

Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes
January 8th, 2024, 6:30pm

Attendance – Mayor, Levell Langley

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

Absent: None

Minutes: Averi Parker

Media: None Present

Public Attendance: Mary Hadley Rose, Todd Mallory, Zoning Officer Jackie Johnson, NC House District 25 Candidate Yvonne McLeod, District Court Judge Candidate Mark Osterhout, Red Oak Rotary Members

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 December Minutes with corrections was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Craig New.

Motion carried (4-0).

Deputy Finance Officer Sandra Russ presented the Financial Report for the month of November. The board discussed the report. A motion was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley to approve the financial records. **Motion carried (3-0).**

DFO Russ presented the Contract Control Policy to the board. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Briley to approve the Contract Control Policy; seconded by Commissioner Tony Bennett. **Motion carried (3-0).**

DFO Russ presented to the board CD Rates from several banking institutions. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner New to go with First Bank & Trust Co. of Virginia at four and a half percent (4.5%) for twelve (12) months; seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (3-0).**

DFO Russ presented a budget amendment for the Salaries line item to increase the budgeted amount from one hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000) to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000). After discussion, a motion to approve the budget amendment was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (3-0).**

DFO Russ presented a budget amendment for the Sponsorships line item to increase the budgeted amount from twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000). After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Briley to approve the budget amendment; seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (3-0).**

DFO Russ presented the Red Oak Basketball league sponsorship request. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Briley to approve the sponsorship; seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (3-0).**

Old Business:

Item(s) 1: Earp Property Update

Mayor Levell Langley presented the property clean up bids. Mayor Langley explained to the board that the bids reflected the cost after the metal would be removed from the property. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner New to award the property clean up contract to

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Twin Branch Lawn Maintenance for a total of eight thousand and fifty dollars (\$8450). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sandra Russ. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 2: Grass Cutting Bids Update

Town Clerk Averi Parker presented the references from the grass cutting bids. Clerk Parker explained that she reached out and spoke with the references provided from each bidder. The Mayor and Commissioners reviewed the references and after lengthy discussion a motion was made to table the item until next meeting to allow the DFO to review and break down the quotes for further review by Commissioner Briley; seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 3: Pike Meeting Update

Clerk Parker updated the Mayor and Commissioners on scheduling a meeting. Clerk Parker explained that Pike does not come out for meetings, but they do send a Duke Energy representative. At that point, the Duke Energy representative had not reached out, but she would continue to follow up.

New Business:

Item(s) 1: Yvonne McLeod – NC House District 25 Candidate

NC House Candidate Yvonne McLeod spoke to the Mayor and Commissioners about her campaign for NC House District 25. She explained her ideals and why she is running for office. She expressed her main concerns and what her plan would be if elected. McLeod thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their time.

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

District Court Judge Candidate Mark Osterhout spoke to the Mayor and Commissioners about his campaign. If elected he would represent Nash, Edgecombe, and Wilson Counties. Osterhout gave his history in the area, his qualifications, and his values. Osterhout thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their time.

Item(s) 3: Red Oak Rotary

Chad Thompson, President of the Red Oak Rotary, went over the accomplishments of the club in 2023. He wanted to thank Rocky Mount Rotary for collaborating with them, but they now officially have their own charter, he went over their community involvement and initiatives and highlighted their future events and initiatives. He also wanted the board to consider allowing the club to update the media in the Red Oak Community Building; that would not only serve them but those using the building within the community. Mr. Williams thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their time.

Item(s) 4: 2024 Meeting Calendar

Clerk Parker presented to the Mayor and Commissioners the 2024 Meeting Calendar. She wanted to highlight the empty date for November; if the board wanted to follow their same meeting times and dates, that date would fall on Veterans Day. After discussion, a motion to hold the November meeting on November 4th, 2024, at 6:30pm was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0).**

A motion was made by Commissioner New to approve the 2024 Meeting Calendar. It was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 5: Violation Notice Form – Zoning

Zoning Officer Jackie Johnson presented to the Mayor and Commissioners a new zoning form; Violation Notice Form. Zoning Officer Johnson went over the need and use of the form. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner New to approve the Violation Notice Form for

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the Zoning Department; seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 6: Annexation

Clerk Parker explained to the Mayor and Commissioners that the suspension of voluntary annexations in Red Oak had expired and needed the council to decide if they wish to renew that suspension. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner New to renew the voluntary annexation suspension in Red Oak for one (1) year; seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 7: LEO Contract Statistics Report

The Council reviewed the report and briefly discussed this item.

Other: Mary Hadley Rose provided an update on the Teacherage.

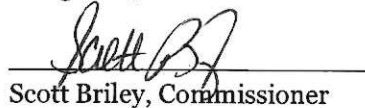
A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0).** The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

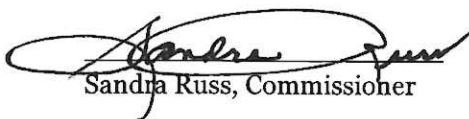

Levell Langley, Mayor


Averil Parker, Town Clerk


Tony Bennett, Commissioner


Craig New, Commissioner


Scott Briley, Commissioner


Sandra Russ, Commissioner

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