

Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 6:30pm

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**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, Planning Board Member Mary Tom Bass, Tom Rawlings, Kevin Varnell, Mary Hadley Rose, Todd Murray Mr. & Mrs. Robinson

**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 Regular Session Minutes with corrections was made by Commissioner Sandra Russ and seconded by Commissioner Scott Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

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

FO Russ presented another item to release the annual Teacherage Funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Briley to approve the release of funds for the Teacherage. **Motion carried (3-0)**

FO Russ also needed approval to move budgeted funds in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500) to cover the election. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (3-0)**

**Old Business:**

**Item(s) 1: Deans Road Property**

Zoning Administrator Jackie Johnson explained the timeline of this item. The property owner wants to place the parcel in a conservation easement and turn it over to the Town of Red Oak upon her death. Administrator Johnson and the Commissioners went over current property usage and property details. After discussion, a motion to check on property details and accept the conservation easement request was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Craig New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

**Item(s) 2: Public Hearing: E. Castalia Road**

Zoning Administrator Johnson went over the timeline of this item. A motion was made to enter the public hearing by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)** The public hearing began at 6:37pm. Members of the public that requested to speak were allowed to at this time.

Todd Murray, no address provided, wanted clarification on the process tonight. The board alongside Administrator Johnson let him know what current step the item was on and the future steps. Mr. Murray wanted to know about the name of the subdivision. He understood that the Town does not have naming rights and will go before the planning board again, but the proposed name has nothing to do with the founding family. Kevin Varnell of Stocks Engineering working on this item stated that it is a random name at this time and will pass the idea forward about the founding family name. Mr. Murray stated that he was passionate about protecting farmland for

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the future.

No others wished to speak during this time.

A motion to exit the public hearing was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New. The board returned to regular session at 6:42pm

After slight discussion, a motion was made to accept the Planning Board's recommendation with the four (4) contingencies by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

***New Business:***

***Item(s) 1: Public Input***

None.

***Item(s) 2: Public Hearing: Noels Acres***

Zoning Administrator Johnson went over the timeline of this item. A motion was made to enter the public hearing was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Bennett.

**Motion carried (4-0)** The public hearing began at 6:44pm. No one wished to speak on this item. A motion to exit the public hearing was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The board returned to regular session at 6:45pm.

After slight discussion, a motion was made to accept the zoning as presented by Commissioner Russ and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

***Item(s) 3: Family Freedom Celebration***

Town Clerk Averi Parker wanted to confirm the amount of Food Trucks the Town was allowing for this event. With other events potentially being cancelled surrounding this area she is expecting a larger crowd as well as since the Town upped the fireworks show from previous years. After discussion a motion to allow ten (10) food trucks for the event was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

***Item(s) 4: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall***

Patti Robinson explained the Wall to the board. If approved, it would happen in 2027. Mrs. Robinson plans on taking donations for some of the fees and she would be recruiting fifty (50) to seventy-five (75) volunteers and would potentially reach out to Red Oak for more. The Wall would be staffed 24/7 by volunteers and liability insurance would go through the Town of Red Oak insurance. Robinson stated that she would fill out the application and the number of areas competing for the wall typically dwindle down due to the workload. Robinson stated that she does not need money now just needing approval. After discussion, a motion to approve the wall for 2027 and make Carol Cooke (Events and Planning Coordinator) the point of contact was made by Commissioner Russ and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

***Item(s) 5: Office Furniture***

Commissioner Briley stated that the Town Commissioner Chambers furniture needed to be updated due to the peeling conditions of the chairs that members of the public sit in. As well as having extra chairs for overflow meetings. Commissioner Briley asked Town staff if there was anything else that needed to be updated. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the purchase of chamber chairs for the 2026-2027 budget by Commissioner Russ and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

***Item(s) 6: Other Forms of Payment Acceptance***

Financial Officer Russ stated that she is still investigating this item.

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**Item(s) 7: Ennis Park Maintenance Quarterly Report**

During the review, members of the public stated that a lot of trash is left near the basketball goals even though there are trash cans out there. Others also wanted to know about the lights along the walking path. Mayor Levell Langley explained that they are solar lights that are dim just to show you the path while walking past them.

**Item(s) 8: LEO Statistics**

The Board reviewed the report.

**Other:** Commissioner New stated that the Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments reached out for a Transportation representative. The meetings are in-person and remote. After a quick discussion a motion to appoint Zoning Administrator Jackie Johnson as the representative was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

A motion to enter into a closed session for Attorney-Client Privilege was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Bennett at 7:08pm. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Members of the public and media attending were asked to exit the council chambers and would be allowed to return after the session if they wish.

A motion was made to exit out of the closed session and return to the regular session was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner New at 7:40pm. **Motion carried (4-0)**


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

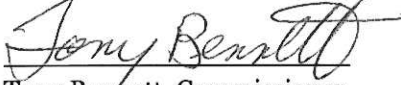
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.


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Levell Langley, Mayor

  
Averi R. Parker, Town Clerk

  
Tony Bennett, Commissioner

  
Craig New, Commissioner

  
Scott Briley, Commissioner

  
Sandra Russ, Commissioner