

Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes
March 14th, 6:30pm

Attendance – Mayor, Levell Langley

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

Clerk Shearin was present to record minutes
News Reporter, Kendra Jones

Public Attendance: Planning Board members, Franki Joyner, Todd Mallory, RBD Investments Representative, Robbie Davis, Yvonne McLeod, candidate for NC House of Representatives District 25, several members of the public

Call to order: Mayor Langley

Opening Prayer:

Commissioner Briley

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Langley

Adoption of Minutes and Financial Statement(s) – Motion to approve January minutes made by Commissioner Bennett seconded by Commissioner New.

Motion to file the January financials for audit made by Commissioner New seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Both motions carried.

Old Business –

Signs at park have been corrected. The stage structure is scheduled for delivery before the end of the month, construction should start mid-April. Contract for replacement of seal on Christmas Tree pad has been finalized and work should start on that project within 90 days.

Item 1:

Yvonne McLeod, Candidate for Dist 25 NC House of Representatives introduced herself to the council and shared her vision, purpose and platform as a conservative choice candidate. Campaign materials provided and filed with the official minutes.

Item 2 –

Public Hearing: RBD Investments, LLC General Re-zoning request for 1816 E. Castalia Rd – Mayor Langley opened the hearing at 7:00pm

Robbie Davis with RBD Investments, LLC addressed the council and public in attendance advising that his company purchased the 50 acre tract of land with the intention of developing a high end residential development. In the process of platting the lots the corner of E. Castalia and Red Oak Blvd became a dead lot resulting in the request to re-zone the corner as commercial property for future development. Prior to the public hearing a meeting was held with concerned property owners. RBD Investments, LLC entered into a private agreement with the property owners to exclude 38 of the 83 allowable uses in a B1 Commercial Zone in a good faith effort to assure surrounding property owners that RBD Investments, LLC would act in the best interests of the community to protect property values and the local aesthetic especially in lite of the fact that RBD Investments has a vested interest in maintaining the value of the surrounding land.

The floor was opened to the public. A list of concerned citizens is listed as attachment II and is recorded as part of the official minutes. General concerns addressed: loss of agricultural aesthetic, increase in traffic and potential for disturbance to neighboring properties

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Item 3 - Ennis Park Soccer Field Irrigation Project presented to Council by Nash County Parks and Recreation Director, Thomas Gillespie. Two bids have been received for the installation of irrigation on the soccer fields at Ennis Park one for \$70,000 and one for \$45,000. Per Mr. Gillespie the project has not been presented to the County Commissioners at this time. Mr. Gillespie is asking for financial support of the project from Red Oak prior to presenting the project to Nash County. Council discussion regarding the continued use of the field for events other than soccer Mr. Gillespie was advised of the request for half of the project to be funded by Nash County. It is the hope of the council for the remaining half to be covered by Red Oak and Dortches based on a 75/25 split for park upgrades. A motion of support for the proposed project made by Commissioner Briley seconded by Commissioner Bennett and the motion carried.

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

Levell Langley, Mayor

Tracy Shearin, Clerk

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