

Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes

June 9th, 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, Todd Mallory, Mary Hadley Rose, Tom Rawlings, Andrew Stocks

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 May Regular Session Minutes with corrections was made by Commissioner Sandra Russ and seconded by Commissioner Craig New. **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 New and seconded by Commissioner Tony Bennett. **Motion carried (3-0)**

DFO Russ also presented the audit renewal contract with Flowers and Stanley. After a quick discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Scott Briley to approve the renewal contract with Flowers and Stanley; seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (3-0)**

Old Business:

Item(s) 1: Family Freedom Celebration Update

Town Clerk Averil Parker stated that everything is ready for the event. She gave the total number of vendors and said that all information had been sent to the vendors. Everything is on time for a great event.

Item(s) 2: Long Term Planning – Sidewalks/Events

Commissioner New stated that he spoke to the POC at the TAC Meeting and they need to know the route to place the sidewalk. During discussions the Board agreed to tie the potential sidewalk into the already existing walking trail at Ennis Park and potentially ending the route at the bank. A motion to approve the preliminary mapping was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion Carried (4-0)**

Long Term Planner Carol Cooke discussed future events presented by the Town. Cooke presented potential Fall and Spring floral classes, the Fall session during October or November or potentially around Christmas. Cooke also presented having free summer concerts at the Mayor's Pavillion located at Ennis Park. She proposed that they start in July and end in September. Cooke presented a potential pickleball clinic with limited availability and based on how it does, a future waitlist for another clinic. Cooke also presented an update on the future Town T-shirts. During discussions, Commissioner Briley stated that he would like to see the Town not charge for these events. After discussions, a motion was made by Commissioner Bennett to approve fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for LTP Cooke to work with to plan these events; seconded by Commissioner Russ.

Motion carried (3-1)

New Business:

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

None.

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

Mayor Levell Langley asked for a motion to approve the FY 25-26 Budget. The public hearing was held during the May meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Briley to approve the FY 25-26 Budget and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 3: Grass Cutting Bids

Clerk Parker presented the grass bids to the Board. After reviewing and discussing the presented bid a motion was made by Commissioner Briley to accept the renewal bid of Sam's Lawn Care; seconded by Commissioner Russ. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 4: Site Plan Review: Old Carriage Trailer Sales

Zoning Administrator Jackie Johnson presented the submitted site plan. Johnson stated that the Planning Board recommended to approve Site Plan as presented. After reviewing and discussing the site plan, a motion was made by Commissioner Briley to approve the site plan as presented and was seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 5: ROAHPS Funding Request

Red Oak Area Historic Preservation Society representative Mary Hadley Rose presented this item to the Board. Rose stated that the Teacherage's porch was completed and due to weather delays the roof was now finally being started. Rose also gave an update on the Red Oak Classic on September 6th; a band will be there from 7pm to 10pm and they are once again requesting permission for a beer garden if approved it would be from 5pm to 10pm the same day. After discussion a motion to approve the beer garden as presented was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (3-1)**

Rose also presented items regarding a sponsorship from the Town for the porch and roof. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made to approve a twenty-thousand-dollar sponsorship (\$20,000) by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion Carried (4-0)**

Another motion was made by Commissioner Briley to approve the earmarking of a CD's interest to the ROAHPS; seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 6: 4-H Sponsorship Request

Clerk Parker presented the request for the 4-H Organization. She stated that they knew that the meeting was after their horse show and were okay with any sponsorship money after the requested deadline. After discussion, a motion was made to approve a five-hundred-dollar sponsorship (\$500) by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 7: LEO Statistics Report

The Board reviewed the report

Other: Mayor Langley read a thank you letter for the Red Oak Volunteer Fire Department, thanking the Town for the generous donation towards new equipment.

Commissioner New presented the amended memorandum of understanding regarding the Rual Planning Organization for Edgecombe, Johnston, Nash and Wilson Counties. Commissioner New

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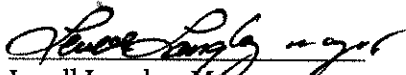
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stated that the Board previously talked about the item but now needed to adopt it. After discussion a motion to adopt the amended memorandum was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

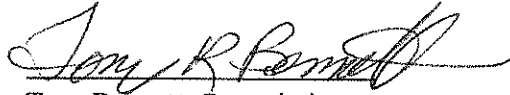
A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

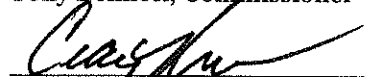
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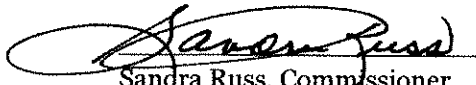

Levell Langley, Mayor


Averil 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."