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**Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:30pm**

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**Attendance** – Mayor, Levell Langley

**Council Members Present:** Tony Bennett, Scott Briley, Craig New

**Absent:** Sandra Russ

**Minutes:** Averi Parker

**Public Attendance:** Chad Thompson, Members of the Red Oak Rotary Club, Mary Hadley Rose, Thomas Rawlings, Sandy Smith, Members of the Sandy Smith Campaign Team, Delwin Clark, Eloise Earp, Bonnie Winstead, Todd Mallory

**Call to Order:** Mayor Langley

**Opening Prayer:** Commissioner Briley

**Pledge of Allegiance:** All

**Adoption of June Minutes & Financial Report(s)**

A motion to approve the June Minutes was made by Commissioner Craig New and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem. Tony Bennett. Motion Carried (3-0).

No Financial Report(s) were presented.

***Old Business:***

No Old Business was presented.

***New Business:***

**Item(s) 1: Public Comments**

Eloise Earp, 4797 Wollett Mill Road, Battleboro, NC 27809; spoke about the property located at 3960 McKinny Road. She asked the Council to please consider dropping the lawsuit.

Thomas Rawlings, 4136 Tucker Trail, Rocky Mount, NC 27804; shared some comments and concerns that a few Red Oak residents and himself that attended the July 4<sup>th</sup> event the Town held had. He stated that many wanted the food trucks to be more accessible. Another suggestion he brought forth was that many were concerned about the date it was held. Many had to go to work the next day and the holiday was the following day. Overall, it was a wonderful event, and many enjoyed.

Delwin Clark, 4204 Lessie Trail, Rocky Mount, NC 27804; presented the 2024 Fitness Festival that is going to be potentially held on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Ennis Park. He spoke about the wonderful benefits the park offers in regards to staying fit and active and believes it would be a great opportunity for residents to get active and attend. He asked the Council to possibly wave the permit fee to hold the event.

Sandy Smith, spoke to the Council about her campaign for Congress again. She also spoke and wanted to invite residents to her newly formed women's Republican Member club.

**Item(s) 2: Chad Thompson, President of the Red Oak Rotary Club**

Chad Thompson shared that the Rotary dinner was a big success and thanked all that attended. Mr. Thompson, along with other members of the Rotary Club, are seeking an amount of eight thousand (8,000) dollars as a donation to be used to complete projects that

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they have planned that will benefit the Town's residents and will be used to continuously invest into the community.

### **Item(s) 3: Flowers and Stanley Audit Contract**

Mayor Langley presented this item. Mayor Langley presented the Flowers and Stanley Audit Contract to Council. After minimal discussion, Council members agreed to accept the audit contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner New to accept the Flowers and Stanley Audit Contract; seconded by Commissioner Briley. Motion carried (3-0).

### **Item(s) 4: Sponsorship Summer Camp (Red Oak Methodist)**

Mayor Pro Tem. Bennett presented this item. Mayor Pro Tem. Bennett explained to the Council that the camp goes over education that is possibly lost over the summer break and that reading levels for the children that attend go up by one (1) or even two (2) grade levels. After minimal discussion, Council agreed to make a donation to the Red Oak Methodist Summer Camp.

A motion was made by Commissioner New to make a monetary donation to the Red Oak Methodist Summer Camp; seconded by Commissioner Briley. Motion carried (3-0).

### **Item(s) 5: Neal Boone Compensation for Handling 4<sup>th</sup> of July Freedom Celebration Safety and Traffic**

After quick discussion on this item the Council agreed that Neal Boone should be compensated for his hard work that day and be compensated five hundred (500) dollars. For the deputies that were not on the Town's payroll for that night and worked they will be compensated by a fifty (50) dollar gift card to Smith's.

A motion was made by Commissioner Briley to compensate Neal Boone for his work with five hundred (500) dollars and the deputies not on the Town's payroll for that night with and worked with a fifty (50) dollar gift card to Smith's; seconded by Commissioner New. Motion Carried (3-0).

### **Item(s) 6: Veterans Day Service**

Mayor Langley reminded the Council that Veterans Day was approaching and that to think about the annual service that the Town holds for the veterans in the area.

### **Item(s) 7: Cycle Festival**

Mayor Langley received information from Nash County Parks and Recreation Director, Thomas Gillespie about a cycle festival that will be coming through town on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mr. Gillespie has asked that the Town give out water and towels during the bike stop in Red Oak. The Town will provide water along with any water the County supplies them with. While Mayor and Council discussed this matter, present members of the Red Oak Rotary spoke up and agreed to pass out the items.

### **Motion to enter a Closed Session stating G.S. 143-318.11 Personnel Matters**

A motion to enter a Closed Session was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem. Bennett. Motion Carried (3-0).

Closed Session Minutes are sealed.

### **Motion to re-enter the Open Session**



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A motion to re-enter the Open session was made by Mayor Pro Tem. Bennett and seconded by Commissioner New. Motion Carried (3-0). Members of the public and media returned to the Council Chambers.

**Other:**

**Item(s) 8: Finance**

A motion to out-source the Accounts Payable and monthly financial statements to Pate, Horton, and Ess beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley. Motion Carried (3-0).

**Item(s) 9: Interim Town Clerk**

Mayor and Council presented the position of Interim Town Clerk to Averi Parker. Council minimally discussed the position and asked if she needed time to decided. Mrs. Parker stated that she did not need time and accepted the position.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem. Bennett. Motion Carried (3-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

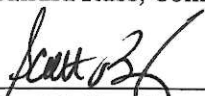
  
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"Referenced attachments are incorporated herewith and are hereby made a part of these minutes."