## Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes November 8th, 2021, 6:30pm

Attendance - Mayor, Levell Langley

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

Clerk Shearin was present to record minutes.

Public Attendance: Planning Board member, ToddMallory, two citizens in attendance to observe the meeting

Call to order: Mayor Langley

**Opening Prayer:** Commissioner Bennett **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Langley

**Adoption of Minutes and Financial Statement** — Commissioner Bennett made motion to approve the minutes for October, seconded by Commissioner Russ. Commissioner New made the motion to file the October financial statement for audit, Commissioner Briley seconded, both motions carried.

**Old Business** — Clerk Shearin updated the council regarding the open-air stage to be built in Ennis Park and submitted a summary of the proposed revisions to the LUD for Red Oak. Commissioner Briley made a motion to move forward using general account funds earmarked for Ennis Park to order the stage, seconded by Commissioner New. Commissioner New questioned the adoption of an ETJ as part of the revised and updated LUDP and Clerk Shearin advised that an ETJ is part of the new plan.

## **Veteran's Day Proclamation- (Attachment 1)**

Mayor Langley read the proclamation. Commissioner Bennett made the motion to adopt the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Briley, the motion carried.

## Lawn Contract Bids (Attachment II) -

Council reviewed two bids; Twin Branch Lawn Maintenance and C&J Lawn Care – Discussion occurred resulting in Commissioner Bennett making a motion to award the contract to C&J Lawn Care, seconded by Commissioner New and the motion carried.

**Interlocal Agreement for NN Water System (ARPA) (Attachment III) -** Commissioner Rus asked for changes to the interlocal agreement as proposed to protect the town from obligation to more than the agreed upon \$1,000,000.00 over a ten-year period. Amendments noted on the proposed agreement for review with town attorney. Commissioner Briley made a motion to table the vote on the proposed agreement pending the amendments, seconded by Commissioner Russ. Item tabled by unanimous vote.

**The Farm Phase II (Attachment IV)** – Final plat for The Farm Phase II recommended approval by the Planning Board. Motion to approve as presented by Commissioner New, seconded by Commissioner Briley and the motion carried.

The Farm Zoning Map Amendment (Attachment V) — Staff report provided regarding the re-zoning request of 19.28 acres of the proposed phase II of The Farm. This section of land was not included in the original re-zoning of the acreage in phase I and for consistency of development will need be amended as requested from AR to R-30. Planning Board recommendation is for approval. Motion to approve pending a public hearing scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, made by Commissioner New, seconded by Commissioner Briley and the motion carried.

ARPA Funding Options — Round table discussion occurred in reference to potential eligible expenditures of ARPA funds. Ideas presented by the Clerk: Payment of Water System assistance to Nash County pending finalized interlocal agreement in the amount of \$400,000.00, Purchase of digital sign for town hall to assist in hazard mitigation and community awareness \$50,000.00, Potential Grants to non-profits that fall under travel and tourism, upgrades to parks that serve a diverse population, hazard pay to frontline workers. Discussion of eligible expenditures occurred including the potential to earn interest on the monies received while deciding on expenditures to move forward with. Commissioner Bennett made the motion to move forward with the purchase of the electronic sign, earmark monies for the NN water system and authorizing the maximum hazard pay to the Clerk in two installments, seconded by Commissioner New and the motion carried.

## Other -

Clerk Shearin reminded the council of the Veterans Day celebration scheduled for November  $11^{th}$  in Ennis Park at 11:00am and the upcoming Christmas Festival scheduled for November 27th.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner New, seconded by Commissioner Bennett; the motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Levell Langley, Mayor	Tracy Shearin, Clerk

Call to order 6:30PM
Establishment of Quorum
Levell Langley, Mayor
Tony Bennett, Mayor Pro Tem
Craig New Scott Briley Sandra Russ
Opening Prayer Pledge of Allegiance
October Minutes Corrections and additions:
Motion to approve Second
October Financial Report
Motion to approve Second
Old Business: Open Air Stage Ennis Park , Land Development Plan Update
New Business:
<ol> <li>Veterans Day Proclamation</li> <li>Lawn Contract Bids</li> <li>Interlocal Agreement for NN Water System – ARPA Funding Options</li> <li>The Farm Phase II</li> <li>Zoning Map Amendment Request – The Farm</li> <li>ARPA Funding Options</li> </ol>
Other:
Motion to Adjourn: