempore; Motion #1479 was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 3 Yay, 0 Nay

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of October 11, 2021** were presented. **Motion #1480** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman; 3 votes Aye, 0 votes Nay, to accept the Minutes.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the **Financial Report for the month of October, 2021**, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council approved the financial reports by **Motion #1481**, made by Karen Smith, second by Melvin Poole; 3 members voting Aye, 0 members voting Nay, for approval of the Financial reports.

FYI notice of 2 CD's that matured on November 17. Also, FYI of three deposits made for refunded sales taxes from the state.

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 –

1. The matter of the State Plane Coordinates introduced to the Town by John Bridgers, Land Records Consultant with the Secretary of State office, still tabled awaiting information on the matter.

2. Deputy Mike Haigler was present to answer any questions on the matter of changing the hours to begin patrol from 10:00 am to 6:00 am, partly because of the heavy traffic in the mornings at West Stanly High School of private vehicles and the school busses that arrive and also leave to go to the elementary schools. After Council discussion, Council favored the start of the earlier hours on days patrol was scheduled. Council also asked if a schedule could be submitted to show days of scheduled patrol; Deputy Haigler said he would get that schedule information to the Council.

3. The Letter to citizens, requiring that trash be put in bags, not yet ready.

NEW BUSINESS

The Rocky River Rural Planning Organization has requested for the Town to send 2 representatives to the Bi-monthly meetings of the RPOs two meetings: the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). The TAC meeting is to be attended by elected officials, regular meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every other month, at designated times and locations. The TCC meeting is to be attended by a staff official of the town on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month at 10:00 AM, usually at the Gene McIntyre Commissioner's Room at Stanly Commons. Karen Smith and Melvin volunteered to attend the TAC meetings, working together to trade-off as needed.

Michael Sandy submitted a contract to Council to perform a sewer study as recommended by Stanly County Utilities Director, Duane Wingo. The necessity of the Town becoming familiar with the purchase of water/sewer capacity for the near future development approaching the Town "is urgent". Council requested another contract to be submitted in this matter and asked that it be tabled to the December meeting. Motion #1482 was made by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith; Vote 3 Yay, 0 Nay to table this item to December meeting.

Mayor Brattain presented the matter of appointment of Melvin Poole to serve in the office of Mayor Pro Tempore; asking if Mr. Poole would accept the position, he accepted. Motion #1483 was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman to approve the appointment. Vote: 3 Yay, 0 Nay

In Citizens comments: Andrew Smith, citizen at 275 S. Oak Ridge Road, asked to speak concerning the recently adopted Red Cross Town Center Master Plan, saying he was upset to learn it was a "done deal". He thought the citizens of Red Cross still wanted the town and the surrounding land to stay as it is without the development of dense housing and businesses. He was assured that the plan is not a "soon to be" change and is a long term, phased "idea" of the possibilities of what can/may be developed. He was loaned one of the "books" of the study to become familiar with the extensive studies that were done.

Peter Ascitutto, County Commissioner, spoke of several matters, first of which was the wise study done by the Town for the future development of the Town Center; the importance of the Town to be in touch with DOT developments through attending the RPO meetings; praising the track awards recently won by the Stanly County schools; the Parks and Recreation grant opportunities open for applications; also the efforts made by Stanly County citizens and businesses to beat the COVID pandemic.

Deputy Mike Haigler also stated that a study of the magnitude the Town has done is a very wise achievement.

Motion #1484 was made to **adjourn the meeting** by Melvin Poole, second by Karen Smith ; Vote was 3 Aye, 0 Nay.

8:45 P. M.
November 8, 2021

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Admin.

**Town of Red Cross
Minutes of Council Meeting
December 13, 2021**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain
Council Members Present: Trina Plowman, Karen Smith
Melvin Poole
Town Administrator: Aloma Whitley

Guests: Michael Sandy, Will Huneycutt

Invocation was given by Melvin Poole

The Agenda was presented; **Motion #1485** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 3 Yay, 0 Nay

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of November 8, 2021** were presented. **Motion #1486** was made by Karen Smith, second by Trina Plowman; 3 votes Aye, 0 votes Nay, to accept the Minutes.

Department Reports:

Financial Report – copies of the **Financial Report for the month of November, 2021**, were presented to each council member by Trina Plowman, Finance Officer. Council approved the financial reports by **Motion #1487**, made by Karen Smith, second by Melvin Poole; 3 members voting Aye, 0 members voting Nay, for approval of the Financial reports.

FYI notice of 1 CD that matured on December 3.

Fire Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Police Protection: Melvin Poole, no report

Street Maintenance: Melvin Poole, no report

Waste Collection: Karen Smith – letter to be mailed to citizens

Zoning: Karen Smith – 1. need quote for Master Plan sign; 2. current interest in Whitley Farm property

OLD BUSINESS –

1. The matter of the State Plane Coordinates introduced to the Town by John Bridgers, Land Records Consultant with the Secretary of State office, still tabled awaiting information on the matter.

2. The letter to citizens regarding trash being put into closed bags has been mailed.

3. Regarding the Sewer Study, Michael Sandy talked with Dwayne Wingo, Stanly County Utilities Director, who will be doing a sewer study for the western part of the county within the next 18 months. Michael asked Mr. Wingo if he could include the Town of Red Cross in that Study, as the Town is a customer of Stanly County Utilities. Mr. Wingo agreed to include the Town in the study, which will be no expense to the Town for a study to be done.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. William Huneycutt, CPA, presented the completed audit and financial statements to Council in person as it was a requirement by the State this year to do so. He explained in detail all of the report, asking if there were any questions from Council; there were none, and he was thanked by the Mayor and Council for his presentation.

Council Member Trina Plowman stated that the landscaping at the 2 town signs, at Providence church and Liberty Hill, were badly in need of cleaning. During the week prior to the current meeting, Shaver's Lawn Service cleaned both areas attractively.

There being no further business or discussion from Council or citizens, **Motion #1488** was made to **adjourn the meeting** by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman ; Vote was 3 Aye, 0 Nay.

8:35 P. M.
December 13, 2021

Kelly Brattain, Mayor
Aloma Whitley, Admin.

