
Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes
August 14th, 2023, 6:30pm

Attendance – Mayor, Levell Langley

Council Members Present: Sandra Russ, Scott Briley, Craig New

Absent: Tony Bennett

Minutes: Averi Parker

Public Attendance: Todd Winstead, Todd Mallory, Thomas Rawlings, Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Meeks, Karen Bass, Mary Hadley Rose, Chad Meadows, Roy Garner, Lindell Kay, Wally Walston, Patsey McGee

Call to Order: Mayor Langley

Opening Prayer: Commissioner Briley

Pledge of Allegiance: All

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

After a brief discussion of the minutes and corrections needed; a motion to approve the July Minutes with corrections was made by Commissioner Briley; seconded by Commissioner New. Motion Carried (3-0).

Council reviewed the July Financial Report(s). After minimal discussion, a motion to approve the July Financial Report(s) was made by Commissioner Briley; seconded by Commissioner New. Motion Carried (3-0).

Council reviewed the June Financial Report(s). After minimal discussion, a motion to approve the June Financial Report(s) was made by Commissioner Briley; seconded by Commissioner New. Motion Carried (3-0).

Commissioner Russ during this time stated that the books had been delivered to Mike Stanley. Russ explained to the council that Pate Horton, & Ess would be writing checks in August and she had asked for an engagement letter from Pate, Horton, & Ess. Karen at Pate, Horton & Ess will be writing checks every 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

Commissioner Russ also suggested to the council that the budget needed to be amended under the Accounting line item from three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to nine thousand dollars (\$9,000).

A motion to amend the budget under the Accounting line item from three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) was made by Commissioner New; seconded by Commissioner Briley. Motion Carried (3-0).

A Motion to accept the engagement letter from Pate, Horton, & Ess was made by Commissioner Briley; seconded by Commissioner New. Motion carried (3-0).

Old Business:

Item(s) 1: Earp Nuisance Case

Mr. Donnie Meeks signed up for Public Comments and elected to speak during this time. Mayor Langley informed Mr. Meeks that it is still being handled by the court system and that he would speak to the Town's lawyer for an update.

Item(s) 2: Carriage Trail, West Hampton, Reges Store Road Annexations

Mayor Langley stated that the Town is still waiting on the boundary map.

Item(s) 3: Red Oak Rotary Club

After discussing the item, a motion was made by Commissioner Briley to donate three

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thousand one hundred dollars (\$3,100) to the Red Oak Rotary Club; seconded by Commissioner New. Motion carried (3-0).

Item(s) 4: 2024 Fitness Festival

Commissioner Briley briefly discussed waiving the permit fee for Mr. Delwin Clark in support of the 2024 Fitness Festival.

After the council minimally discussed this item, a motion to waive the permit fee for Mr. Delwin Clark and the 2024 Fitness Festival and to cover any additional permitting charges Nash County may have in the 24-25 fiscal year for this event; seconded by Commissioner New. Motion carried (3-0).

New Business:

Item(s) 1: Public Comments

Karen Bass, questioned the miscommunication happening with the Town. She also requested clarification on the Memorial Tree Sponsorship on who will replace the tree if it dies/destroyed.

Item(s) 2: Chad Meadows, Town Ordinance Writer

Chad Meadows with Code Wright presented and gave an update to the Mayor and council on the Zoning Ordinances and Ordinances for the Town. Mr. Meadows highlighted potential changes that may be needed but are not a necessity. He also showed the Mayor and council that the Town was no longer listed on American Legal and that needed to be fixed as soon as possible. He suggested ways to ratify the issue and wanted to give the council time to think it over before they decided. The Mayor and council thanked Mr. Meadows for his time.

Item(s) 3: Mary Hadley Rose, Red Oak Area Historical Preservation Society

Mary Hadley Rose presented to the Mayor and council. She wanted clarification on the using the Town's property and resources for the upcoming Red Oak Classic Tractor and Car Show. She also gave information about the upcoming event. Mrs. Rose gave details on how the area would be used at Ennis Park and concluded with an update on the Teacherage.

Item(s) 4: Community Grant Application: Red Oak Middle (Attachment I)

Mayor Langley presented this item. Red Oak Middle would like to build a concessions stand. While discussing the item council agreed that they are willing to approve the grant but need clarity on the matter and invoices. After briefly discussing the item, Commissioner Briley made a motion with a second from Commissioner New to table the request until further documentation of paid invoices could be presented. Motion Carried (3-0). Mayor Langley stated he would contact the proper parties and notify them of this need.

Item(s) 5: Northern Nash Band Boosters Sponsorship (Attachment II)

Commissioner Russ presented this item. After a quick discussion the council agreed to make a sponsorship donation to the Northern Nash Band Boosters. A motion for the Town to be a Gold Sponsor for the Northern Nash Band Boosters was made by Commissioner New; seconded by Commissioner Briley. Motion Carried (3-0).

Item(s) 6: Veterans Day Service (Attachment III)

Todd Winstead presented to the Mayor and council on the plans for the annual Veterans Day Service that will be held at Ennis Park. Mr. Winstead went over the resources that have

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already been requested or will be needed for the event. He asked the Town for help with the venue at Ennis Park, advertisement and the printing of any handouts. Mayor Langley thanked him for his help and assured him that the Town would help with anything they are asked for.

Item(s) 7: Christmas Festival Planning

Interim Town Clerk Averil Parker presented this item. Clerk Parker asked for the council's input on what they would like to see as the annual Christmas Festival. She asked for clarification on dates, craft and food truck vendors and anything else to begin planning the Christmas Festival. Council agreed to move forward and secure Santa Claus for the parade and to limit the food trucks and craft vendors to 12 each.

Item(s) 7: Pickleball Court Additions to Ennis Park

Mayor Langley presented this item. After resident and player input, Nash County reached out to the Town on adding pickleball courts to the Ennis Park. The park currently has lines on the tennis courts for pickleball but the request is for courts only for pickleball. After a quick discussion on the matter the council agreed to request quotes for 4 additional courts for pickleball. A motion to request quotes for 4 pickleball courts for Ennis Park was made by Commissioner Briley; seconded by Commissioner New.

Item(s) 8: LEO Contract Statistics Report (Attachment IV)

Mayor and council briefly discussed this item.

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 New and seconded by Commissioner Briley at 8:44pm. Motion Carried (3-0).

Members of the public and media were asked to leave the Council Chambers.

Closed Session Minutes are sealed.

Motion to re-enter the Open Session

A motion to re-enter the Open session was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner New at 9:16pm. Motion Carried (3-0). Members of the public and media returned to the Council Chambers.

Other:

Item(s) 8: Thank You Card

Mayor Langley read a thank you card from Fire Chief Bob Brown. Chief Brown wanted to thank the Town and community for their thoughts and a beautiful flower during the passing of his wife.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley. Motion Carried (3-0). Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.

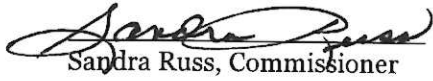
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Craig New, Commissioner

Tony Bennett, Mayor Pro Tem.


Averi Rae Parker


Sandra Russ, Commissioner


Scott Briley, Commissioner

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