

**City of Tarrant  
Work Session  
Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Tarrant City Hall**

**The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama** met in a special-called organizational meeting on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00pm at City Hall.

The following officials were present:

Wayman A. Newton	Mayor
Veronica Bandy Freeman	Council Member
Tracie B. Threadford	Council Member
Catherine “Cathy” Anderson	Council Member
Deborah “Debbie” Matthews	Council Member
John T. “Tommy” Bryant	Council Member

Mayor Newton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Council member Freeman gave the invocation and Fire Chief Rickels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The council first addressed Ordinance #1135 Reaffirming Council Operating Procedures. Council member Bryant made a motion that the council get unanimous consent to consider Ordinance #1135 with a second from Threadford. Bryant then asked that the following be added to Section 2 of Ordinance #1135:

“And be delivered to the council in the required manner.”

There was no more discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote for this addendum. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman  
Council member Threadford  
Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant  
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote for Bryant’s motion to consider Ordinance #1135. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman  
Council member Threadford  
Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant  
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

Interim City Clerk Kim Stone then read Ordinance #1135. Council member Bryant made a motion to approve Ordinance #1135 with a second from Freeman. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was held:

Yeas:

Council member Freeman  
Council member Threadford  
Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant  
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

Council member Bryant then asked for a brief adjournment to consult with Interim City Clerk Kim Stone. The council adjourned for approximately 3 minutes.

Upon re-adjourning, the council then considered Resolution #8728 – Appointment of Kim Stone as Interim City Clerk. Stone read Resolution #8728. Bryant made a motion to approve with a second from Threadford. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman  
Council member Threadford  
Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant  
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

Stone then read Resolution #8729 – Appointment of Donald Ferris as Building Inspector. Council member Threadford made a motion to approve with a second from Anderson. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman  
Council member Threadford  
Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant  
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

Stone then read Resolution #8730 – Appointment of Jason Rickels as Fire Chief. Council member Freeman made a motion to approve with a second from Anderson. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman  
Council member Threadford  
Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant  
Mayor Newton

Nays:  
None

Motion passed.

Stone then read Resolution #8731 – Appointment of Joel Blankenship as Municipal Judge. Council member Freeman made a motion to approve with a second from Threadford. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:  
Council member Freeman  
Council member Threadford  
Mayor Newton

Nays:  
Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant

Motion failed.

Stone read Resolution #8732 – Appointment of Freddy Rubio as City Attorney. Council member Freeman made a motion to approve with a second from Anderson. Council member Bryant asked what Mr. Rubio's 'minimum established rate' would be. Mr. Rubio addressed council member Bryant's question. Council member Anderson asked Mr. Rubio if he would be prosecutor. Mayor Newton stated that most other cities do not have dual city attorneys and prosecutors. Council member Anderson asked Mr. Rubio if he would have someone who could attend council meetings if he wasn't able. Mr. Rubio said yes and that he also plans to save the city money on its legal fees. Council member Anderson then asked Stone for a second reading of Resolution #8732.

There was no more discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:  
Council member Freeman  
Council member Threadford  
Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant  
Mayor Newton

Nays:  
None

Motion passed.

Next, Stone read resolution #8733 – Appointment of Christopher Burrell as City Prosecutor. Council member Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution #8733 with a second from Freeman. Council member Anderson asked what Mr. Burrell's minimum established rate was and Mayor Newton stated that Mr. Burrell has agreed to work with the city as the city has no budget just for a city prosecutor.

There was no more discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:  
Council member Freeman  
Council member Threadford  
Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant

Mayor Newton

Nays:  
None

Motion passed.

Stone then read Resolution #8734 – Appointment of Trace Threadford as Mayor Pro Tempore. Council member Bryant made a motion to approve with a second from Anderson. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:  
Council member Freeman  
Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant  
Mayor Newton

Nays:  
None

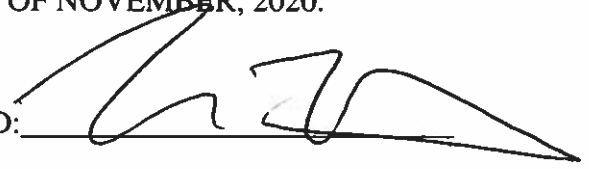
Abstain:  
Council member Threadford

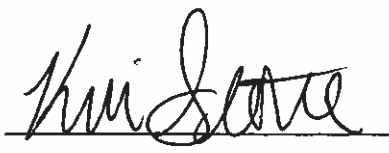
Motion passed.

Mayor Newton asked for other business. Council member Bryant asked if there should be added a resolution to appoint a chief of police. Mayor Newton stated that Chief Reno plans to retire effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and the council could appoint someone then.

Mayor Newton asked for public comment. One resident asked if anything could be done on his street about commercial trucks tearing up his yard. Mayor Newton said he would get his info and present it to the council. Another citizen asked about who to call for vicious and stray animals. Hamilton Fraser asked if the Mayor could break a tie vote. Mayor Newton said he could if he had not been part of the original vote. There was no further public comment. Council member Bryant made a motion to adjourn with a second from Matthews. All present members voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

APPROVED:   
Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Kim Stone, Interim City Clerk