

**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING**  
**January 8, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council members present: Melvin Poole, Lisa Lowder, Trina Plowman, Andrew Smith

Planning and Zoning Officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Guests:10+

Mayor Kelly Brattain Called into session the Public Hearing on *updating the Current Fee Schedule for Planning and Zoning*.

**Motion #1764**, was made by Trina Plowman, second by Lisa Lowder, to **go into the Public Hearing**; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Mike Efird presented the old fee schedule along with the new one he is proposing for comparison. Mike explained the old fee schedule was outdated and did not include the costs for advertising fees. The new fee schedule is lower than other local towns. This new fee schedule will allow the town to recoup the costs for advertising and recording fees. The fee schedule also includes variables where needed, to cover costs that can be more or less depending on the individual applications.

**Motion #1765**, was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Trina Plowman, to **Close the Public Hearing**; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

**Motion #1766**, was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder, to **Re-open the public hearing for public comment**; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Mayor Kelly Brattain invited the public to comment

There were no comments from citizens

**Motion #1767**, was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder, to **close the public hearing**; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Town of Red Cross Town Council  
Meeting At Town Hall  
Minutes of  
Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM  
(following the public hearing)

**Present:**

Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Mayor Kelly Brattain Called the meeting to order

Invocation was given by Trina Plowman

Welcome and Recognition of guests 8+

The agenda was approved; **Motion #1768**; to approve the agenda was made by Melvin Poole, second by Lisa Lowder Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of December 11, 2023, were approved **Motion # 1769** was made by Andrew Smith, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The financial reports were presented by Trina Plowman for December 2023. Trina asked about 2 charges on the checking account, one being for A.M.T. for the Burleson development. Shannon Alberta explained this is something we pay to A.M.T. and then is reimbursed back to the town by Mr. Burleson. The second is South Point Surveying for Town Hall Property. Shannon Alberta explained this was the survey we needed to rezone the property into one zoning. Trina also stated an amendment may need to be made in the next few months as our professional fees are again getting close to budget. The financials were approved by council, **Motion #1770** was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Fire Protection was presented by Melvin Poole, there was a home this past month that was lost due to fire. Melvin reminded everyone to use safety and caution, especially with portable heaters.

Police Protection was presented by Lisa Lowder. There were 50 total events including 12 traffic stops, 5 traffic light malfunctions, 3 information referrals, and 3 business checks, the rest were small/minor reports.

Street Maintenance was presented by Melvin Poole there was no report, but Melvin did comment that he will be reaching out to the state regarding rather large potholes around town.

Waste Collection was presented by Lisa Lowder with no report, she did mention her recycles seemed to have been collected on Wednesday and wanted to confirm the day was still every other Thursday.

Zoning was presented by Andrew Smith; Andrew stated the most recent meetings the board had were very energetic and constructive. He also acknowledged there were quite a few members of the board in attendance for the council meeting, and that he appreciates the interest everyone is showing. Mike Efird presented an update on the subdivision ordinance, the board is working on getting a list together to show attorney Al Benshoff. Attorney Al Benshoff requested the change, as the current one seems out of date. The board discussed changing the smaller zoning districts and overall changes to the ordinance.

Mike Efird also discussed there is planning of a public park for Town Hall Property, they will be hosting a workshop on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6pm at Town Hall. This is advertised for the public to attend and for everyone to discuss ideas about what they would like to see in a public park on the property. There is an interest in creating an entrance for the park off of South Oakridge Road possibly using money from the Powell Bill to pave the road, parking lot, and sidewalks. The board is looking into hiring a landscape architect to help with the design and planning of the park. Also, the board is researching grants to help with funding. Once ready the board will present their plan to the council for their consideration.

Mike Efird gave an update about the minimal housing complaint he received regarding the address of 151 Bear Claw Road. Mike Efird spoke with attorney Jim Phillips about a hearing regarding the property. He is thinking they will set a date for the hearing by the end of the month. Mike Efird will be able to chair the hearing, they will try to work with the owner to get everything up to code.

Mike Efird also reported the Planning and Zoning Board discussed appointing members for the Board of Adjustments which will be discussed later in the meeting.

Andrew Smith also commented he and Mike Efird visited the barn that is located on town property. He would like to discuss at the February meeting looking into preserving it and then restoring it in the future. Phil Love also volunteered to clean up the brush around the barn in the spring.

Old Business:

The Council discussed and voted on approving the proposed fee schedule **Motion# 1771** to approve the fee schedule, was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Melvin Poole; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

New Business:

Laurie Harper was supposed to attend the meeting to present possible grants that may be of interest to the town, but was not in attendance. Mike Efird will reach out to see if she can come for the February 2024 meeting.

The Council discussed and appointed the members of The Board of Adjustment. The council approved the members as presented with one seat being open that was originally slated for Mr. Tucker. **Motion#1772** to approve with 1 open seat was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Melvin Poole; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The council shared what they would like to see the Town accomplish in the year 2024. Lisa Lowder shared she looks forward to the plans of a park on Town Hall property, and seeing what could be done with the barn as well. Mayor Kelly Brattain expressed he would like to see what the Town could do with the white house on town property. Melvin Poole shared he would like to see the Town make some improvements to the entrance/exterior of Town Hall. Lights and reflectors installed on the driveway would make Town Hall safer and more aesthetically pleasing. Melvin Poole also shared he would like to see the town partnering with the local school for cross country to enjoy the future park. Andrew Smith shared the main thing for him is the park at Town Hall taking form. Trina Plowman shared she also looks forward to the park, she would enjoy seeing a gazebo and walking trail so people can enjoy the ponds and wildlife around the property.

The Council asked if there were any comments from citizens. Heather Britt Shared she is trying to talk to everyone about the park planning. She also spoke with the director at West Stanly who seems excited about the park. Family also shared they would enjoy fishing at the ponds would be nice as they used to many years ago. Heather also commented her and her husband discussed how they both felt it would be nice for the meetings to be live-streamed for the citizens to view the meetings being held when they are unable to physically attend. Lionel Hahn shared he agrees that the lighting for Town Hall should be looked into along the driveway and around the building. He also shared that the town has a lot of possible items to be displayed in a museum. The brick building could also be used as a satellite office for the county sheriffs. Elizabeth Smith also shared she would like to see Christmas lights for the holidays. Andrew Smith also commented that Town Clerk Shannon Alberta has been updating the website and Facebook page trying to get the backlog of minutes posted for review. He feels we could easily be able to get live video streaming going pretty easily if that is something we do decide to move forward on.

Comments from Council came from Lisa Lowder who thanked everyone for coming to show their support for the town. Melvin wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**Motion #1773 to Go Into Closed Session**, was made by Andrew Smith, second by Trina Plowman Vote: 4 Yea 0 Nay; for personnel matters and approval/discussion of closed session minutes (“**personnel/attorney client privilege**”, **G.S. 143-318.11.**)

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**Motion # 1774** to Adjourn the Closed Session was made by Melvin Poole, second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

**Motion# 1775** to Adjourn the Council Meeting was made by Andrew Smith second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay, to Adjourn the Council Meeting

**Town of Red Cross  
Minutes of Neighborhood meeting  
In regards to the rezoning request  
of 176 E. Red Cross Road  
January 30, 2024  
6:00 PM**

Present - Planning and Zoning Officer: Mike Efird  
Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Guests: 0

Mike Efird and Shannon Alberta held a neighborhood meeting to hear comments from the neighbors regarding the request for rezoning of the property located at 176 East Red Cross Road, Oakboro, NC 28129. No citizens showed up, meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.

