

Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes
February 12th, 2024, 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, Todd Mallory, Zoning Officer Jackie Johnson, Jeremy Crawford, Delwin Clark, Sandra Wester, Phillip Briggs, Rebecca Briggs Worrell, Tom Rawlings, Elizabeth Briley

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 January Minutes with corrections was made by Commissioner Scott Briley and seconded by Commissioner Tony Bennett.

Motion carried (4-0).

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

DFO Russ made a request to the Board for additional fireproof filing cabinets as the current filing cabinets are at capacity. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Craig New to approve the purchase of two (2) fireproof filing cabinets; seconded by Commissioner Briley.

Motion carried (3-0).

Old Business:

Item(s) 1: Earp Property Update

Mayor Levell Langley presented the update to the Board. Mayor Langley explained that work started on the property on February 6th, 2023, and work is still ongoing. Currently, there is an additional day of work but due to rain in the forecast that may change.

Item(s) 2: Grass Cutting Bids Update

DFO Russ provided a detailed financial breakdown of the bids for the Board. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner New to award the Grass Cutting Contract to Sam Biehl of Sam's Lawn Care; seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 3: Pike Meeting Update

Town Clerk Averil Parker updated the board that she continued to reach out to Duke Energy for meeting dates but has yet to hear a response. In the last correspondence from Duke Energy, they requested any questions so that they are prepared. After lengthy discussion the Board agreed that no meeting was needed and would like PIKE and Duke Energy to confirm a stop on all other projects other than the Red Oak-Battleboro Road to Wollett Mill Road Street Lighting project.

Item(s) 4: 2024 Family Freedom Celebration Update

Clerk Parker requested suggestions from the Board about musical entertainment and children's entertainment for the event. Commissioner Sandra Russ suggested receiving quotes from TC's Amusements as they have worked with the Town in the past. The Board agreed to receive quotes and agreed to have the same number of vendors as last year.

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New Business:

Item(s) 1: Carolyn Briggs Proclamation

Mayor Langley presented a proclamation in honor of the former Town Clerk of Red Oak, Carolyn Briggs, to her children Phillip Briggs and Rebecca Briggs Worrell. Clerk Briggs passed away earlier in the month and left a lasting impact on the Town.

Item(s) 2: Sandra Wester Proclamation

Mayor Langley presented a proclamation in honor of the dedicated work done in the Town of Red Oak to Sandra Wester. Mrs. Wester handled the zoning in the Town and left a lasting impact.

Item(s) 3: Public Input

None

Item(s) 4: 2024 Fitness Festival (BoxHause Fitness)

Delwin Clark spoke to the Mayor and Commissioners about the upcoming Fitness Festival on October 26th, 2024, at Ennis Park. The premise of the festival is to promote fitness in Nash County with an emphasis on Nash County Public Schools. Events are planned for the festival such as kickball game with an area police department and Nash County Sheriff's Office facing off.

Item(s) 5: Red Oak Baptist Church Concert

Mayor Langley presented a request from the Red Oak Baptist Church for a sponsorship for their upcoming church concert. After discussion a motion was made to go with the same sponsorship amount as last year which was one thousand dollars (\$1,000) was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 6: Red Oak Rockstars

Mayor Langley presented a sponsorship request from the Red Oak Rockstars (youth baseball league). After discussion a motion was made to go with the same sponsorship amount as last year which was two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 7: Zoning Forms – Notice of Appeal, Site Plan Application

The Board reviewed the zoning forms.

Item(s) 8: LEO Contract Statistics Report

The Board reviewed the report and briefly discussed this item.

Other: Commissioner Russ requested the Town Attorney Dee Whitley to come to a future meeting to introduce himself.

Commissioner New requested that the Town reach out to Glasgow about the Town seal on the Christmas Tree platform.

Mayor Langley read a thank you letter from NC House District 25 Candidate Yvonne McLeod; allowing her to speak at a Council Meeting.

Commissioner Briley wanted clarification on the ADA Concrete Pad that was in the plans for the Mayor's Pavilion at Ennis Park. Commissioner Briley referred to the September 2021 and January 2023 minutes.

Commissioner Briley also had questions about the Landfill. He stated that the Town lost acreage

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due to the requirements that come with decommissioned landfills. He wanted to know about the assumed annual cost each year for the Town, the specific upkeep of the land and its costs and was any of this discussed prior to Nash County passing the property to the Town.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Russ.
Motion carried (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

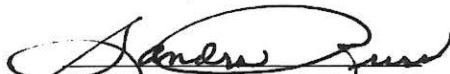

Levell Langley, Mayor


Averi Rae 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."