

Red Oak Town Council Meeting Minutes
March 11th, 2024, 6:30pm

Attendance – Mayor, Levell Langley

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

Absent: None

Minutes: Averil R. Parker

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

Public Attendance: Mary Hadley Rose, Zoning Administrator Jackie Johnson, Town Attorney Dee Whitley, Donald Poland, Daniel Britt, Matt Kannan, Hannah Nelson, Chad Thompson, Tom Rawlings

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 February. The Board discussed the report. A motion was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Tony Bennett to approve the financial records. **Motion carried (3-0).**

Old Business:

Item(s) 1: Earp Property Update

Mayor Levell Langley presented this item. The property cleanup was still in progress as there had been rainy weather and the property was wet. Once dry the cleanup would be finalized.

Item(s) 2: Pike Meeting Update

Clerk Averil R. Parker updated the Mayor and Commissioners on correspondence from PIKE about a timeline for the streetlight project. Currently PIKE is in the process of designing and will reach out for approval.

Item(s) 3: Family Freedom Celebration

Clerk Parker updated the Mayor and Commissioners on the progress of the Family Freedom Celebration planning. The Board reviewed a signed contract with the *Feature Attraction Band* for the event. After a brief discussion Commissioner Sandra Russ made a motion to approve the contract with the *Feature Attraction Band*; seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Clerk Parker also provided photos and quotes from TC Amusements for festival rides. After detailed discussion a motion was made to move forward with the Ferris Wheel, Rapid Slide, and Jitterbug Swings by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 4: Glasgow – Christmas Tree Platform

Mayor Langley provided a follow-up about the Christmas Tree Platform. Due to the how the platform was installed Glasgow recommended a billboard sign-like cover for the platform with the Town Seal. It would last three to four (3-4) years and cost twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200). A motion was made to approve the platform cover from Glasgow by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0).**

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New Business:

Item(s) 1: Public Input (Limited to Three (3) Minutes Each)

Mary Hadley Rose, 8580 Red Oak Blvd., wanted to update the Board about the Teacherage. The Red Oak Area Historic Preservation Society (ROAHPS) had not heard back from contractors about restoring the porch. ROAHPS was also still in the planning phase of the Tractor Show and they were working with the Rotary Club on that.

Item(s) 2: Forever Oaks Site Plan

Zoning Administrator Jackie Johnson presented this item. Johnson went over the site plan and the recommendation of approval with conditions from the Planning Board. After detailed discussion a motion to approve the Forever Oaks Site Plan was made by Commissioner Briley and seconded by Commissioner Russ. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 3: Town Attorney – Dee Whitley

Town Attorney – Dee Whitley introduced himself to the Board. He gave his background and his history within the area. Looks forward to continuing working with the Town.

Item(s) 4: Planning Board Clarification

Zoning Administrator Johnson wanted clarification on how the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment worked as a dual board. If they were a dual board, would they need to take an oath for the Board of Adjustment and then moving forward if someone new is appointed or if re-appointed they would have an oath stating they are on the dual board. After brief discussion a motion approving the clarification of the dual board was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Briley. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 5: American Legion – Red Oak Post Establishment Request

Mayor Langley stated that he was approached by Mr. James Ervin, a resident here in Red Oak that is a member of the American Legion Post in Nashville. While speaking with Mayor Langley he felt the need for a Post in the Town of Red Oak. Mayor Langley was hoping that Mr. Ervin would be present to speak more about this item.

Item(s) 6: Red Oak T-Shirt Sale

Clerk Parker along with Zoning Administrator Johnson presented an idea to the Board on having a T-shirt sale that allowed cash to get rid of the overstock of t-shirts. The sale would be for two days, and the shirts would be five dollars (\$5). Clerk Parker stated that there would be a separate receipt book to keep up with the cash coming in. Zoning Administrator Johnson went through all the shirts and gave a count of the shirts.

After brief discussion Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the sale and to donate the eighty-five youth shirts to the elementary school for their clothes closet. The motion was seconded by Commissioner New. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Item(s) 7: Red Oak Basketball League Sponsorship

Matt Kannan, President of the Red Oak Basketball League, addressed the Board about additional funding for the league. Mr. Kannan went over the finances of the league with the Board and went over what the additional funding would be used for such as updating infrastructure for record keeping, grants for the improvised players and scholarships for the seniors that help with the league. The league is growing and is highlighted all over the area with apparel and Mr. Kannan has also been approached by other league leaders about how the program runs. After discussing a motion was made by Commissioner Russ to approve the additional three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) requested by the Red Oak Basketball League; seconded by Commissioner Briley.

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Motion carried (4-0).

Item(s) 9: Red Oak Elementary School Field Trip Sponsorship

The Elementary School reached out to the Board about any funding for the school to send the First-Grade class to the North Carolina Zoo. Due to the growth of the school the Parent-Teacher Organization does not have the funds to help. After lengthy discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Briley to use the remaining funds in the budgeted Sponsorship Fund (\$850) and next year match \$5 per student to match the PTO in next year's budget; seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (3-1).**

Item(s) 10: Nuisance Complaint

The Board reviewed the nuisance complaint presented by Zoning Administrator Johnson. A complaint was made about a sound device that was causing a disturbance. Mayor Langley stated that he spoke with the property owner who the complaint is against to hopefully solve this problem. Mrs. Hannah Nelson addressed the Board and stated that the property owner had turned off the device and explained her frustrations with the sound. She thanked the Board for their time.

Item(s) 11: LEO Contract Statistics Report

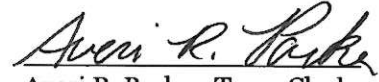
The Council reviewed the report and briefly discussed this item.

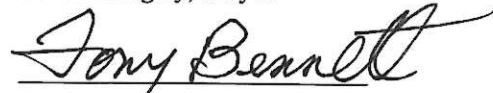
Other: None.


A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. **Motion carried (4-0).** The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.


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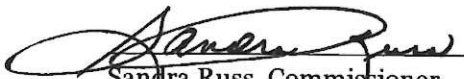

Levell Langley, Mayor


Averi R. Parker, Town Clerk


Tony Bennett, Commissioner


Craig New, Commissioner


Scott Briley, Commissioner


Sandra Russ, Commissioner