**Notice of the meeting was mailed to the following persons on January 16, 2024:**

Michael & June Winfree 214 Stonebrook Drive Clayton, NC 27520

GHE Enterprises Inc. 239 Gem Lane Stanfield, NC 28163

Larry Smith 642 Hilltop Road Oakboro, NC 28129

James Edwards 114 E. Red Cross Road Oakboro, NC 28129

Doris Huneycutt 16405 Big Lick Road Oakboro, NC 28129

Wendell Mullis 20918 Ridgecrest Road Locust, NC 28097

Brian Hartsell 248 S. Oakridge Road Oakboro, NC 28129

Loudivine Eubanks Rev Trust 4702 Bellamy Road Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Jacob Howard 242 S. Oakridge Road Oakboro, NC 28129

Culver Street Investments LLC. C/O William A Funderburk III 8540 E McDowell Road Mesa, AZ 85207

Valencia Tribble 214 S. Oak Ridge Road Oakboro, NC 28129

JSK Storage Solutions LLC. 11012 Saint Onge Drive Stanfield, NC 28163

Carla Huneycutt 5602 NC 24/27 HWY Locust, NC 28097

**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING #1**  
**February 12, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council members present: Melvin Poole, Lisa Lowder, Trina Plowman, Andrew Smith

Planning and Zoning Officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Guests:12+

Mayor Kelly Brattain Called into session the Public Hearing on a ***zoning text change regarding the location of fences in relation to property lines.***

Mike Efird presented the zoning text change regarding the location of fence in relation to property lines. The new text will read as, “all new fence lines must be located at least two feet from the existing property line.” Mike Efird continued to explain how it will be essential in subdivisions and for smaller properties. There have been issues in the past with common fence lines, and this will allow homeowners to be able to fix/maintain their fences while being able to remain on their property. The builders will include this in their restrictive covenants, with the homeowners’ associations enforcing this in subdivisions. This will be applied to all future fences being installed in the town, and will not affect existing fence lines.

Mayor Kelly Brattain invited the public to comment

There were no comments from citizens

**Motion #1776**, was made by Melvin Poole, second by Andrew Smith, to **close the public hearing**; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay



**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of PUBLIC HEARING #2**  
**February 12, 2024**  
**7:00 PM (following Public hearing #1)**

Present - Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council members present: Melvin Poole, Lisa Lowder, Trina Plowman, Andrew Smith

Planning and Zoning Officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Guests:12+

Mayor Kelly Brattain Called into session the Public Hearing on a *the rezoning of 32.31 acres owned by the Town of Red Cross, located at 176 E. Red Cross Road, Oakboro, NC 28129.*

Mike Efird presented to the public, that the property for the town hall was previously three separate properties all with separate zoning. The town was able to combine the three properties to make it one single lot, but the zonings remained split. The three zonings are M1, RA, and the majority is Central business. This would change the zoning of two smaller portions of the property to be central business making all of the permitting uses the same on the single lot.

Mayor Kelly Brattain invited the public to comment

There were no comments from citizens

**Motion #1777**, was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, to **close the public hearing**; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

**Town of Red Cross Town Council  
Meeting At Town Hall Minutes of  
Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM  
(Following Public hearings 1& 2)**

Present:

Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Mayor Kelly Brattain Called the meeting to order

Invocation was given by Trina Plowman

Welcome and Recognition of guests 12+

The agenda was approved with adjustments: to add Item# 10 adoption of the Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness (to be done before vote on public hearing #2 to re-zone town property) and Item #18 for council to discuss and vote on changing the term for CD acct ending 0126 for an interest rate of 4.69% up to 9 months or allow it to rollover at 1.20% for 12 months; **Motion #1778**; to approve the agenda with those adjustments added was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of January 8, 2024, were approved **Motion # 1779** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Minutes of the Council meeting of January 8, 2024, were approved **Motion # 1780** was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The financial reports were presented by Trina Plowman for January 2024. Trina Plowman mentioned we may need to amend the budget shortly as the professional fees were coming close to the budget allowance. The financials were approved by council, **Motion #1781** to approve was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Fire Protection was presented by Melvin Poole with no report.

Police Protection was presented by Lisa Lowder for January, there were mostly traffic stops with the highest number of 11. Overall, per the report received by the Sheriff, it seemed quiet. One abandoned vehicle, two animal calls, one criminal/civil call.

Street Maintenance was reported by Melvin Poole. There is a sign needing replacement, but we are still waiting for the hardware to mount it as it is a cross-piece type sign. Once the pieces come in Melvin hopes to complete this week.

Waste Collection was presented by Lisa Lowder who just wanted to commend resident Barbara Carpenter for pitching in and picking up some trash around her residence along the highway.

Zoning was presented by Andrew Smith, Mike Efird has 2 minimal housing complaints currently being worked on. Mike Efird went on to explain he received five different complaints for a property on Deerfield and still one in progress on Bear Claw Road. Mike Efird also discussed he received a request for a driveway permit for an RV park that is located in Oakboro, but the property for the driveway is in Red Cross Town limits. He is working with the NCDOT, and attorney Al Benshoff to ensure the property owners are aware of their uses of the property regarding what is allowed on that property and how it is currently zoned. Andrew Smith discussed the workshop that was held in regards to plans for a possible town park and the regular board meeting where conservation subdivisions were discussed as well with attorney Al Benshoff.

#### Old Business:

Guest speaker Lori Harper from the Chamber of Commerce presented possible grants that may be of interest to the town. She described the following:

- North Carolina Department of Parks and Recreation has a grant that is a part F and matching grant through NCPARKS.GOV to local governments, this one she recommends over others for parks because this one is funded through the state.

- There are others that will fund more specific things like splash pads, playground equipment, trees, a community garden, fruit trees, and a horticulturist who will educate on the maintenance of the trees as long as they will be for community use.

- There are also different infrastructure grants for lights and crosswalks.

- Target has grants for police and fire equipment along with police body cameras through Axon.

- Walmart has a matching grant for the purchase of a town vehicle of about \$5,000.00.

- Safe streets and roads through the dept of Transportation has a grant that will help with the maintenance of roads not covered by state DOT

- Small city grants – charging stations of electric vehicles, if property ready they will install and teach how to maintain those.

- There is also a Broadband infrastructure program especially geared toward rural communities who can face limitations on internet capabilities

- There is a Big one called Community Heart and Soul, no one in the state of NC has ever gotten it yet. They will come in for 2 years and promote your community, everyone MUST be on board faith leaders, local govt, schools, and community leaders all coming together and promote the community with events parades ect. At the end of the two years they will give you a check for 10k with no stipulations.

-Duke Power may or may not have some available as well but that is being looked into at the moment

Lori Harper also explained that she would write the grants and send them in, but would need someone to act as fiduciary to manage money and send reports on the town's behalf. Usually, the grants have windows which are usually once a year so if you do not get it this year will have to wait until next year to try again. Some grants can be up to a few hundred to almost \$60,000.

#### New Business:

The Council discussed and voted on the zoning text change regarding the location of fences in relation to property lines as discussed in Public Hearing #1. **Motion#1782** to approve was made by Melvin Poole, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council discussed and voted on the adoption of the Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness regarding the rezoning of town property. Mike Efird explained this is required per general statute anytime a town is rezoning a property. This statement is to show that the rezoning of the property is consistent and reasonable with the land use plan adopted by the town. This was reviewed with favorable recommendation by the planning and zoning board to be presented for approval by the town council. **Motion#1783** to approve was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Council discussed and voted on the rezoning of 32.31 acres owned by the Town of Red Cross, located at 176 E. Red Cross Road, Oakboro, NC 28129 as discussed during Public Hearing #2. **Motion#1784** to approve was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Andrew Smith discussed the grant from Stanly County for the planning of a public park on town property. The grant is a matching grant of up to \$10,000. If the town agrees to pay \$10,000 towards the planning of a park, the county will match that 100%.

The Council adjusted the agenda for the council to discuss and vote on approving Mike Efird to pursue and approve a grant from Stanly County Parks and Rec for the engineering and planning of the town park. **Motion#1785** to **adjust the agenda** was made by Melvin Poole, Second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The council discussed and voted on approving up to \$10,000 to invest in the engineering and planning of the town park and, having Mike Efird pursue and approve the matching grant from Stanly County Parks and Rec. **Motion#1786** to approve was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Town Clerk Shannon Alberta gave an update on the 2023 audit. CPA Tony Brewer had finished the audit and is working on submitting to the LGC. Mr. Brewer hit a

minor speed bump that the LGC said they haven't received the 2022 audit report. Mr Brewer and Shannon Alberta have been in contact with Mr. Huneycutt's office who stated they sent it already but will re-send. Once the 2023 audit is submitted, Mr Brewer will come to the council meeting to present the 2023 books and the council can then approve the 2022 and 2023 at the same time.

