

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA**

**HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met in regular session on the 3rd day of August, 2020 at 7 pm at Tarrant City Hall council chambers.

Mayor Pro Tempore Laura Horton called upon City Attorney Ben Goldman to give the prayer and Police Chief Dennis Reno to recite the pledge.

The city clerk performed roll call. The following officials were present:

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| Catherine "Cathy" Anderson | Councilor                     |
| John T. "Tommy" Bryant     | Councilor                     |
| Laura D. Horton            | Councilor & Mayor Pro Tempore |
| Deborah "Debbie" Matthews  | Councilor                     |

The following officials were absent:

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| Loxcil B. Tuck | Mayor     |
| Tanyika Fields | Councilor |

Horton presented minutes from the July 20th regular council session for the entire council's review. Whereupon, Bryant moved and Anderson seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the Council unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.

There were no mayoral communications.

Under committee reports, Matthews reported that the Utility Committee met on Tuesday, July 28, and that she would send minutes to the city clerk. Anderson reported that the Public Safety Committee met just prior to this Council meeting. She announced who attended, what was discussed and that she had already turned over minutes to the city clerk.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Horton introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8683**

**DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION  
TO DEBORAH MATTHEWS FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL  
DISTRICT 4 FOR THE TERM COMMENCING NOVEMBER 2,  
2020**

Horton moved and Bryant seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Bryant & Horton

ABSTAIN: Matthews

Whereupon, Horton opened the grass & weeds public hearing for the following properties:

|  |      | <b>Street Name</b> | <b>Parcel ID #</b>     |
|--|------|--------------------|------------------------|
|  | 2030 | Baker Dr.          | 23-00-04-3-019-014.000 |
|  | 2036 | Baker Dr.          | 23-00-04-3-019-015.000 |
|  | 2013 | East Lake Blvd.    | 23-00-04-3-019-009.000 |
|  | 2019 | East Lake Blvd.    | 23-00-04-3-019-008.000 |
|  | 2025 | East Lake Blvd.    | 23-00-04-3-019-007.000 |
|  | 2029 | East Lake Blvd.    | 23-00-04-3-019-006.000 |
|  | 2155 | East Lake Blvd.    | 23-00-04-3-021-007.000 |
|  | 1029 | Etowah St.         | 23-00-08-1-019-020.000 |

|  |      |                              |                        |
|--|------|------------------------------|------------------------|
|  | 1717 | Highland St.                 | 23-00-04-3-010-009.000 |
|  | 2127 | Hill Dr.                     | 23-00-04-3-011-002.000 |
|  | 1512 | St. Joseph St.               | 23-00-04-3-019-019.000 |
|  | 1016 | Waverly St.                  | 23-00-08-1-019-040.000 |
|  | 1033 | Westley St. <b>REAR ONLY</b> | 23-00-08-1-019-056.000 |
|  | 1045 | Westley St.                  | 23-00-08-1-019-054.000 |
|  | 1049 | Westley St.                  | 23-00-08-1-019-053.000 |
|  | 1603 | Woodrow Dr.                  | 23-00-04-3-011-004.000 |

Since nobody spoke up, she closed the public hearing.

Whereupon, Bryant introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8684**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TARRANT PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 1017 OF THE CITY OF TARRANT DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTIES A PUBLIC NUISANCE.**

Bryant moved and Matthews seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Bryant, Horton & Matthews  
 NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Bryant introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8685**

**ADOPTING A CITY TRANSPORTATION PLAN PURSUANT TO THE REBUILD ALABAMA ACT**

Bryant moved and Matthews seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Bryant, Horton & Matthews  
 NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Anderson introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8686**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TARRANT AND THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES**

Anderson moved and Matthews seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Bryant, Horton & Matthews  
 NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Anderson introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8687**

**AUTHORIZING FUNDS FOR THE EXPEDITED PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT POLICE PATROL CAR**

Anderson moved and Matthews seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Bryant, Horton & Matthews

NAY: NONE

Prior to the Council considering the rest of its agenda, the city clerk and city attorney explained to the audience that the proposed purchase complies with the state bid laws because the city was using a state purchasing agreement with an approved vendor (a car dealership). Donahoo Chevrolet had won the state contract bid.

Whereupon, Horton announced that the Public Safety Committee met and tabled discussion of proposed Resolution No. 8688 to a later committee meeting.

