

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

Attendance – Mayor, Levell Langley

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

Absent: None

Minutes: Averil Parker

Media: Nancy West-Brake, *The Nashville Graphic*

Public Attendance: Mary Hadley Rose, Tom Rawlings, Mark Nelson, Sam Johnson & Employees of First Bank & Trust of VA, Scout Leaders, Scouts and Parents of Boy Scouts Troop 16 and Cub Scouts Pack 16, Jackie Johnson, Marilyn Anselmi

Call to order: Mayor Levell Langley

Opening Prayer: Commissioner Scott Briley

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Adoption of Minutes and Financial Statement(s) –

After a brief discussion of the minutes, a motion to approve the October Minutes with corrections was made by Commissioner Scott Briley and seconded by Commissioner Tony Bennett. Motion carried (4-0).

Deputy Finance Officer Sandra Russ informed the board that there will not be a Financial Report until Pate, Horton, & Ess get everything they need from the CPA.

Old Business:

Item(s) 1: Veterans Day Service Update

Mayor Levell Langley informed the Council that the service went very well and that the weather was good that day. There was a great turnout, and those who came enjoyed it.

Item(s) 2: Earp Property Update

Mayor Langley informed the Council that this matter will be going to court again on December 4th, 2023.

Item(s) 3: Christmas Festival/Parade Updates

Town Clerk Averil Parker informed the Mayor and Council that everything has been secured and confirmed for the event.

Item(s) 4: Starfire Corporation Fireworks Updates

Mayor Langley presented this item. He shared the July 4th event plan with the Council from Starfire Corporation and the discount options for early payment. The Council minimally discussed this item. Commissioner Scott Briley made a motion to approve the eleven thousand five hundred dollars (\$11,500) fireworks show, seconded by Commissioner Craig New. Motion carried (4-0).

New Business:

Item(s) 1: Boy Scouts Troop 16 & Cub Scouts Pack 16 Charter

Scoutmaster Stephanie Boone addressed the Council and gave the lengthy history of the Boy Scouts in the Red Oak area. She detailed their initiatives in the community. Boone explained the trials the Scouts faced during COVID, but now they want the Town to Charter them so they can come back home to Red Oak. They are willing to update the Council on initiatives that benefit the Red Oak area. The Council discussed the matter, and Commissioner Briley made a motion to

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charter the Boy Scouts pending the Town Attorney's approval of the charter contract, seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0).**

The Council also stated that if they wish to use the Red Oak Community Building, they must abide by the rules and speak with the Town Clerk when doing so. Scoutmaster Boone and the Scouts present thanked the Mayor and Council.

Item(s) 2: Public Input (Limited to Three (3) Minutes Each)

Tom Rawlings wanted to thank the Town for the Veterans Day Service. He and others in attendance really enjoyed the service.

Item(s) 3: Mark Nelson – First Bank & Trust of VA

Mark Nelson of First Bank & Trust of VA addressed the Council. Mr. Nelson stated that the bank enjoys doing business with the Town and the community. The bank wants to work with the Town to continue to grow the bank and the Town. Mr. Nelson gave data on business with the community.

Sam Johnson introduced the staff of the First Bank & Trust of VA present and thanked them. The staff then individually introduced themselves.

The Mayor and Council thanked them for coming to the meeting.

Item(s) 4: Console Table

Marilynn Anselmi addressed the Council. Ms. Anselmi briefly explained herself, her work, and the medium used to build the console table. The console was displayed in Town Hall a year ago. She wanted to give the Town the first opportunity to purchase the console table. Commissioner Russ made a motion to purchase the console table for four hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$475), seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 5: Planning Board Meetings

Commissioner Briley presented this item. He stated that he previously worked with the Planning Board and believes meeting monthly would benefit the Board, even if there is no business. They could use that time to train or to go over the Zoning Ordinances. A motion for the Planning Board to meet every month, even with no business, was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Russ. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 6: PIKE – Streetlighting Design

Clerk Parker informed the Mayor and Council that she had received correspondence from PIKE on the design plans and that they were waiting for an update. She stated that she has little knowledge of the project since it started well before she came on board with the Town and would like to give PIKE an update. The Council discussed this matter and agreed they would like to speak with PIKE again during an upcoming Council meeting.

Item(s) 7: LEO Contract Statistics Report

The Council reviewed the report and briefly discussed this item.

A motion to enter a Closed Session stating GS 143-318.11 Personnel Matters was made by Commissioner Russ and was seconded by Commissioner New at 7:26pm. Motion carried (4-0).

Members of the public and media were excused from the Council Chambers and could later return.

A motion to re-enter the open session was made by Commissioner New and seconded by

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Commissioner Russ at 7:37pm. Motion carried (4-0).

Members of the public and media were allowed to return to the Council Chambers.

Item(s) 9: Zoning Officer Hiring


A motion was made by Commissioner New to hire Jackie Johnson as the Zoning Officer at an hourly rate of thirty dollars an hour (\$30/hr.) effective immediately; seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Motion carried (4-0).


Other: No further discussion


A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Motion carried (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.


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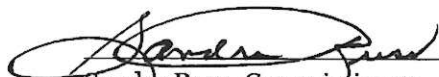

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Averi Parker, Town Clerk


Tony Bennett, Commissioner


Craig New, Commissioner


Scott Briley, Commissioner


Sandra Russ, Commissioner