The Council discussed enrolling in the electronic federal tax payment system for monthly electronic payments. This recommendation is per Reggie Hinson's recommendations as our taxable income liability is requiring us to do so as they are over \$2,500.00 per quarter. **Motion#1787** to approve was made by Melvin Poole, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The council discussed on sending a request to the NCDOT to apply for an exception to accumulate the sum of the past 20 allocations instead of the past 10 allocations (currently) in the Powell Bill. The NCDOT allows smaller towns with under 5,000 population to accumulate the sum of 20 allocations instead of 10 allocations. **Motion#1788** to approve was made by Melvin Poole, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council discussed renewing the Deer Urban Archery participation for the January 11 – February 16, 2025 season, contingent on confirmation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife. **Motion#1789** to approve was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council discussed who from the council, should represent the town at the Rocky River Rural Planning Organization TCC/TAC meetings. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is made up of elected officials who meet on the third Thursday of every other month from 6 pm to 8 pm. The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) is made up of staff officials who meet on the second Tuesday of every other month from 10 am-12 noon. The council has agreed to table this to the March meeting to further discuss with planning and zoning board members; 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The council discussed changing the term for CD account ending 0126 for an interest rate of 4.69% up to 9 months instead of allowing it to rollover at 1.20% it currently is for 12 months. **Motion#1790** to change term to up to 9 months with 4.69% interest was made by Trina Plowman, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Comments from citizens:

Wendy Growcock from the Stanly County Health Department spoke regarding the 2024 community health assessment. They are trying to get as much input from the residents of Stanly County in regards to what the needs are of all the county residents as far as health and wellness. Every 3 years there is a survey with about 40 questions that are asked to as many residents as possible. The survey will be from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March

29<sup>th</sup>. Once all input is received they can come back by zip code with the results of the survey.

Resident Barbara Carpenter shared her experience of picking up trash in the past, she was helping pick up trash and found a \$5.00 bill in a McDonald's bag. That was a great incentive to show her and others why it is great to pick up trash.

Comments from Council:

The Council honored Aloma Whitley for her many years of service and presented her with a plaque, and some gift expressions to show the town's appreciation for her hard work.

Lisa Lowder thanked everyone for showing their support and coming out to the meeting especially with the weather being less than ideal.

**Motion #1791 to Go Into Closed Session** was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay; for approval/discussion of closed session minutes and discussion on the purchase of property ("**attorney-client privilege**" "**Contracts**", **G.S. 143-318.11.**)

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**Motion #1792 to Adjourn the Closed Session** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

**Motion#1793** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay, **to Adjourn the Council Meeting**

Town of Red Cross Town Council  
Minutes of Special Called Meeting  
At Town Hall  
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 7:00 PM

**Present:**

Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efir

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Guests: 0 (one guest arrived, but shortly left after realizing most of the meeting was for closed session attorney Client privilege.)

Mayor Kelly Brattain will call the meeting into session.

Special Called Meeting for the purpose of (“**attorney-client privilege**” G.S. 143-318.11.)

**Motion #1795 to Go Into Closed Session**, was made by Melvin Poole, second by Lisa Lowder;  
Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

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**Motion #-1796 to Adjourn Closed Session** was made by Melvin Poole, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

**Motion #1797 to Adjourn the special called meeting** was made by Melvin Poole, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

**Town of Red Cross  
Minutes of Town Council Meeting  
At Town Hall  
Monday, March 11, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

**Present:**

Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Mayor Kelly Brattain Called the meeting to order

Invocation was given by Trina Plowman

Welcome and Recognition of guests 12+

The agenda was approved with no adjustments **Motion #1798** was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Public Hearing #1 of February 12, 2024**, were approved **Motion #1799** to approve was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman: Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Public Hearing #2 of February 12, 2024**, were approved **Motion #1800** to approve was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Trina Plowman: Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of February 12, 2024**, were approved **Motion #1801** was made by Andrew Smith, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Trina Plowman presented the Financial Reports to each Council Member for the month of February, 2024. Trina Plowman stated there will be a need for an amendment for the professional fees again before the next meeting. It was decided to setup a budget workshop for Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Lisa Lowder also asked about a void check number 2407. Town Clerk Shannon Alberta explained it was a void check needed for Reggie Hinson to enroll in the EFTPS system for electronic filing. **Motion #1802** to approve the financials was made by Melvin Poole, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.



Fire Protection was presented by Melvin Poole who had no report, but explained to the citizens how each of the fire departments are paid based on the coverage area and taxes received.

Police Protection was presented by Lisa Lowder. There were 50 total items on the report with traffic stops being the highest with 10 items, Suspicious vehicles 4 motorist assist 4, 9 criminal/civil paper service, and the rest were all very small incident totals.

Street Maintenance was presented by Melvin Poole, he shared the sign was back up at North Oakridge and 24/27. The Bethel church and Running Creek sign was also put back up which just needed the top connector piece installed. Melvin Poole also noticed the sign at Hatley Burris and 205 was knocked down, but due to the construction it may be best to wait to replace or repair until the construction is completed.

Waste Collection was presented by Lisa Lowder bulk trash is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> it is best for the citizens to have everything out by end of day on April 12<sup>th</sup>, they may not pick up all on the 13<sup>th</sup> but best to have everything out by then. They will not come back once picked up so do not try to put anything out after your trash has been picked up.

Zoning was presented by Andrew Smith, Mike Efird had a few items to share from the previous meeting. Mike Efird shared the Public Park Workshop will be taking place on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. There was a rough map drafted and will be shared at the meeting. Mike Efird also shared there were 4-5 more undocumented annexations after researching the minutes that were recently digitally converted. Mike Efird and Attorney Al Benshoff are working on re-writing a good portion of the zoning ordinance and it should be ready for review in the next month or so. Andrew Smith also added there was a lot of discussion about the park plans and grants.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The Council discussed if there was someone who was able to represent the town on the Rocky River RPO TAC committee. Andrew Smith spoke with Heather Britt about possibly attending as a citizen and she agreed, she would act as a liaison to Andrew Smith to notify him if there is a vote to be made. Andrew Smith agreed to be the official representative for the TAC committee. **Motion#1803** to approve Andrew Smith as the representative was made by Melvin Poole, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Town Clerk Shannon Alberta provided an update on the 2023 audit it is still on hold for submission due to the 2022 audit still not being received by the LGC. Shannon Alberta is continuing to communicate with Will Huneycutt and hopefully, it will be

submitted ASAP so Mr. Tony Brewer can then move forward with the 2023 audit approval and presentation.

Shannon Alberta shared that she reached out to our current telephone and internet provider to get information on a new updated phone system for the office. They shared their version of the Office suite phone system through Windstream. This new system would give two lines, give a better capacity to check voicemails even when not in the office, be able to do call forwarding in case of emergencies, and control the phone lines over a cloud. The cost is going to increase from \$256 per month to \$800 per month for the new system. The council agreed to table and look into other options or just even new phones for the town instead of a new phone system. Vote to table for further investigation was 4 yea, 0 Nay.

The Council discussed and voted on filing fees for the 2024 elections. **Motion#1804** to keep as is (Mayor \$15 and Council \$10) was made by Andrew Smith Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council discussed a letter the town received requesting sponsorship of a classroom for the Stanly County Schools Spring Special Olympics for the cost of \$300. After discussion and input from our town attorney, the council agreed to not move forward with the sponsorship as there was some concern regarding possible legalities in such sponsorships and also the way the letter was worded. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Mike Efir explained to the council that some individuals asked for a request for a speed limit decrease from 55-45MPH to the NCDOT for Liberty Hill Road to Pless Mill Road on 24/27 and Lakewood Road to 24/27 on South Oak Ridge Road along with a no Jake Brake sign at the 24/27 intersection. This request also comes as a recommendation by the planning and zoning board. The council voted to table and try to get a representative from the NCDOT to attend the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The council discussed who could represent the town for the Cabarrus Stanly Union Hazard Mitigation plan meeting on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm **Motion#1805** to have Mike Efir attend virtually was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Mayor Kelly Brattain asked for Comments from citizens, there were no further comments.

Mayor Kelly Brattain asked for Comments from Council, Melvin Poole thanked Clerk Shannon Alberta for her communication. Andrew Smith thanked everyone in attendance for showing their support

**Motion #1806 to Go Into Closed Session** was made by Trina Plowman, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea 0 Nay; for attorney client privilege and discussion of contracts(“attorney client privilege” “Contracts”, G.S. 143-318.11.)

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**Motion #1807 to Adjourn the Closed Session** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The council discussed and voted on updating the Sheriff's contract beginning July 1, 2024 from the current contract price to \$30,000/year (amendable at any time) for increased Sheriff hours in the Town of Red Cross, **Motion #1808** to approve the change was made by Melvin Poole, Second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 yea, 0 nay.

The council discussed and voted to approve having attorney Jim Phillips assist Clerk Shannon Alberta in getting the 2022 audit to be sent into the LGC by Will Huneycutt, **Motion #1809** to approve was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 yea, 0 nay.

The council discussed and voted on allowing Mike Efird and attorney Jim Phillips to move forward with investigating and contracting to get the property of Donna Brooks cleaned up and brought up to code by the means they find necessary as discussed, **Motion #1810** to approve was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 yea, 0 nay.

**Motion#1811** was made by Melvin Poole second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay, **to Adjourn the Council Meeting.**

Town of Red Cross Town Council  
Minutes of Special Called meeting  
At Town Hall  
Wednesday, March 25, 2024, at 7:00 PM  
(following the budget workshop)

Present:

Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Eford

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips and Al Benschhoff

CPA: Tony Brewer

Guests: 6+

Mayor Kelly Brattain will call the meeting into session. Special Called Meeting for the purpose of an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year 2023-2024, and discussion for the purpose of (“**attorney-client privilege and contracts ” G.S. 143-318.11.**)

The council discussed and voted on approving Amendment #4 for the Fiscal year 2023-2024 budget, Capital Improvements will be decreased by \$8,000, Misc. Planning Board will be decreased by \$3,000, and Permits and Notifications will be decreased by \$1,000. Professional fees will be increased by \$6,000, Oakboro Fire will be increased by \$3,500, West Stanly Fire will increase by \$2,000, and Maintenance will increase by \$500. **Motion #1814** was made to approve the amendment by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Comments:

**Motion #1815 to Go Into Closed Session**, was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay; for attorney-client privilege and discussion of contracts(“**attorney client privilege” “Contracts”, G.S. 143-318.11.**)

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**Motion #1816 to Adjourn Closed Session** was made by Melvin Poole, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea 0 Nay

**Motion #1817 to Adjourn the special called meeting** was made by Melivn Poole, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea 0 Nay

**Motion #1818** to Rescind **Adjournment of the special called meeting** was made by Melivn Poole, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea 0 Nay

**Motion #1819** to re-**Adjourn the special called meeting** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Melvin Poole; Vote: 4 Yea 0 Nay

Town of Red Cross Town Council  
Minutes of Budget Workshop  
At Town Hall  
Wednesday, March 25, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Present:

Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips and Al Benschhoff

CPA: Tony Brewer

Guests: 6+

Mayor Kelly Brattain called the workshop into session to discuss the upcoming budget for the 2024-2025 year

**Motion#1812** was made by Lisa Lowder second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay, to **Begin the workshop**

Town Clerk Shannon Alberta shared her preliminary work on the upcoming budget. This will be worked on over the next few months to be presented in May and June for approval before July 1<sup>st</sup>. Shannon Alberta looked at the revenue for the current year and the past two years and will use this information to estimate the revenue to budget for the next fiscal year. All of the items were also pulled for their previous and current years to try to budget for the next year as well. Some items will be easier to estimate than others, for instance, police protection we know the final amount for that for the next year since we signed a new contract with the Stanly County Sheriffs. The waste management prices should be easy to calculate as they have not changed and the contract price is still the same. Utilities show they stayed close to the same for the past three years. Payroll accounts will need to be increased since the number of employees has increased. Fire Protection will be better to predict in April once the town receives numbers from the tax office. Shannon Alberta also shared she would like to lay out the revenues and planning

and zoning in a different manner for the budget, as it seems to be too generalized and it would be better and more detailed.

Comments from Council:

Trina Plowman commented the budget seems like the work is progressing nicely.

Melvin Poole asked when will the town know what the taxes receivable will be? Shannon Alberta answered that the tax department will send out their reports for the fire department allocations in April. Regarding the estimates of state and county taxes, generally, those are based on 96-98% of the previous year's taxes received. It is better to be conservative when budgeting especially because not everyone pays their taxes.

Trina Plowman also mentioned we need to look into the prices for providing the toters for recycling for the other homes as well.

Melvin Poole also commented the tax revenues should go up a lot more than last years, and requested to see the numbers once received.

Andrew Smith also asked when we should know more final numbers for the budget especially with the park plans in the future.

There were no further comments from citizens

**Motion#1813** was made by Andrew Smith second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay, **to Adjourn the workshop**

**Town of Red Cross  
Minutes of Town Council Meeting  
At Town Hall  
Monday, April 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

**Present:**

Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members: Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Melvin Poole (**present via audio/telephone**)

Absent: Trina Plowman

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Mayor Kelly Brattain Called the meeting to order

Invocation was given by Lisa Lowder

Welcome and Recognition of guests 7+

The agenda was approved with adjustments to remove item #11 from the agenda and add items 15, 16,17, 18 for approval of chambers contract closed session minutes from three meetings in March **Motion #1820** was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder Vote: 2 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of March 6, 2024**, were approved **Motion #1821** to approve was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder: Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 11, 2024**, were approved **Motion #1822** to approve was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Andrew Smith: Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Budget Workshop on March 25, 2024**, were approved **Motion #1823** was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on March 25, 2024**, were approved **Motion #1824** was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Financial Reports for the month of March, 2024 were reviewed by the present members. Mayor Kelly Brattain asked if any council members present have anything they need clarification or further discussion on? **Motion #1825** to approve the financials was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Protection was presented by Melvin Poole who had no report via telephone.



Police Protection was presented by Lisa Lowder. There were 55 total items on the report with 13 business checks, 7 call by phone, 11 traffic stops, 3 motor assists, 2 domestics, 1 prowler, 1 suspicious person.

Street Maintenance was presented by Melvin Poole, Melvin Poole expressed his kudos to the NCDOT for patching a few potholes around town.

Waste Collection was presented by Lisa Lowder bulk trash is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> it is best for the citizens to have everything out by end of day on April 12<sup>th</sup>, they may not pick up all on the 13<sup>th</sup> but best to have everything out by then. The NCDOT will also be holding their bi-annual litter sweep, they will supply anyone interested with an orange vest and trash bags between April 13-27<sup>th</sup>.

Zoning was presented by Andrew Smith, Mike Efird had a few items to share from the previous meeting. Mike Efird shared there was an agreement being entered into to clean the Donna Brooks property very soon. The park design and grants are being worked on, there is a contract that will be discussed in closed session. There are some old annexations that will be worked on shortly that will need further finishing. The minimum housing case at 151 Bear Claw will be re-inspected on April 15<sup>th</sup>. There is also a possible new subdivision coming soon on the 20 acres located on the corner of Jacob Road and Ridgecrest Road. Mike Efird has received many calls from realtors interested in the property for subdividing. There was also a request for a pole barn permit, that will be approved in the near future. Mark Tucker looking for zoning compliance, there are some issues with non-conformance that they are working to figure out. The planning and zoning board is also discussing an animal and firearms ordinance update. There is also a board of adjustment training session set for May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The Council discussed adopting the A.M.T. Standards which was tabled from November 13 2023 council meeting. Mike Efird explained that it is important these standards be adopted and adjusted to Red Cross and requirements as stated in the town ordinance. The Red Cross zoning ordinance is currently being re-written, these standards will need to be in place to correspond with the new ordinance. These should be in the \$8-\$10,000 range. It shouldn't take too long to get the standards written once the ok is given. These standards are important to ensure construction is done to a higher standard to prevent possible issues in the future. The council discussed having them drawn up, then to approve to adopt once done. **Motion#1826** to approve A.M.T. to draw up the engineering standards for the Town of Red Cross was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The council discussed on setting a date for a public hearing for the first reading of the budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal year. The council discussed having the public meeting held prior to the May 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. There will need to be a second reading for June that will be set at the

next meeting. **Motion#1827** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

Comments from citizens:

One comment was that the minutes have not been updated on the website, Andrew Smith explained the minutes are posted once approved. These minutes are generally going to be posted a month later ie. March minutes will be posted after the April meeting.

Another comment was made regarding transparency/viewing of the 24-25 Budget. Andrew Smith explained the public hearing is where the budget is to be reviewed in a public setting and discussed. Then, it will be discussed and viewed again in June before being adopted. There was a request for it to be reviewed/shared before the public hearing for better preparation. Town Clerk Shannon Alberta will look into a better way to accommodate that request once reading over the general statute further. The budget is always public record and can be requested at any moment. We will look into improving and sharing our budget information on the website as it is a **current** work in progress and not yet completed.

A question was asked in regards to the discussion of a possible subdivision on Jacob Road, if there was a request for a development could it be denied? Mike Efird explained that as long as it follows the requirements set by planning and zoning ordinance for the town it should not be denied. If there is a re-zoning requested, the council would be involved in voting on approving/denying the rezoning.

