

Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes
May 12th, 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, Long Term Planner Carol Cooke, Nash County Commissioner Robbie Davis, Todd Mallory, Mary Hadley Rose, Mike (unknown last name)

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 April Regular Session Minutes and the April Work Session Minutes was made by Commissioner Scott Briley and seconded by Commissioner Tony Bennett. **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 Briley and seconded by Commissioner Craig New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Old Business:

Item(s) 1: Family Freedom Celebration Update

Town Clerk Averil Parker stated that she has gotten the permit for the fireworks show and that she is currently waiting for vendors to sign up. Currently everything is right on schedule for a great event.

Item(s) 2: Landfill Update

Mayor Levell Langley informed the board that equipment has been moved in to start work on the Landfill remediation.

New Business:

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

Mary Hadley Rose, Member of the Red Oak Area Historic Preservation Society, stated that the Teacherage porch was complete and once the rain cleared up, they would begin on the roof.

Item(s) 2: Town of Red Oak FY 25-26 Budget Public Hearing

Mayor Langley asked for a motion to open the public hearing regarding the FY 25-26 Budget. A motion was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

No members of the public wished to speak during this time.

A motion was made to close the public hearing by Commissioner New and seconded Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

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Item(s) 3: Nuisance Complaint

Zoning Administrator Jackie Johnson presented the nuisance complaint. Johnson went over the presented evidence from the complaint and after discussion from the board; a motion was made by Commissioner Sandra Russ to send a letter to the property owner and contact the complainant about how the Town is proceeding. Seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 4: Red Oak Volunteer Fire Department Request

Mayor Langley presented a letter from Fire Chief Andrew Brown on behalf of the Red Oak Volunteer Fire Department. The Department has requested funding to ensure the continued exceptional service that they provide to the Town and surrounding areas. The money would be used to purchase the equipment needed. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner New to approve the funding request; seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)** Funding for the request will come from the unobligated general fund.

Item(s) 5: Boy Scouts Charter & Facilities Agreement

Clerk Parker presented the Boy Scouts Charter renewal paperwork and the Facilities Agreement. Parker stated that the Town Attorney had viewed the paperwork and had no problem with it. The Boy Scouts Council stated that a Town representative would be needed. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the Charter Renewal, and the Facilities Agreement was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)** Mayor Langley will serve as the Town Representative for the Boy Scouts.

Item(s) 6: Grass Cutting Bids

Clerk Parker requested approval to advertise the Grass Cutting Contract for FY 25-26. A motion was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 7: Long Term Planning Sidewalks/Events

Long Term Planner Carol Cooke presented information about the possibility of placing sidewalks from the bank to the park. Cooke stated that there are several grants from the COG and that Commissioner New served as the Town representative for this planning initiative. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Briley to approve the beginning process of beginning to bring sidewalks to the area; seconded by Commissioner Russ. **Motion carried (4-0)** Commissioner New stated that he would reach out to this planning contacts.

Cooke also presented the idea of having Town of Red Oak t-shirts commissioned by a local artist. She stated that she would like to have an input from the Board about what they wished to see on this item. Commissioner Russ stated that she like the idea of a streetscape scene of all the Red Oak businesses along the main road here. Members of the board also agreed with this idea.

Lastly, Cooke presented an idea of possibly using the pavilion for bands, movie nights, or even exercise classes. She would like for it be utilized once or twice a month and wanted input about summer dates and when to begin.

Item(s) 8: Park Quarterly Report

The Board reviewed the report.

Item(s) 9: LEO Statistics Report

The Board reviewed the report

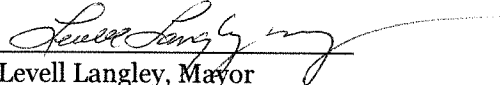
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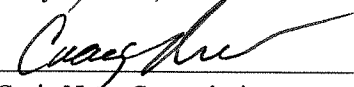
Other: Commissioner Russ brought information on the North Carolina Legislature moving forward with Bills that are limiting local governments out of managing powers regarding their planning and zoning. Commissioner Russ informed the Board of H.B. 765 and recommended the Board to agree to sign a resolution against H.B. 765. After discussion, members of the Board unanimously agreed to sign a resolution voicing opposition to the current North Carolina H.B. 765 and submit it to the proper parties.


A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0).** The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

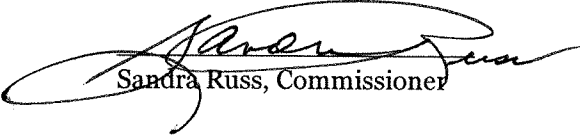
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"Referenced attachments are incorporated herewith and are hereby made a part of these minutes."