

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PRE-COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015**

The Honorable City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met in regular Pre-council

Meeting on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

The following officials were present:

Catherine "Cathy" Anderson	Councilmember
John T. "Tommy" Bryant	Councilmember
Laura D. Horton	Mayor Pro Tem
Betty S. Middlebrooks	Councilmember

The following officials were absent:

Debra M. Matthews	Councilmember
Loxcil B. Tuck	Mayor

The following department heads and/or representatives were present:

Ken Jones
Lynn Juneau
Chris O'Rear
James Phillips
Chief Dennis Reno
Chief Jason E. Rickels
Joe Schmitt
Lillian A. Keith

The following department head was absent:

Patrick Coleman

Mayor Pro Tem Horton called the meeting to order. General discussion followed.

The purpose of said meeting was to review the Monday, May 4, 2015 agenda, for the 7:00 p.m. regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The Pre-council Meeting ended at 6:55 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 21ST DAY OF MAY, 2015.

APPROVED: _____

LOXCIL B. TUCK, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

Lillian A. Keith, City Clerk

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HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015**

The Honorable City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met in regular session on the 4th day of May, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Laura D. Horton called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Horton requested that Attorney Benjamin S. Goldman open the meeting with prayer. Mayor Pro Tem Horton asked Chief Dennis Reno to lead the pledge of allegiance.

Lillian A. Keith, City Clerk, called the roll. Upon roll call, the following officials answered present:

Catherine "Cathy" Anderson	Councilmember
John T. "Tommy" Bryant	Councilmember
Laura D. Horton	Mayor Pro Tem
Betty S. Middlebrooks	Councilmember

The following officials were absent:

Debra M. Matthews	Councilmember
Loxcil B. Tuck	Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Horton stated that Mayor Tuck was not at the City Council Meeting this evening, as she was attending an event with her granddaughter, Kirby Tuck. Mayor Pro Tem Horton recognized Attorney Benjamin Goldman. Attorney Goldman explained that this is an exciting event for the Tuck Family, as Kirby Tuck, has been nominated as the *Top Athlete*, in her graduating class. Attorney Goldman stated that the announcement, of the *Top Athlete* would be made tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem Horton stated that the Councilmembers had been provided with copies of the minutes of the Pre-council Meeting held on Monday, April 20, 2015 and the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, April 20, 2015, and asked if there were any additions or corrections. The motion was made by Councilmember Bryant and seconded by Councilmember Anderson, to approve said minutes as written. Upon roll call, all members present voted yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Horton stated that Mayor Tuck had asked that she share the following information: 1) Mayor Pro Tem Horton asked that Librarian Pat Coleman be remembered, as his home had burned on April 28, 2015. Mayor Pro Tem Horton stated that anyone who wished to offer assistance to the Coleman Family should see the Mayor Tuck's assistant, Gail Hill.

2) Mayor Pro Tem Horton stated that the Greater Birmingham Mayors' Prayer Breakfast would be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015, beginning at 6:30 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Horton stated that the event would be held at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center.

3) Mayor Pro Tem Horton reminded everyone that the City of Tarrant Ministerial Association would host the *City of Tarrant Mayor's Prayer Luncheon* on May 1, 2014, at Central Baptist Church. Mayor Pro Tem Horton stated that an hour of prayer would be held beginning at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:00 noon. Mayor Pro Tem Horton stated that there would not be a charge, for lunch.

Councilmember and Chairman of the Public Safety Committee Cathy Anderson stated that a Public Safety Meeting had been scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers located at City Hall. Councilmember Anderson stated that the purpose of the meeting would be to discuss an application submitted by *Tarrant Discount, Inc. d/b/a Tarrant Discount*. Councilmember Anderson stated that *Tarrant Discount* had requested approval for a 050 – Retail Beer License – (Off Premises Only) and a 070 – Retail Table Wine License – (Off Premises Only).

Whereupon, Councilmember Bryant introduced and after reading at length moved for the adoption of the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 8052

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND IMPLEMENTING THE CHANGES REQUIRED BY THE AMENDED BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agree that it would be in the best interest for the City to adopt and operate pursuant to a general fund budget for the full fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor prepared a “general fund budget” which has been reviewed by the Finance Committee for said period reflecting anticipated revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$7,841,921 to be effective for the period beginning October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the “general fund budget” for the City of Tarrant for the period beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015 adopted by Resolution Number 8014 on the 16th day of February, 2015 and amended by Resolution Number 8050 adopted on the 20th day of April, 2015; and

WHEREAS, that said amendment to the “general fund budget” would allow for the deletion of one (1) Full-time Dispatcher II, Grade 16 vacant funded position and the addition of one (1) Full-time Administrative Assistant II, Grade 16 vacant unfunded position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama while in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. as follows:

Section 1. That the “general fund budget” for the City of Tarrant shall be amended by allowing the deletion of one (1) Full-time Dispatcher II, Grade 16 vacant funded position the addition of one (1) Full-time Administrative Assistant II, Grade 16 position, in the Tarrant Police Department Budget; and

Section 2. That the “general fund budget” line items for Tarrant Police Department salaries and benefits will remain unchanged; however, the City of Tarrant Police Department FY 2015 Salary Budget Authorized Positions will change by the deletion of one (1) Full-time Police Dispatcher II, Grade 16 position and the addition of one (1) Full-time Administrative Assistant II, Grade 16 position; and

Section 3. That said vacant position of one (1) Full-time Dispatcher II, Grade 16 shall be deleted for the City of Tarrant Police Department within the Jefferson County Personnel Board; and