Comments from Council:

Lisa Lowder thanked all of the citizens for their continued support.

**Motion #1828 to Go Into Closed Session**, was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay; for attorney client privilege and discussion of contracts(“**attorney client privilege**” “**Contracts**”, G.S. 143-318.11.)

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**Motion #1829 to go into open Session** was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay.

The council voted on a contract for Chambers Engineering in the planning of a public park for \$6,200. **Motion#1830** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council approved the Closed Session **Minutes of the Special Called meeting of March 6, 2024, the Council meeting of March 11, 2024, and the Special called meeting on March 25, 2024** **Motion #1831** was made by Andrew Smith second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 3 Yea, 0 Nay

**Motion#1832** was made by Andrew Smith second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay, **to Adjourn the Council Meeting.**

**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of the PUBLIC HEARING**  
**For May 13, 2024**  
**At 7:00 PM**

Present:

Melvin Poole acting as Mayor Pro-tem

Council Members: Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Absent: Mayor- Kelly Brattain

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Mayor Pro-tem Melvin Poole Called into session the Public Hearing for the first reading of the budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2024 ending June 30, 2025.

Town Clerk Shannon Alberta presented the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year starting July 1, 2024 ending June 30, 2025. The budget was presented to the room over the projector screen.

There were no comments from citizens

Finance officer Trina Plowman asked regarding the grants when we would expect to know if they are awarded.

Town Clerk Shannon Alberta answered mid-summer.

**Motion #1833**, was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Trina Plowman, to **close the public hearing**; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

**Town of Red Cross  
Minutes of Town Council Meeting  
At Town Hall  
Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:00 PM  
(Following the Public Hearing)**

**Present:**

Melvin Poole acting as Mayor Pro-tem

Council Members: Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Absent: Mayor- Kelly Brattain

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Mayor Pro-tem Melvin Poole Called the meeting to order

Invocation was given by Andrew Smith

Welcome and Recognition of guests 8+

The agenda was approved with adjustments to add item number #21 approval of the amended contract for the 2022 audit with Wil Huneycutt. **Motion #1834** was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of April 8, 2024**, were approved **Motion #1835** to approve was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Andrew Smith: Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Financial Reports for the month of April, 2024 were presented by Trina Plowman. Town Clerk Shannon Alberta Clarified one check that had to have a stop payment due to it being lost in the mail. **Motion #1836** to approve the financials was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Protection was presented by Melvin Poole who had no report.

Police Protection was presented by Lisa Lowder. There were 59 total events on the report with 9 business checks, 11 traffic stops, 2 trespassing/loitering, 2 vehicle/foot pursuits, and a few other smaller events.

Street Maintenance was presented by Melvin Poole, Melvin Poole expressed his gratitude for Planning and Zoning Chairman Lionel Hahn and Council member Andrew Smith for replacing the sign that blew down on the corner of the Red Cross Baptist Church.

Waste Collection was presented by Lisa Lowder, White goods is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Zoning was presented by Andrew Smith, Mike Efird had a few items to share from the previous meeting. Mike Efird shared that Mr. Phil Love who harvests the hay on the property, found a better way to be able to access the property off of South Oakridge Road. This will make it safer for him to pull into the property with his equipment. Mike Efird also informed the council a tree fell on the property at South Oakridge Road which is currently being cleaned up. The white house on the same property will need to be cleaned up shortly. Pictures were presented showing there is a lot of brush around the house that can potentially cause issues if not addressed. Mike Efird also received all of the bonds for the final plat of the Streamside Subdivision, houses should start being built very shortly. The PartF and Stanly County Parks grants were submitted and we hope to hear if they are awarded to us sometime over the summer. Mike Efird also discussed that he met with a citizen last Friday about a subdivision on Hilltop Road. Some work was done to the property ahead of time which will need to be corrected and addressed to comply with the town zoning ordinances.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Council set a date for the public hearing for the second reading of the budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal year for June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, prior to the council meeting. **Motion #1837** was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council discussed and voted to approve Amendment #5 for the 2023-2024 budget. **Motion #1838** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Comments from citizens:

There were no comments from citizens

Comments from Council:

Andrew Smith encouraged everyone to stay during the closed session as there are a few items needing action after the closed session.

**Motion #1839 to Go Into Closed Session**, was made by Andrew Smith, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay; for attorney client privilege and discussion of contracts(“attorney client privilege” “Contracts”, G.S. 143-318.11.)

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**Motion #1840 to go into open Session** was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Closed Session Minutes of the Council meeting of April 8, 2024**, were approved with a spelling correction. **Motion #1841** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Trina Plowman. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council approved the proposal for AMT to draw up the minimal housing standards for the town. **Motion #1842** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Trina Plowman. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council approved the contract for the 2023-2024 audit with CPA Tony Brewer. **Motion #1843** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council discussed and agreed to table a decision for lawn care for the 163 S. Oakridge Road property until more bids were received. Melvin Poole and Andrew Smith will work together to keep up with the lawn until a decision is made. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council discussed and voted on approving the option contract for the property located at 114 East Red Cross Road. **Motion #1844** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council voted on approving the NCLM workers comp insurance proposal for the 2024-2025 year. **Motion #1845** was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Trina Plowman. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council voted to approve the NCLM membership renewal fee for the 2024-2025 year. **Motion #1846** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council voted to approve the newly edited Sheriff's contract **Motion #1847** was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Andrew Smith. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council voted to approve the amended contract for the 2021-2022 audit done by Wil Huneycutt showing the date change to get approval from the LGC as it was submitted very late on his part. **Motion #1848** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council voted to approve Melvin Poole to execute the option to Purchase contract for the possible purchase of the property of 114 East Red Cross Road. **Motion #1849** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Trina Plowman. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

**Motion #1850** was made by Andrew Smith second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay, **to Adjourn the Council Meeting.**

**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of the PUBLIC HEARING**  
**For June 10, 2024**  
**At 7:00 PM**

Present:

Mayor- Kelly Brattain

Council Members: Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, Melvin Poole and Andrew Smith

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efir

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Mayor Kelly Brattain Called into session the Public Hearing for the second reading of the budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2024 ending June 30, 2025.

Town Clerk Shannon Alberta presented the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year starting July 1, 2024 ending June 30, 2025. The budget was presented to the room over the projector screen.

One citizen asked about the beer and wine tax, it was received in 2022 and 2023, but was not noted on the budget. Was that reported on the previous year's budgets? If not reported, how is it added in and why is it not being reported but received?

Town Clerk Shannon Alberta answered it was reported in the previous budgets for the past few years, just bundled in the sales and use tax. This year we decided to change the budget to break out our revenues for better transparency which is why now they are being listed individually. The taxes were received and recorded in our books and accounts as well as documented in the revenues for the general funds, but again bundled.

Another citizen asked if it was the same situation for the solid waste and utility franchise tax?

Town Clerk Shannon Alberta confirmed that is correct.

**Motion #1851**, was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman, to **close the public hearing**; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of Town Council Meeting**  
**At Town Hall**  
**Monday, July 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

**Present:**

Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Mayor Kelly Brattain Called the meeting to order

Invocation was given by Lisa Lowder

Welcome and Recognition of guests 6+

The agenda was approved with adjustments to add item number #15 discussion of the Stanly County land use plan. **Motion #1866** was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Trina Plowman  
Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of June 10, 2024**, were approved. **Motion #1867** to approve was made by Melvin Poole, second by Andrew Smith: Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Public Hearing of June 10, 2024**, were approved. **Motion #1868** to approve was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Financial Reports for the month of June, 2024 were presented by Trina Plowman. Trina Plowman asked regarding a double payment to Norton Antivirus, Clerk Shannon Alberta explained it was 2 separate transactions for renewal for 2 years. **Motion #1869** to approve the financials was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Protection was presented by Melvin Poole who stated there was no report.

Police Protection was presented by Lisa Lowder. There were 80 total events on the report 18 residential, 13 business checks, 14 traffic stops, 6 criminal/civil paper service calls.

Street Maintenance was presented by Melvin Poole with nothing to report.

Waste Collection was presented by Lisa Lowder with no report.