Whereupon, Matthews introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8689**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH ANSWERTEL ON BEHALF OF THE CITY ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 17, 2020, REPLACING THE COOPERATIVE RESPONSE CENTER**

Matthews moved and Anderson seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Bryant, Horton & Matthews

NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Bryant introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8690**

**A RESOLUTION WAIVING RESIDENTIAL DEMOLITION PERMITTING FEES ON A CITY CONTRACT**

Bryant moved and Matthews seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Bryant, Horton & Matthews

NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Bryant introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8691**

**PROVIDING TIER I BENEFITS TO TIER II PLAN MEMBERS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ALABAMA ACT 2019-132**

Bryant moved and Matthews seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Bryant, Horton & Matthews

NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Matthews introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8692**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR RENOVATING THE FORMER WELLS FARGO BANK WITH DUNCAN & THOMPSON CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LLC.**

TARRANT ELECTRIC VOUCHER LIST 07/17 THRU 07/31

|       |                                             |             |
|-------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 39818 | AMERICAN LIGHTING & ELECTRIC                | \$25.74     |
| 39819 | VISION SERVICE PALN                         | \$24.01     |
| 39820 | AUTO ZONE                                   | 22.31       |
| 39821 | AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE              | \$46.44     |
| 39822 | LASER ONE COMMUNICATION                     | \$1,053.06  |
| 39823 | ALABAMA MEDIA GROUP                         | \$159.50    |
| 39824 | PITSTOP AUTOMOTIVE                          | \$570.00    |
| 39825 | SUN LIFE FINANCIAL                          | \$151.20    |
| 39826 | BARRINGTON REALTY - DEPOSIT REFUND          | \$251.73    |
| 39827 | CLASSIC CAR MOTORING INC                    | \$863.32    |
| 39828 | VL MOORE - DEPOSIT REFUND                   | \$183.59    |
| 39829 | HERIBERTO SANTOS APONTE - DEPOSIT REFUND    | \$167.79    |
| 39830 | GWENDOLYN J COOK - DEPOSIT REFUND           | \$198.97    |
| 39831 | PHILLIP CHASE - DEPOSIT REFUND              | \$257.51    |
| 39832 | TONI HARRELL - DEPOSIT REFUND               | \$103.91    |
| 39833 | JAMES VAUGHAN - DEPOSIT REFUND              | \$32.57     |
| 39834 | HAND ARENDALL, LLC                          | \$975.00    |
| 39835 | TRI-STATE UTILITY PRODUCTS INC              | \$316.50    |
| 39836 | AAA ENVIRONMENTAL                           | \$139.66    |
| 39837 | CAPE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY LLC                  | \$1,870.00  |
| 39838 | GARDNER ARCHITECTS, INC                     | \$2,500.00  |
| 39839 | RED RIVER SPECIALTIES, INC                  | \$2,999.00  |
| 39840 | TAYLORS CREATIVE HOMES                      | \$350.22    |
| 39841 | BARRINGTON REALTY - DEPOSIT REFUND          | \$198.30    |
| 39842 | PEGGY JO LEWIS                              | \$141.37    |
| 39843 | AMERICAN LIGHTING & ELECTRIC                | \$2,570.88  |
| 39844 | AMERICAN FIDELITY DISABILITY                | \$444.08    |
| 39845 | ANDERSON'S SAFETY FOOTWEAR                  | \$174.99    |
| 39846 | CENTRAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION                 | \$6,210.15  |
| 39847 | ADS SECURITY                                | \$567.00    |
| 39848 | LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE             | \$740.24    |
| 39849 | OFFICE DEPOT                                | \$94.79     |
| 39850 | QUILL CORPORATION                           | \$8.99      |
| 39851 | PRESTON JENKINS JR - DEPOSIT REFUND         | \$145.97    |
| 39852 | THE NESBITT LAND GROUP LLC - DEPOSIT REFUND | \$262.85    |
| 39853 | YAN CARLOS SOBERANO TORRES - DEPOSIT REFUND | \$1.22      |
| 39854 | KENNETH BRANCH - DEPOSIT REFUND             | \$152.09    |
|       |                                             |             |
|       |                                             |             |
| ACH   | RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ALABAMA                | \$6,324.32  |
| ACH   | FEDERAL & FICA TAXES                        | \$6,353.52  |
| ACH   | RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ALABAMA - 2            | \$545.00    |
|       |                                             |             |
|       | NET PAYROLL 07/15/2020                      | \$16,457.16 |
|       |                                             |             |
|       |                                             |             |
|       | TOTAL                                       | \$54,654.95 |
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Matthews moved and Anderson seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Bryant, Horton & Matthews

NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Bryant moved and Anderson seconded the motion to add a resolution to the agenda.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Bryant, Horton & Matthews

NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Anderson introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8693**

**AUTHORIZING ONE-TIME HAZARD PAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT OF 2020, ALSO KNOWN AS THE 2020 CARES ACT**

Anderson moved and Matthews seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Goldman posed a question about which city employees would be eligible, which led to answers and follow-up questions. Per Goldman's recommendation, Bryant made the amending motion to table consideration for the time being. Anderson seconded the amendment to table. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Bryant, Horton & Matthews


NAY: NONE

Under public comments, Arkena Thomas announced that First Missionary Baptist Church East Boyles would be giving out free produce to poor people in the community. Cynthia Threatt (2280 Treadwell Road) asked the City to put anti-speeding signs on her street. Horton promised to bring her request up with Public Works Department Director James Phillips.


Whereupon, Bryant moved and Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Electric Department's submitted vouchers and expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business on the agenda, the Mayor Pro Tempore adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 17TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020

APPROVED:   
Loxcil B. Tuck, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Dan Weinrib, City Clerk