

Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes
September 14th, 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, *The Nashville Graphic*

Public Attendance: Sherri Williams, Mary Hadley Rose, Tom Rawlings, Todd Winstead, Eden & Jakob Tharrington, Wyatt McGhee, 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 August Regular Session Minutes with corrections was made by Commissioner Craig New and seconded by Commissioner Scott Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Finance Officer Sandra Russ presented the July financial report. After reviewing a motion to approve the report was made by Commissioner Briley and Seconded by Commissioner Tony Bennett. **Motion carried (3-0)**

Old Business:

Item(s) 1: Road Renaming Information Request Update

Zoning Administrator Jackie Johnson stated that after investigating the request many houses would have to update their addresses; alongside several costly changes such as IDs, checks, credit cards, etc. After discussion a motion was made to not pursue the change based on information provided by Commissioner Sandra Russ and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 2: Nuisance Report Update 25-05

Johnson also presented this item. She reminded the Board that this house did previously catch fire, and the owners of the property are now keeping the grass maintained and are considering selling the house. They currently do not have a timeline for selling. After detailed discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Briley to inform the owner that they have ninety (90) days to begin sale of the house or remediation from the date; seconded by Commissioner Russ. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 3: Nuisance Report Update 25-06

Johnson also presented this item. The Board was presented with before and after photos of the property. They have made progress organizing the property, but they have not reached out to Johnson after several letters. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner New to monitor the property and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

New Business:

Item(s) 1: Agenda Restructuring Changes

Mayor Langley asked for a motion to move action item six (6) the Veterans Day Event – Todd Winstead up to action item two (2). Action item two (2) ROAHPS Sponsorship Request would be moved down to action item six (6). A motion to approve the agenda change was made by

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Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 1: Public Input

Tom Rawlings, wanted to know about the checks and balances as well as the quality assurance that is happening with the FLOCK Cameras in Red Oak. Mr. Rawlings presented information and data on recent instances of the cameras being used outside of their scope.

Mayor Langley assured Mr. Rawlings that the only people with access to the cameras is the Nash County Sheriff's Office and they frequently monitor who accesses the cameras if needed. He also stated that the cameras have been beneficial in Red Oak. He expressed again that neither him nor the Town Commissioners have access to the information.

Eden Tharrington, alongside her husband Jakob Tharrington stood before the Board to petition a possibility of their property to be annexed into Red Oak. According to Mrs. Tharrington current zoning restrictions do now allow for the home she and her husband would like to settle into on family property located in the Town of Dortches. She would like the Board to consider going against the current abeyance in place and allow for their property to be annexed into the Town of Red Oak.

The Board thanked Mr. and Mrs. Tharrington for coming forward with their plans. After discussion, a motion to table the request to allow for investigation was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Wyatt McGhee, came before the Board with concerns about the future of the decommissioned landfill near his property. He gave a description of the property alongside a detailed account of the work being done by the State during the remediation process. He had reached out to the State but would like the Mayor to possibly schedule a meeting with the remediation team about his request.

Mayor Langley stated that he would reach out to the remediation team about Mr. McGhee's concerns.

Mary Hadley Rose, wanted to thank the Board on behalf of the Red Oak Area Historic Preservation Society for their Red Oak Classic Sponsorship.

Item(s) 2: Veterans Day Event – Todd Winstead

Mr. Todd Winstead who serves as the Veterans Day Memorial Event liaison, presented this year's memorial plans to the Board. He stated that he had almost finalized all of the items presented but was just waiting of a couple of callbacks from people checking their schedules. All of the area pastors had reached out and planned on being at the service. The service is scheduled for November 7th, 2026 and will begin at 11:00AM. The rain location if needed will be the Red Oak Baptist Church Family Life Center. This year in lieu of a donation he asks for a Red Oak Veterans Memorial Brick donated in honor of the American Legion Post 110.

After discussion, a motion to approve the plans as well as the memorial brick was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Mayor Langley expressed that he wanted this event to be advertised heavily.

Item(s) 3: Red Oak Rotary Sponsorship Request

Former Red Oak Rotary President Sherri Williams presented to the Board a sponsorship request as well as what the sponsorship would benefit. Ms. Williams was questioned heavily by the Board about the current state of the club, the membership dues, and the current number of Red Oak residents as members. Ms. Williams answered the questions to the best of her knowledge. After reviewing the sponsorship packet and the information provided, a motion was made to sponsor

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the club with the same amount the Town budgeted for last year by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Ms. Williams also presented to the Board an event that the club is hosting at Ennis Park on October 29th. They would like to have a Flu Clinic for people to come out and receive a flu shot. Healthcare workers will be at the event to administer the shots as well as collect insurance information. She wanted to know if the club could utilize the concessions stand. The Board stated that there would not be a conflict; a motion to approve the usage was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 4: Community Grant Request – Bakers Brew

The Board reviewed the packet presented. Commissioner Russ stated that the Town had not budgeted for the Community Grant in this year's fiscal budget due to the lack of usage. She would like more time and supporting documentation provided by the business to come back to the Board at a later meeting. A motion to table the item as well as action item five (5) on the agenda for a later meeting was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 5: Community Grant Form Update

Please see previous item action.

Item(s) 6: ROAHPS Sponsorship Request

The Town Council was contacted prior due to the event taking place prior to the scheduled meeting. A motion to approve the requested sponsorship was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 7: Christmas Festival 2026

Town Clerk Averil Parker presented a few action items for the Board to approve the road closure for the Christmas Parade. As well as wanting to know about the number of vendors wanted for the event. After discussion a motion was made to approve the resolution to close the roads down for the parade and 7 food trucks and 20 craft vendors for the event were made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 9: BoxHause Yoga in Ennis Park

BoxHause Gym out of Rocky Mount reached out again wanting to know if they could have another yoga session at Ennis Park and utilize the Town Seal on advertisement for partnership. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Russ and seconded by Commissioner New to approve the usage of the Town Seal by BoxHause. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Item(s) 9: LEO Contract Statistics Report

The Board reviewed the report provided.

Other:

Item(s) 10: Motion to enter a Closed Session: NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) – Personnel Matters

A motion to enter the closed session was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner New at 7:45pm. Members of the public and media were asked to leave the council chambers and would be able to return once the session ended if they wished.

A motion to exit the closed session was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New at 8:18pm. Members of the public and media that were still present were

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able to return to the chambers if they wished.

Item(s) 11: Office Manager & Closed Session Minutes

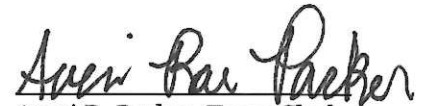
A motion was made by Commissioner Briley to approve Carol Cooke as office manager and to increase her current pay by 3 dollars (\$3) and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0)**

A motion was made by Commissioner New to approve the Closed Session minutes from the month of July and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0)**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0)** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

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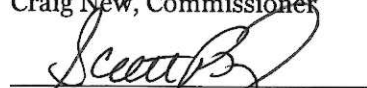

Levell Langley, Mayor


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."