

Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes
October 14th, 2024, 6:30pm

Attendance – Mayor, Levell Langley

Council Members: Tony Bennett, Craig New, Scott Briley, Sandra Russ

Absent: None

Minutes: Averil R. Parker

Media: Nancy West-Brake, *The Nashville Graphic*

Public Attendance: Zoning Administrator Jackie Johnson, Mary Hadley Rose, Todd Mallory, Sam Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Partyka, Todd Winstead

Call to order: Mayor Levell Langley

Opening Prayer: Commissioner Scott Briley

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Adoption of Minutes and Financial Statement(s) –

After a brief discussion of the minutes, a motion to approve the September Minutes was made by Commissioner Sandra Russ and seconded by Commissioner Scott Briley. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Deputy Finance Officer Sandra Russ presented the financial statements. After a discussion of the statements a motion was made by Commissioner Tony Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (3-0)**

Old Business:

Item(s) 1: PIKE Update

Town Clerk Averil Parker informed the Board of an email from PIKE that there was a delay in planning and design and that she asked for a timeframe and had not heard back from them.

Item(s) 2: Town of Red Oak Christmas Festival

Clerk Parker informed the Board that everything was right on schedule for the Christmas Festival planning minus one item (ordinance) needed to be sent off to the NCDOT to shut down the roads for the parade. The Town is still currently accepting vendors for the festival and will be taking them until October 31st. After reviewing the ordinance presented a motion was made by Commissioner Craig New to approve the ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

New Business:

Item(s) 1: Public Input (Limit 3 Minutes Each)

Mary Hadley Rose, 8980 Red Oak Blvd, wanted to update the Board on the Teacherage. Currently they are having the roof assessed to see if it will need to be patched or fully fixed. They are still currently waiting for the porch to be fixed. She also had a question about a deputy coming to speak to her about FLOCK cameras and wanted to confirm that it was truly a deputy and not a scam.

Mayor Levell Langley assured her that it was not a scam and that it was a deputy coming to speak with her.

Item(s) 2: Red Oak Area Rotary Club – Sam Johnson

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Mr. Sam Johnson, President of the Red Oak Area Rotary, presented to the Board the involvement and impact the Club has had on the area as of this year. They have donated mental health journals to area schools, worked with Banner Bears, and had great success with the Red Oak Classic Barbeque Cookoff. They are currently working on making sure the new Rotary signs are properly displayed and any future projects that may come up.

Item(s) 3: Water Connections Next Phase

Mayor Langley informed the Board that the next phase of water connections within the town limits was ready. He reminded the board that the 1st phase the Town did pay for. Currently a little over one hundred and twenty (120) homes qualify. A motion was made by Commissioner New to approve the next phase of water hookups; seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 4: Red Oak Middle School Funding Request

Red Oak Middle School is requesting funding to finish off a fencing project at their athletic fields. The additional fencing will allow for better crowd control as some spectators have entered into some fields to watch games without paying. After reviewing the documents presented the Board agreed that this would qualify as a community grant. A motion to approve Red Oak Middle School's funding request as a community grant was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Russ. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 5: Starfire Corporation – Family Freedom Celebration

Clerk Parker presented to the Board that Starfire Corporation has reached out for a confirmed date for the 2025 Family Freedom Celebration. They also wanted to remind the Town that if paid in full early they do receive a discount with additional shells added to the show. Also to please budget for inflation. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Russ to approve the June 29th, 2025, date for the Family Freedom Celebration as well as the additional shells discount; seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 6: Annexation Map Review

Zoning Administrator Jackie Johnson presented the Annexation Map of the West Hampton Subdivision for review. Johnson stated that all homes that would like to be annexed in are accounted for on the map however, the surveyor misnumbered the map. They have been notified and are willing to fix it.

Item(s) 7: LEO Contract Statistic Report

The Board reviewed the report.

Item(s) 8: Veterans' Memorial Event

Mr. Todd Winstead presented to the Board the plans for the Veterans Day Ceremony. The Ceremony will be on November 9th at 11am at Ennis Park with the inclement weather location being the Red Oak Baptist Family Life Center. He has asked several area pastors to speak at the program and the guest speaker will be Red Oak's own Tom Rawlings who retired from the Army. Mr. Winstead stated that he and some other members of the local American Legion come together with their own donation of the food. Commissioner Briley asked that since normally the Town reimburses him for the food; he would like to see it donated to a charity of his (Winstead) choice. Mr. Winstead stated that he would like for the reimbursement to go to the local American Legion so they can continue to organize other events honoring Veterans. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Briley to approve the three hundred dollar (\$300) to the local American Legion; seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Other: Thank you notes from recent sponsorships

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Item(s) 9: Closed Session Under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)

A motion was made by Commissioner New to enter into a Closed Session under G.S 143-318.11(a)(4): Discussing the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body; seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**. The meeting was entered into closed session at 7:19pm.

Members of the public and media were asked to please exit the council chambers and will be asked to return after.

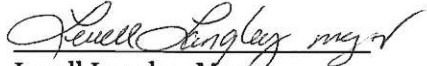
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A motion was made by Commissioner Russ to adjourn the Closed Session under G.S 143-318.11(a)(4): Discussing the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body; seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**. The meeting was entered into closed session at 7:36pm.

Members of the public and media were allowed to return to the council chambers.


A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)** The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.


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Averi R. Parker, Town Clerk


Tony Bennett, Commissioner


Craig New, Commissioner


Scott Briley, Commissioner


Sandra Russ, Commissioner

"Referenced attachments are incorporated herewith and are hereby made a part of these minutes."