Zoning was presented by Andrew Smith, who asked to Mike Efird to provide updates. Mike Efird shared that the board set a date for an animal ordinance workshop taking place July 29<sup>th</sup> at



6pm. Mike was also happy to share that the clean-up of Donna Brooks' property is completed, with a special thank you to Mr. Edwards who brush hogged the grass to a manageable level. Mike Eford has been working with Mr. Bruce Muehl and his contractor to get his project up to conformance. The town is hoping to hear the status of the Part F grant early/mid-August, but the council will need to start thinking of a committee for park decisions and bids for the work. The council will also need to re-visit getting a representative for the Rocky River RPO, possibly after the election.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The council discussed and voted on the Updated price for mowing of 163B S. Oakridge Road. There was a miscommunication and the price is a bit higher than previously thought, but still the lowest out of the quotes. **Motion#1870** to approve to continue with Ricardo for mowing at the updated price was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Town Clerk, Shannon Alberta gave a quick Update on Stanly County Parks Grant. The grant was rewarded to the town for a \$10,000 matching grant. Once the project's are completed for a total of \$20,000 the invoices with proof of payment need to be submitted and they will send reimbursements. It is important we try to get this completed by the end of the Fiscal year June 2025.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The Council discussed and voted on approving Amendment #7 for the 2023-2024 budget. **Motion#1871** was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council discussed and voted on allowing Town Clerk Shannon Alberta to apply to the Municipal and County Administration virtual program for 2024-2025. **Motion#1872** was made by Melvin Poole, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council discussed and voted on the quote for gutters on town hall **Motion#1873** to approve the quote was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Town Clerk Shannon Alberta asked the Council to discuss the disposal of electronics in the back meeting room. She would like to work with our IT company and get the electronics cleaned/wiped of information and would like to look into getting them disposed of when she has the time. The council asked attorney Jim Phillips if he knew of any other procedures we would need to take in the disposal of these items, there was no further recommendations.

Andrew Smith spoke about the Stanly County Land Use Plan he recently reviewed. Upon his reading of the plan, he noticed that Red Cross is labeled as a primary growth area, with secondary growth area surrounding the town. Andrew Smith spoke with Mr. Andy Lucas to see if there was a way to possibly get that changed to rural preservation as it has been in the past. Mr.

Lucas told Andrew Smith that the town could write a letter to the county planning board requesting the change.

**Motion #1874 to Go Into Closed Session**, was made by Andrew Smith, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay; for attorney-client privilege and discussion of closed session Minutes (“attorney-client privilege”, G.S. 143-318.11.)

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**Motion #1875 to Go into Open session** made by Andrew Smith, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Approval of the **Closed session Minutes of the Council meeting of May 13, 2024, Motion #1876** to approve was made by Andrew Smith second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Comments from citizens:

Citizen Barbara Carpenter thanked Andrew for what he is doing with the land use plan.

Comments from Council:

Melvin Poole congratulated Andrew Smith on the birth of his son.

Melvin Poole also announce he is running for county commissioner, so there is a seat open on the town board coming in November

Mayor Kelly Brattain asked for an update on the RV park. Mike Efird updated that the planning and zoning board is giving the owner until the end of the year to come into compliance or remove all of the RVs.

Lisa Lowder thanked everyone in attendance.

**Motion#1877 was** made by Melvin Poole second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay, **to Adjourn the Council Meeting.**

**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of Town Council Meeting**  
**At Town Hall**  
**Monday, August 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

**Present:**

Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Mayor Kelly Brattain Called the meeting to order

Invocation was given by Melvin Poole

Welcome and Recognition of guests 8+

The agenda was approved with adjustments to add item numbers #11,12, and 13. # 11 Discussion of the recycle carts, #12 Discussion and possible vote of brush work needed around the barn, and #13 the first budget amendment for the fiscal year 2024-2025. **Motion #1878** was made by Melvin Pool, second by Lisa Lowder Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of July 8, 2024**, were approved. **Motion #1879** to approve was made by Andrew Smith, second by Trina Plowman: Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Closed Session of July 8, 2024**, were approved. **Motion #1880** to approve was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Financial Reports for the month of July, 2024 were presented by Trina Plowman. **Motion #1881** to approve the financials was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Melvin Poole; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Protection was presented by Melvin Poole who stated there was no report.

Police Protection was presented by Lisa Lowder. There were 70 total events on the report 29 business checks, 15 traffic stops, 4 residential checks, 3 motorist assists, 3 preventative patrols.

Street Maintenance was presented by Melvin Poole with nothing to report, but there will be discussion of speed limits later in the meeting.

Waste Collection was presented by Lisa Lowder with no report.

Zoning was presented by Andrew Smith, on or about August 23<sup>rd</sup> the town will hear the status of the Part F grant. Mike Efird shared that the trails grant was submitted, hoping to hear about the status of that in September. Mike Efird also shared that he received a request for review on Phase 4 on Streamside, the town is working with a new architect on the project. The board is also continuing to work on animal ordinances for the town which is going to take a lot of thought and time for this process. There has been a workshop on animal ordinances, and another one scheduled for the end of the month.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Town Clerk Shannon Alberta gave an update on the cleanup of electronics at town hall. Steve Vanhoy came to town hall to look at all of the printers and computers. The printers are no longer usable due to being outdated and the computers not being compatible with such old drivers/software. Steve Vanhoy took the older laptops back to his shop to remove the hard drives and backup all onto a USB. The old laptops are unable to be used currently as like the printers their windows programs are not compatible with the current technology/windows updates. Once the information is wiped from the laptops, they can be disposed of with no town information on them.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Town Clerk Shannon Alberta gave an update on the audit for the 2023-2024 Fiscal year. The audit is done on the town's end, and everything went smoothly. Tony is currently waiting for everything from the county regarding taxes. That should be received by the end of August. Hopefully Tony will be back very soon to present the audit to the council and citizens.

Andrew Smith shared a letter he drafted for the council to approve and send to Marc Morgan for the NCDOT. Andrew Smith explained that he and Zoning Chairman Lionel Hahn met with Peight Bulter and Marc Morgan from the NCDOT to discuss speed limits at the intersection of 205, along 24/27, and along 205 to be lowered to 45 MPH. Mark Morgan recommended the town council send a letter to request these changes. Andrew drafted a letter and asked the council to review then approve to send on behalf of the town. **Motion#1882** to approve the letter be sent as written/presented was made by Lisa Lowder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Smith 4 Yea 0 Nay.

Andrew Smith also invited Zoning Chairman Lionel Hahn, to discuss with the council the current status of the recycle carts in the parking lot. Lionel Hahn asked for the council's approval to look into relocating the new carts possibly into the garage, and discarding the old broken carts. Andrew Smith made a **Motion #1883** to approve Lionel Hahn to move the carts to another location on the property and discard the old ones, Lisa Lowder 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote 4 yea, 0 nay.

Mike Efird discussed with the council that he was working on getting some estimates to remove the brush from around the white barn and white house on the town property. Ricardo who does the mowing already for 163 B. South Oakridge Road property quoted \$850-\$950 to remove the brush around the white house. Phil Love provided a quote for \$1,500-\$2,000 for the brush around the white barn. It will need to be piled and later burnt once it dries. Mike Efird also

discussed with Mr. Love the possibility of removing the fence behind the white and brick house and using that area for the hay as it is currently not being used or maintained.

Andrew Smith made a **Motion #1884** to approve Ricardo to clean up the white house for \$850-\$950, Lisa Lowder 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4 Yea 0 nay.

Melvin Poole Made a **Motion #1885** to approve Phil love to do the barn clean up, pile the brush to dry out and burn for \$1,500-\$2,000 Trina Plowman 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4 yea 0 nay.

The council discussed and approved the budget amendment #1 for the 2024-2025 Fiscal year to increase the insurance budget to cover a claim deductible and decrease the membership budget to cover the amount. **Motion #1886** was made by Andrew Smith, 2nd by Lisa Lowder 4 yea 0 nay.

Comments from citizens:

Citizen Millie Steed asked about surge protectors on the computers after hearing the discussion of lightning damage, Clerk Shannon Alberta confirmed they are on surge protectors currently.

Comments from Council:

Lisa Lowder thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**Motion#1887** was made by Melvin Poole second by Lisa Trina Plowman Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay, **to Adjourn the Council Meeting.**

**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of Town Council Meeting**  
**At Town Hall**  
**Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

**Present:**

Mayor Pro-Tem- Melvin Poole

Council Members: Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Absent: Mayor Kelly Brattain

Mayor Pro-Tem Melvin Poole Called the meeting to order

Invocation was given by Andrew Smith

Welcome and Recognition of guests 8+

The agenda was approved. **Motion #1888** was made by Andrew Smith, second by Trina Plowman Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of August 12, 2024**, were approved: Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Financial Reports for the month of August, 2024 were presented by Trina Plowman. **Motion #1889** to approve the financials was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Protection was presented by Melvin Poole who stated there was no report.

