

Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes
July 13th, 2026, 6:30pm

Attendance – Mayor, Levell Langley

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

Absent:

Minutes: Averil R. Parker

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

Public Attendance: Tom Rawlings, Sherri Williams, Mary Hadley Rose, Zoning Administrator Jackie Johnson

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 June Regular Session Minutes was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Tony Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Finance Officer Sandra Russ presented the May financial report. After reviewing a motion to approve the report was made by Commissioner Briley and Seconded by Commissioner Craig New.

Motion carried (3-0)

Old Business:

Item(s) 1: Family Freedom Celebration Recap

Town Clerk Averil Parker stated that the event went well besides the rain. Once the rain was over fireworks went off and it was a great show. The Board then discussed the idea of reimbursing the present vendors because of the weather. A motion was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New to reimburse present vendors due to the weather. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 1: Nuisance Report 2025-05

Zoning Administrator Jackie Johnson stated that there was not a formal vote for her to move forward with this nuisance complaint. There has been communication with the owner of the property but needs a formal vote. A motion was made to proceed with the complaint was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

New Business:

Item(s) 1: Public Input

None.

Item(s) 2: Nuisance Report 2025-06

Zoning Administrator Johnson presented the information provided and pictures of the nuisance complaint. After a quick discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Briley to proceed with the complaint and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 3: Northern Nash KAC Sponsorship Request

The Board reviewed the item from the Northern Nash KAC request. During the discussion the Board agreed to continue with its annual sponsorship through Baseball and Football. A motion to

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approve the sponsorship was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 4: Ride of Honor 2026

The item being reviewed stated that it would be riding through the Town of Red Oak once again. Mayor Levell Langley asked if they requested last year; which they did not. After reviewing the sponsorship levels a motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner New to select and sponsor at the Heros level. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 5: Playground Equipment Quote

The board reviewed the quote for the playground equipment needing replacing in the small child area at Ennis Park. The Board wanted clarification on if the quote included labor; it was just for equipment, no labor. It was then clarified that the Town keeps up with the Park infrastructure and Nash County maintains it. With no further discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the quote. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 6: Resolution 2026-01: Street Name Request

Zoning Administrator Johnson stated that the people requesting have gone through everything and she has reviewed it with satisfaction. Since the property is over ten (10) acres there is no need for the Planning Board. After discussion, a motion to approve the street name request was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 7: Public Hearing: Data Center/Crypto Mining Language

A motion to enter the public hearing was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Tony Bennett at 6:41pm. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Members of the public at this time that wished to speak on the item were allowed to do so.

Tom Rawlings: Data centers/mining take up a lot of resources especially with lack of recent rain. This language prohibiting usage would be beneficial to farmers and citizens of Red Oak.

No others wished to make a comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley was made at 6:43pm. **Motion carried (4-0)**

A motion was made to approve the prohibited use language for Data Centers and Crypto Mining was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Zoning Administrator Johnson stated that the members of the Planning Board are requesting that the Town Commissioners send a letter to the City of Rocky Mount about their proposed rezoning of the land near Nash Community College that is near the Town of Red Oak town limits.

Item(s) 8: New Storage Building

Mayor Langley presented this item to the Board about a new storage building behind the current building to store Town items such as Christmas Décor. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 9: LEO Contract Statistics Report

The Board reviewed the report provided.

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Motion to enter a Closed Session NCGS (143-318.11.(6): Planning Board Appointment

A motion was made by Commissioner New to enter the closed session and seconded by Commissioner Briley at 6:49pm. **Motion carried (4-0)**

During this time members of public and media were asked to leave the Town Council Chambers and would be able to return if they wished to after the session.

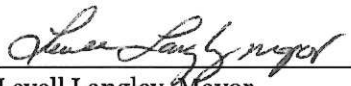
A motion was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley to exit the closed session at 6:55pm. **Motion carried (4-0)** Members of public and media still present were allowed to return if they wished to.

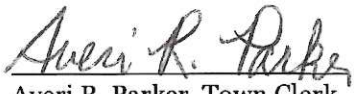
A motion was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New to appoint retired US Army Colonel Tom Rawlings to the Town of Red Oak Planning Board. **Motion carried (4-0)** A motion to approve the closed session minutes was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

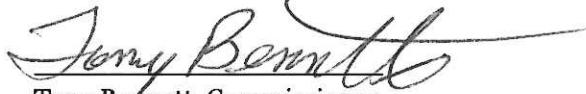
Other: Commissioner Tony Bennett requested if the Town could investigate how to change the name of a road. He stated that there is a lot of confusion from citizens during an emergency since the names of some are very similar. A motion was made to investigate was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)** Zoning Administrator Johnson provided the passed Senate Bill for the Town of Red Oak.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)** The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

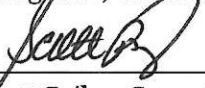
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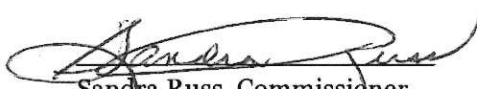

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"Referenced attachments are incorporated herewith and are hereby made a part of these minutes."