Section 4. That said existing vacant position of Full-time Administrative Assistant II, Grade 16 for the City of Tarrant Police Department shall be filled through the Jefferson County Personnel Board at the prevailing rate of pay; and

Section 5. That said amended “general fund budget” for the City of Tarrant, Alabama, prepared by the Mayor and submitted to the City Council is hereby approved and adopted to the extent of, but not exceeding, anticipated revenue of \$7,841,921 and for interest on its bonded and other indebtedness not exceeding in the aggregate within ten (10) percent of the estimated receipts; and

Section 6. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$7,841,921 from the General Fund for municipal expenses for the period beginning October 1, 2014, and ending September 30, 2015; and

Section 7. That a copy of said budget is attached hereto, marked as Exhibit “A” and Exhibit “B” are hereby incorporated into this Resolution by reference, as though set out fully herein; and

Section 8. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its approval and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF MAY, 2015.

APPROVED:

Loxcil B. Tuck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lillian A. Keith, City Clerk

(Amended Budget)

Motion for the adoption of Resolution Number 8052 was seconded by Councilmember Anderson, regularly put and upon roll call; the vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Anderson, Bryant, Horton, and Middlebrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Matthews and Mayor Tuck

The Recording Secretary announced the vote, whereupon Mayor Pro Tem Horton declared Resolution Number 8052 duly and legally adopted.

Whereupon, Councilmember Anderson introduced and after reading at length moved for the adoption of the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 8053

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 7951, CALLING FOR SAID NUISANCE TO BE ABATED AS PROVIDED FOR IN ORDINANCE NO.'S 937, 1001 AND 1017; SAID PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 1041 GREEN STREET, PARCEL I.D. NO. 23-08-1-022-009.000-RR-00

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama while in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. as follows:

Section 1. That Resolution Number 7951 adopted September 4, 2014 calling for said nuisance to be abated as provided in Ordinance No.'s 937, 1001 and 1017 regarding said property located at 1041 Green Street, Tarrant Alabama, Tarrant, Alabama is hereby amended,

Section 2. That said resolution is hereby amended and the referenced lien released, as said assessment has been paid in full as follows,

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Parcel I. D. No.</u>
7951	1041 Green Street	\$250.00	23-08-1-022-009.000-RR-00

Section 3. A copy of said resolution shall be forwarded to the current Owner of said property.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of May, 2015,

APPROVED: _____
LOXCIL B. TUCK, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Lillian A. Keith, City Clerk

Motion for the adoption of Resolution Number 8053 was seconded by Councilmember Middlebrooks, regularly put and upon roll call; the vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Anderson, Bryant, Horton, and Middlebrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Matthews and Mayor Tuck

The Recording Secretary announced the vote, whereupon Mayor Pro Tem Horton declared Resolution Number 8053 duly and legally adopted.

Mayor Pro Tem Horton recognized Attorney Benjamin Goldman. Attorney Benjamin Goldman stated that as the President of the Tarrant-Pinson Valley Chamber of Commerce, he wished to thank Tarrant Electric Department Supervisor and Chamber of Commerce Member Joe Schmitt and Chamber of Commerce Member Rosemary Parker, who had acted as Chairs, for the recent Tarrant-Pinson Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament. Attorney Goldman explained that due to the efforts of Mr. Schmitt and Mrs. Parker, this golf tournament had been the most profitable tournament held by the Chamber of Commerce, with a net of \$6,500.00. Attorney Goldman stated that there had been more team participation, than ever before. Attorney Goldman stated that Mr. Schmitt and Mrs. Parker had worked toward contributions of donations and prizes to such an extent, that all forty (40) players had received a prize. Attorney Goldman shared that due to the profits of the 2014 Tarrant-Pinson Valley Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament; the Chamber of Commerce had doubled their annual scholarships from two (2) - \$1,000.00 scholarships, to two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$2,000.00 each. Mayor Pro Tem Horton stated that she had attended the Tarrant High School Award Ceremony today. Mayor Pro Tem Horton stated that students at Tarrant High School had received a total estimated amount of \$800,000.00, in scholarships. Mayor Pro Tem Horton stated that Courtney Gressman, one of the Tarrant-Pinson Valley Chamber of Commerce scholarship recipients, received an estimated \$300,000.00 today, in scholarships. Attorney Goldman shared that scholarships would be presented to two (2) deserving Tarrant High School students, at the next Tarrant-Pinson Valley Chamber of Commerce Meeting, to be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 12:00 noon. Attorney Goldman stated that the meeting would be hosted by Vulcan Materials, at their property. Attorney Goldman asked that everyone feel welcome to come and also invited everyone to participate in a tour, of the quarry. Attorney Goldman stated that tours would be given 30 minutes prior to the luncheon and also 30 minutes following the luncheon. Attorney Goldman stated that Vulcan Materials would make an announcement of signature things - of a high degree of cool - of something happening in Tarrant, on May 12th at the Tarrant-Pinson Valley Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

Whereupon, Councilmember Bryant moved for the payment of the following list of payroll and expense vouchers for the City of Tarrant:

Motion for payment of the above list of payroll and expense vouchers was seconded by Councilmember Middlebrooks, regularly put and upon roll call thereon; the vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Anderson, Bryant, Horton, and Middlebrooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Horton and Mayor Tuck

Whereupon Councilmember Bryant moved that the meeting be adjourned. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson, regularly put and carried, whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 21ST DAY OF MAY, 2015.

LOXCIL B. TUCK, MAYOR

Attest:

Lillian A. Keith, City Clerk