Police Protection was presented by Lisa Lowder. There were 70 total events on the report most were 15 business checks and 7 traffic stops.

Street Maintenance was presented by Melvin Poole with nothing to report, but there was an accident at the intersection just recently.

Waste Collection was presented by Lisa Lowder, with a report of the fall litter sweep happening from September 14-28th.

Zoning was presented by Andrew Smith, who deferred to Mike Efird for the report. Mike Efird reported that the owner of the Uwharrie RV site seems to be making a lot of progress on cleaning up the property. The clean up around the old barn is completed and he encourages everyone to go take a look if and when they can. Mike Efird also reported that he met with Chambers to discuss the JSK storage facility, and he will contact the owner once he feels confident, he has all of the information he needs.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Andrew Smith and Mike Efird shared an update on the Part F and Trails grants. Andrew Smith Shared that the Town has officially been awarded full funding for the Part F grant that was

applied for. There was a short clip played from the grant meeting sharing the comments and discussion that went into the grant decision. Mike Efird highlighted that the committee representative for our park expressed to all of the board members that the park is not just going to be for a small town, this will be a regional park for Stanly County because of its location.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The Council discussed how to proceed with CD ending in 1874 maturing on September 16 2024. With the Part F grant being awarded to the town, the town needs to begin to plan for a park fund. **Motion#1890** to not renew the CD, and transfer the money to the checking account was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Council to discussed and voted on the new format of the 2024-2025 budget ordinance as recommended per CPA Tony Brewer. Town Clerk Shannon Alberta explained the format is to better include the legal language required by the LGC. The numbers haven't changed, just the layout of the budget. **Motion#1891** to approve the new format was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Council to discussed and voted on the new/renewal service agreement for Windstream. Town Clerk Shannon Alberta informed the council that the account manager said the current cost will not go up. Shannon Alberta also asked for permission to possibly remove the fax line as it is not being used. **Motion#1892** to approve renewal without the fax line was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Council discussed and voted on setting a date for a public hearing for the newly drafted animal ordinance. Planning Board Chairman Lionel Hahn asked the council to table the item until the board can come up with a solid draft as there is still some discussion being needed. **Motion#1893** to table for a later date was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Comments from citizens:

There were no comments.

Comments from Council:

Lisa Lowder and Andrew Smith thanked everyone for their attendance.

Melvin Poole shared that Mayor Brattain was not able to make the meeting last minute due to a family emergency he needed to attend to.

**Motion#1894 to Adjourn the Council Meeting**, was made by Trina Plowman, second by Lisa Lowder Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of Town Council Meeting**  
**At Town Hall**  
**Monday, October 14, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

**Present:**

Mayor: Kelly Brattain

Council Members: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Mayor Kelly Brattain Called the meeting to order

Invocation was given by Trina Plowman

Welcome and Recognition of guests 10+

The agenda was approved. **Motion #1895** was made by Andrew Smith, second by Trina Plowman Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of September 9, 2024**, were approved **Motion #1896** to approve was made by Melvin Poole, second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Financial Reports for the month of September, 2024 were presented by Trina Plowman. **Motion #1897** to approve the financials was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Protection was presented by Melvin Poole who stated there was no report.

Police Protection was presented by Lisa Lowder, there was no report received this month.

Street Maintenance was presented by Melvin Poole with nothing to report, but did mention the traffic circle work is beginning in Oakboro.

Waste Collection was presented by Lisa Lowder, with no report.

Zoning was presented by Andrew Smith who shared that the discussion of the animal ordinance continued at the last meeting. Mike Efird reported that there was cleanup needed at the brick house, he is waiting for Mauldin Tree Service to get back to him. Mike Efird also reported that there will be a need for a new planning and zoning Chairman along with 2 members for the Planning and Zoning Board in December if anyone is interested in serving. Attorney Al Benshoff is working on three new/old annexations for the Karp, McDaniels, and Joseph Burleson properties. They hope these can be recorded with the Secretary of State and the county and not need to be re-started from the beginning. Mike Efird also reported that there have been about 20 permits issued year to date at the Streamside subdivision. Mike Efird also shared that he and Chambers are working on looking into and applying for a second trails grant which is a \$500,000 grant with a 25% match, they have confirmed they are able to apply for this grant along with the part F grant.



## OLD BUSINESS:

The Council discussed and voted to adopt the A.M.T. standards as per recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board. **Motion#1898** to adopt the standards was made by Andrew Smtih, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The Council discussed and voted on setting a date for the November 2024 council meeting currently taking place on Monday November 11, 2024 Veterans Day. **Motion#1899** to hold the meeting on Monday November 11, 20024 was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Council discussed and voted to set a date for a public hearing, for the newly drafted animal ordinance as per recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board. (Tabled from September) **Motion#1900** to set the date for Monday November 11, 2024 was made by Andrew Smtih, Second by Melvin Poole. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Guest Ms. Kelley Bigger spoke briefly about the proposal for a YMCA coming to Locust along with upcoming improvements to the YMCA located in Albemarle.

The Council discussed and voted to request to receive qualifications for engineering services, for the Red Cross Historic Farm Park project. **Motion#1901** was made by Lisa Lowder, Second by Melvin Poole; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Council discussed necessary repairs needed on the barn roof, and clean-up of a down tree between the white and brick houses. The Barn roof repairs were a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board. **Motion#1902** to approve Mike Efird to receive bids for the repairs was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

## Comments from citizens:

There was a question about the public hearing requirements, Mike Efird clarified the public hearing needs to be advertised twice but held once.

## Comments from Council:

Melvin Poole asked about the transition to the new board, it will be in December. Melvin Poole also thanked the public for all the community has done to pitch in and help western N.C.

Mayor Kelley Brattain added to the comments about Western North Carolina, he knows many people directly helping and it is devastating what has happened.

Lisa Lowder and Andrew Smith thanked everyone for their attendance.

**Motion#1903 to Adjourn the Council Meeting**, was made by Melvin Poole, second by Lisa Lowder Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Town of Red Cross Town Council  
Minutes of Special Called meeting  
At Town Hall  
Monday, November 4, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Present:

Mayor Kelly Brattain

Council Members: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Planning and Zoning Officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Guests: 6+

Mayor Kelly Brattain called the Special Called meeting into session for Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7pm.

**Motion #1904 to begin the special called meeting**, was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Planning and Zoning Officer Mike Efird informed the council that there is a second trails grant available to apply for. The council will need to discuss and determine if they would like to move forward with the grant by November 12<sup>th</sup> as that is the deadline for applications.

Town Clerk Shannon Alberta worked with CPA Tony Brewer and presented the financials to the council. Shannon Alberta shared the long-term view of the finances for the park, the current budget with and without the new possible grant, and the current day finances with and without the new proposed grant.

The council discussed and voted on pursuing the grant from the Great Trails State Program for the full amount of \$500,000, **Motion #1905** was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

**Motion #1906 to Adjourn the special called meeting** was made by Melvin Poole, Second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of the PUBLIC HEARING**  
**At Town Hall**  
**November 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

Present:

Mayor- Kelly Brattain

Council Members: Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, Melvin Poole and Andrew Smith

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efir

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Guests: 10+

Mayor Kelly Brattain called into session the Public Hearing for the Proposed Animal Ordinance for the Town of Red Cross.

The public has been invited to attend and comment.

Comments from citizens:

Two citizens spoke at the public hearing Heather Britt discussed the Bee ordinance proposed. The statute is in need of being re-written to be clearer. She spoke with David Tarpey and Don Hopkins from the state, and it was suggested the town consider encouraging bee keeping. The town can do this by only implementing Nuisance requirements, and management requirements as they are the most important in rural areas especially.

A Second citizen, David Smith, spoke against the chicken/rooster ordinance. To breed pure-bred chickens there must be a rooster for each breed. The ordinance would make it difficult to achieve pure breeding. He also expressed that he does not agree with the other ordinances that set limits on the amounts of animals a citizen can have. Anyone should be able to have as many animals as they like as long as it doesn't affect their neighbors in a negative manner.

