

Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes
January 13th, 2025, 6:30pm

Attendance – Mayor, Levell Langley

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

Absent: None

Minutes: Averil R. Parker

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

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

Call to order: Mayor Levell Langley

Opening Prayer: Commissioner Tony Bennett

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Adoption of Minutes and Financial Statement(s) –

After a brief discussion of the minutes, a motion to approve the December Minutes was made by Commissioner Scott Briley and seconded by Commissioner Craig New. **Motion carried (4-0).** No Financial Reports were presented this month.

Old Business:

Item(s) 1: PIKE Update

Town Clerk Averil Parker stated that she had reached out to PIKE for an update regarding the streetlights. Currently they are still in the design process and will reach out when they are ready.

Item(s) 2: ADA Equipment Repair Ennis Park Update

As requested, Nash County Parks and Recreation provided a repaired/serviced list of all the ADA Park Equipment located at Ennis Park. They have agreed to start providing them quarterly. They also stated that the restroom building was looked at for a paint quote but needed a power wash and deep cleaning.

New Business:

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

Tom Rawlings wanted to know if there was currently a three-to-five-year plan for the Town of Red Oak and Ennis Park. Mayor Langley stated that there is a park board for the Town however, they have not met recently. The Town does put money into the park. Commissioner New stated that the landfill remediation done by the State should begin soon and Commissioner Briley stated that the Council needs to meet to talk about a five-year plan.

Item(s) 2: Red Oak Basketball League Sponsorship Request

The Red Oak Basketball League sent in a request letter for an annual sponsorship. This year they are requesting sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) to cover their expenses for the season. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Briley to approve the request for \$16,000; seconded by Commissioner Tony Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 3: Annexation Abeyance

Town Clerk Parker stated that the abeyance for annexations was up for renewal this month. The Council could agree to continue it or let it lapse. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Bennett to continue the Annexation Abeyance for another year; seconded by Commissioner Sandra Russ. **Motion carried (4-0)**

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Item(s) 4: 2025 Meeting Calendar

Clerk Parker also presented the Meeting Calendar for 2025. She left the October date open due to it falling on Columbus Day and wanted the Commissioners to decide if they wish to keep the normal date as the Town will be open or move it if needed. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner New to keep the October date the same and approve the 2025 Meeting Calendar; seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 5: Grass Cutting Bid

Clerk Parker asked for clarification of the Grass Cutting Bid as the current contract in office is expiring soon and wanted to know if the Town needed to rebid the contract. Commissioner Russ stated that she had spoken with Sam Biehl of Sam's Lawn Care, and he agreed to extend the contract to the end of the fiscal year at the same rate. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Russ to change the future grass cutting bid to run on a fiscal year and to bid out the contract at the end of May; seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 5: LEO Contract Statistic Report

The board reviewed the report.

Other: Mary Hadley Rose stated that that Red Oak Area Historic Preservation Society was still working with contractors for the Teacherage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Briley to enter a Closed Session at 6:47pm Under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4),(6): Discussing the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body & Personnel Matters; seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion Carried (4-0).**

Members of the public, media, and Clerk Parker were asked to leave the Council Chambers and could return after the session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Briley to re-enter the regular meeting at 7:15pm and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0).** Members of the public, media, and Clerk Parker were asked to return to the Council Chambers.

Item(s) 6: Personnel Matters

A motion to approve twelve (12) weeks of paid maternity leave following the FMLA guidelines for Clerk Parker was made by Commissioner Briley; seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

During her time away a motion to bring in Carol Cooke at twenty dollars an hour (\$20/hr) for the twelve (12) weeks Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Russ to approve the raise Zoning Administrator Jackie Johnson from thirty dollars an hour (\$30/hr) to thirty-eight dollars an hour (\$38/hr); seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

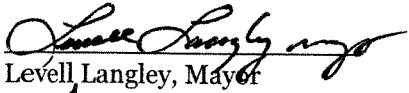
Item(s) 7: Red Oak Community Building Moving Quotes

A motion was made by Commissioner Briley to have the mayor request quotes to price the moving of the Red Oak Community building commonly known as the Cabin; seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

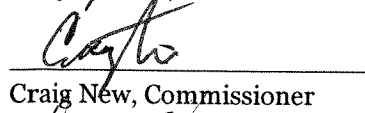
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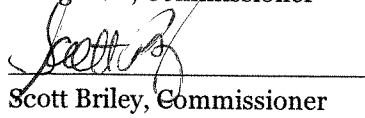
With no other business, a motion was made by Commissioner Russ to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm; seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

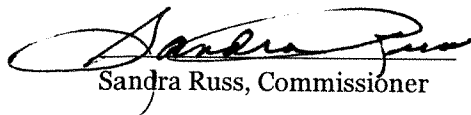
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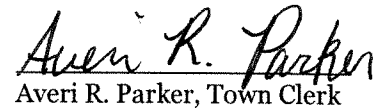

Levell Langley, Mayor


Tony Bennett, Commissioner


Craig New, Commissioner


Scott Briley, Commissioner


Sandra Russ, Commissioner


Averil R. Parker, Town Clerk

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