Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes March 10th, 2025, 6:30pm

Attendance - Mayor, Levell Langley

Council Members: Craig New, Scott Briley, Sandra Russ

Absent: Tony Bennett

Interim Town Clerk: Carol Cooke

Public Attendance: Zoning Administrator Jackie Johnson, Todd Mallory, Tom Rawlings,

Michael Partyka

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 February Minutes was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Russ. **Motion carried (3-0).**

DFO Sandra Russ discussed sewer rates. A motion was made by Commissioner Russ and seconded by Commissioner New to keep sewer rates the same. **Motion carried (3-0)**

Old Business:

Basketball Backboard replacement quote presented to the board. Commissioner New motioned for the \$13,179.35 quote to be approved and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (3-0)**

New Business:

Item 1: Public Input: (Limit 3 minutes each)

Linda Fisher 7413 Red Oak Blvd. Rocky Mount, NC Ms. Fisher is concerned about the traffic in Red Oak, specifically the traffic down Red Oak Blvd (43), emphasizing illegal passings and speed as the main concerns. Ms. Fisher also wants to preserve the rural look of Red Oak.

Item 2: ROAR Presentation presented by Sam Johnson. Mr. Johnson presented to the Council the accomplishments of the club for the past year and expressed what the club goals were for FY 25/26. Mr. Johnson expressed appreciation for the Town's support in the past.

Item 3: Egg Drop Sponsorship:

Commissioner Briley made a motion with a second from Commissioner Russ to support the April 19th, 2025 Egg Drop by New Life Church over Ennis Park. **Motion carried (3-0)**

Item **4:** Freedom Festival: The Council decided on the number of rides and a 25 limit on food trucks. It was also decided to have a DJ for the Freedom Festival.

Item 5: Budget Work Session will be Tuesday April 29th @ 6:30.

Item 6: Close Session Under G.S. 143-318.11 Personnel/Handbook Policy Update

A motion was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New to enter a Closed Session under G.S. 143-318.11: Personnel matters were discussed (Motion carried 3-0).

Item 7: Open Session under G.S. 143-318.11

A motion was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New to adjourn the Closed Session under G.S. 143-318.11 and return to open session.

Item 8: Commissioner Briley made a motion with a second from Commissioner New to amend the employee handbook policy regarding dress codes. (**Motion carried 3-0**)

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Item 9: Commissioner Riley made a motion to hire a part time person to focus on Long Range Planning as well as filling in if either the Zoning Administrator or Clerk needed to be off for vacations, sickness, and/or appointments.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New.

Motion carried (3-o). The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

Levell Langley, Mayor

Tony Bennett, Commissioner

Craig New, Commissioner

Scott Briley, Commissioner

Sandra Russ, Commissioner

Carol Cooke, Interim Town Clerk