**Motion #1907**, was made by Andrew Smith, second by Lisa Lowder, to Close the Public Hearing; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of Town Council Meeting**  
**At Town Hall**  
**Monday, November 18, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

**Present:**

Mayor: Kelly Brattain

Council Members: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, and Andrew Smith

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Mayor Kelly Brattain Called the meeting to order

Invocation was given by Lisa Lowder

Welcome and Recognition of guests 10+

The agenda was approved. **Motion #1908** was made by Andrew Smith, second by Trina Plowman Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting of October 14, 2024**, were approved **Motion #1909** to approve was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.\

The **Minutes of the Special Called meeting of November 4, 2024**, were approved **Motion #1910** was made by Andrew Smith second by Melvin Poole; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Financial Reports for the month of October, 2024 were presented by Trina Plowman. **Motion #1911** to approve the financials was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Melvin Poole; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Protection was presented by Melvin Poole who stated there was no report.

Police Protection was presented by Lisa Lowder, there was no report received this month. Town Clerk Shannon Alberta added that she spoke with George Miller who explained they are getting a new system and hope to have all old reports by the December meeting.

Street Maintenance was presented by Melvin Poole with nothing to report.

Waste Collection was presented by Lisa Lowder, with no report.

Zoning was presented by Andrew Smith who deferred to Mike Efird for report. Mike Efird shared that the trails grants are filed for and we are now currently waiting for results for both. Mike Efird also reported that a majority of the campers located at the Uwharrie RV site have been moved. Mike Efird has also received a number of calls in regards to the property for sale next to West Stanly High School. The current person interested is looking into possible drive through restaurant and self-storage facility on the property.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business discussed

#### NEW BUSINESS:

CPA Tony Brewer to presented the audit for the 2023 to 2024 Fiscal year to the council.

The Council discussed and voted not to move forward with the animal ordinance recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. The council and more citizens discussed the ordinance needed some possible changes before approving. **Motion#1912** to send the ordinance back to Planning and Zoning was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Council discussed the Engineering qualifications for the Red Cross Historic Farm Park. **Motion#1913** to select Chambers' statement of qualifications was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Council discussed and voted on adopting resolution number 2024-R-01 for requesting a speed limit reduction on Sout Oak Ridge Road in the Town Limits. **Motion#1914** to adopt was made by Melvin Poole, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Council discussed three Certificate of Deposits that were coming to maturity. **Motion#1915** to withdraw CD ending 2242, and renew the CDs ending 3314 and 0126 for the 6-month special rate at 4.10% was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

#### Comments from citizens:

There was a question about how the speed limit was able to be changed to 45 MPH in Locust, but unable to reduce it on 24/27.

#### Comments from Council:

Melvin Poole thanked the council, Mike Efird, Shannon Alberta, and citizens for allowing him to serve the town. Andrew Smith commented on the speed limits and his discussion with the NCDOT. Lisa Lowder thanked Shannon Alberta for the progress made since starting her position. Lisa Lowder also thanked all of the citizens for their interest and dedication to the town by attending the meetings. Trina Plowman Also thanked everyone for being involved and the increased attendance she has seen over her many years of service for the town. Mayor Kelly Brattain thanked everyone for their continued support. Andrew Smith also asked the citizens to try to attend the planning and zoning meetings that take place on the first Monday of the month.

**Motion#1916 to Adjourn the Council Meeting**, was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Town of Red Cross**  
**Minutes of Town Council Meeting**  
**At Town Hall**  
**Monday, December 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

**Present:**

Mayor: Kelly Brattain/ Lionel Hahn

Council Members: Melvin Poole, Trina Plowman, Lisa Lowder, Andrew Smith, Barbara Carpenter, and Millie Steed

Planning and zoning officer: Mike Efird

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Attorney: Jim Phillips

Mayor Kelly Brattain Called the meeting to order

Invocation was given by Melvin Poole

Welcome and Recognition of guests 12+

The agenda was approved. **Motion #1917** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Andrew Smith  
Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 18, 2024**, were approved **Motion #1918** to approve was made by Melvin Poole, second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The **Minutes of the Council Meeting on November 18, 2024**, were approved **Motion #1919** was made by Melvin Poole, second by Trina Plowman; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

The Financial Reports for the month of November, 2024 were presented by Trina Plowman.  
**Motion #1920** to approve the financials was made by Andrew Smith, second Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Protection was presented by Melvin Poole with no report.

Police Protection was presented by Lisa Lowder with no report received this month.

Street Maintenance was presented by Melvin Poole with no report.

Waste Collection was presented by Lisa Lowder, with no report.

Zoning was presented by Andrew Smith who deferred to Mike Efird for report. Mike Efird shared that we are waiting for the signed/approved contract for the Part F Grant. The Town is also in need of nominations for the three open seats on the Planning and Zoning Board if anyone is interested in serving. Mike Efird also asked the council to view the 2024 permit list for the town if they have time, this year was very busy for Planning and Zoning.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Kelly Brattain presented Finance Officer and council member Trina Plowman with a plaque thanking her for her service and dedication to the Town of Red Cross. Mayor Kelly

Brattain presented Mayor Pro Tem and councilmember Melvin Poole with a plaque thanking him for his service and dedication to the Town of Red Cross. Mayor Pro Tem and councilmember Melvin Poole presented Mayor Kelly Brattain with a plaque thanking him for his service and dedication to the Town of Red Cross.

Mayor Kelly Brattain opened the floor for comments before the outgoing members step down.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Installation of the newly elected Mayor Lionel Hahn and two new Council members Barbara Carpenter and Millie Steed took place.

Town Clerk Shannon Alberta administered oaths to the Newly elected Mayor Lionel Hahn, Barbara Carpenter, and Millie Steed.

The Council discussed and voted on appointing a Mayor Pro Tem. **Motion#1921** was made by Mayor Lionel Hahn to appoint Lisa Lowder, Second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council discussed and voted on appointing a Finance Officer. **Motion#1922** was made by Mayor Lionel Hahn to appoint Barbara Carpenter, Second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay (**This Motion was later Rescinded by Motion#1934**)

Mayor Lionel Hahn to assigned department heads, Mayor Lionel Hahn made **Motion#1923** to appoint Millie Steed for Fire Protection, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Mayor Lionel Hahn made **Motion#1924** to appoint Lisa Lowder for Police Protection, Second by Andrew Smith; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Mayor Lionel Hahn made **Motion#1925** to appoint Millie Steed for Street Maintenance, Second by **Lisa Lowder**; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Mayor Lionel Hahn made **Motion#1926** to appoint Lisa Lowder for Waste Collection, Second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Mayor Lionel Hahn made **Motion#1927** to appoint Andrew Smith for Planning and Zoning Liaison, Second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Mayor Lionel Hahn made **Motion#1928** to appoint Andrew Smith for Parks and Recreation, Second by Millie Steed; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council voted to approve the council meeting schedule for the year 2025. **Motion#1929** was made by Andrew Smith, Second by **Lisa Lowder**; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council to discussed and voted on calling a public hearing on Monday January 13, 2025 prior to the council meeting. For the proposed animal ordinance as per recommendation by the Planning and Zoning board. **Motion#1930** to schedule was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Lisa Lowder. Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council to discussed changing the Stanly County Sheriff's satellite office to the brick house located at 163B South Oakridge Road. The council agreed unanimously to proceed with getting a contract written up to review and vote at the next meeting.

The Council to discussed and voted on repairing the floors in the brick house located at 163B South Oakridge Road. Mike Efird presented a quote for the flooring repairs and installation. Andrew Smith made **Motion#1931** to proceed with the current quote, Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council discussed CD ending 6412 that matured on 12/2/24. **Motion#1932** to withdraw into the checking account was made by Andrew Smith, Second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

The Council discussed who will be removed from all of the Uwharrie bank accounts, who will be added, and who will remain on the accounts. Andrew Smith made **Motion#1933** to remove Aloma Whitley, Kelly Brattain, and Melvin Poole. Then add Mayor Lionel Hahn and Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Lowder to the account and keep Shannon Alberta. **Motion 1933** was Second by Barbara Carpenter; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Mayor Lionel Hahn opened the floor for comments from Citizens

Mayor Lionel Hahn opened the floor for Comments from Council.

The appointment of Finance officer was re-visited, **Motion#1934** was made by Barbara Carpenter to rescind **Motion #1922**, and appoint Shannon Alberta as the Finance officer, and have Barbara Carpenter as Finance Department Liaison. Second by Lisa Lowder; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay

Mayor Lionel Hahn informed the council that there will be pre-meetings prior to the council meetings starting in January at 6:30pm, these too are open to the public to attend, there will not be any public comment at these meetings.

**Motion#1935 to Adjourn the Council Meeting**, was made by Lisa Lowder, second by Barbara Carpenter Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay.