

Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes
March 13th, 2023, 6:30pm

Attendance – Mayor, Levell Langley

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

Clerk Shearin was present to record the minutes.

Public Attendance: News Reporter, Lindell Kay, Planning Board members, Franki Joyner, David Griffin, Mary Tom Bass, Todd Mallory and Red Oak resident, Gary Abernathy.

Call to order: Mayor Langley

Opening Prayer:

Commissioner Bennett

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Langley

Adoption of Minutes and Financial Statement(s) –

Motion to approve February minutes made by Commissioner Briley; seconded by Commissioner Bennett, the motion passed.

Commissioner Russ presented the February Financial Statement for review and approval. Commissioner New made the motion to accept the financial statement, seconded by Commissioner Briley, and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Item(s) 1: Earp Nuisance Case (Attachment I)

Clerk Shearin informed the council the show cause court date is scheduled for April 17th and provided a copy of a photo provided by the Attorney handling the case as proof that the illegal cargo container has been removed from the property but there is no evidence of any other efforts to clean up the overgrowth and abandoned mobile homes and campers.

Item(s) 2: Mayor's Pavilion: Handicap Access and Viewing Areas

Mayor Langley reported that the handicapped sidewalk has been poured as of 03/23/23

Item(s) 3: Pending Annexations

Carriage Trail, West Hampton, and Reges Store Rd have all been turned over to D Hilhorst to complete the boundary survey maps to complete the final piece prior to filing.

Item 4: Landfill Property Remediation Update (Attachment II)

Surveyors are on the property and the wells at Ashley Woods are being tested again to see if methane levels have reduced. Full remediation is scheduled to start in late summer and the plan includes keeping perimeter trees in place. A sample remediation plan with potential use restrictions has been sent for the council to review and provide feedback based on the future planned development.

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New Business:

Item(s) 1: Mike Stanley, CPA – Audit Review

The audit report was presented in person by Auditor, Mike Stanley of Flowers and Stanley, Independent Auditors for the Town of Red Oak. There were no questions from the council and no motion was required as the council had accepted the audit report by motion during the February meeting.

Item(s) 2: Code Wright Planners (Attachment III)

Chad Meadows presented the proposed text amendments to the Red Oak Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) highlighting the change in residential zones and the increase in minimum lot sizes, deletion of R10 districts, R20 will be a legacy district, there will be architectural review standards for businesses and the B2 district will have amended setbacks allowing for more green space and parking areas in front of businesses. There was some minimal discussion concerning the need to address the maximum heights of residential and commercial buildings and the need to evaluate the expansion of the B2 district and the possibility of sewer connections for future businesses. There were no further points of discussion. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for Monday, April 3rd, 2023, during the scheduled Council meeting.

Item(s) 3: Community Grant Request 22-23-01 (Attachment IV)

Clerk Shearin presented the grant application filed by Kenny Davis' ministries for assistance with building a bath house for a religious refuge and restoration retreat center, Yeshua's Vineyard located in Red Oak. Commissioner Briley made a motion to table the request pending receipt of allowable expenses, seconded by Commissioner Bennett and the motion carried.

Item(s) 4: Resolution and Budget Approval for Family Freedom Celebration (Attachments VI)

The resolution of support for the festival was read by Clerk Shearin. The motion to approve the fireworks budget was made by Commissioner New, seconded by Commissioner Briley and the motion carried unanimously.

Item(s) 5: LEO Contract Statistics Report (Attachment VII)

The statistics report was reviewed without comment.

Item(s) 6: April Council Meeting

The motion to move the April Council meeting to Monday, April 3rd in order not to conflict with the Easter Holiday was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Russ, and the motion carried.

Other:

2023 Municipal Election Notice was given to all Elected Officials. There are two seats up for re-election in November, Tony Bennett and Scott Briley.

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Motion to enter a closed session stating GS 143-318.11 was made by Commissioner Scott Briley seconded by Commissioner New. Members of the public and media left the Council Chambers before the closed session started.


Closed session minutes are sealed.

The motion to re-enter the open session was made by Commissioner Briley, seconded by Commissioner New, and the motion was carried.


No further business was discussed in the open session and the meeting was adjourned.

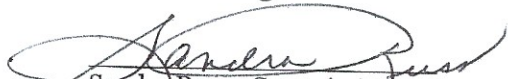

Levell Langley, Mayor


(Attest) Tracy Shearin, Clerk


Tony Bennett, Mayor Pro Tem


Craig New, Commissioner


Scott Briley, Commissioner


Sandra Russ, Commissioner