

**City of Tarrant  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Tarrant City Hall**

**The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama** met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:02 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Newton called the meeting to order. Lt. Philip George led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to appoint Willie Davis as acting clerk with a second from Council Member Threadford. There was no discussion. All present voted yes. Motion passed.

The following officials were present during roll call:

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

First the council considered the minutes from the June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Council member Threadford made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from council member Anderson. There was no more discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

The mayor then communicated the success of Toys for Children. 300 kids were served, but the event had enough for 700 kids. There will be a Taste of Tarrant event 1-5 Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Sip & Read event at the Library on July 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00 pm. This is a BYOB event sponsored by the Mayor. The mayor discussed planning for Halloween, the Christmas Parade, and Octoberfest. On July 8<sup>th</sup> there will be an employee social for all employees and family members at the old American Legion building. Lastly, Mayor Newton presented to the council his plan for Bring Your Kids to Work Day to include horseback riding, activities, and a meal.

There were no committee reports.

Tommy Bryant communicated on the leaks at the recreation center and the price of \$51,900 for their repair.

Current financial statements were discussed.

Council member Threadford read and introduced Resolution #8809 Transportation for the Little League Football Team. 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 Threadford  
Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant

Mayor Newton

Nays:

Council member Freeman

Motion passed.

Council Member Anderson introduced Resolution #8810 – Disposing of Police Department Surplus Property. Council member Anderson 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.

Council Member Anderson introduced Resolution #8811 – Hiring a City Clerk. Council member Anderson made a motion to approve with a second from Threadford. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Council member Freeman

Motion passed.

Mayor Newton then introduced Resolution #8812 – To make an appointment to the Tarrant Board of Education. Council member Freeman made a motion to table Resolution #8812 with a second from Council Member Bryant. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman  
Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant

Nays:

Council member Threadford  
Mayor Newton

Motion passed.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution #8813 – Holding a Mayor's Breakfast. Council member Freeman made a motion to approve with a second from Matthews. 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.

There was no other business.

Mayor Newton opened the floor up for public comment. A comment was made about a new Facebook group – What’s Really Happening in Tarrant. Alicia Walker of Leaders of Excellence spoke about equipping those at risk with life skills programs. Gwen Webb talked about council members’ racist letters and comments. Mr. Woodson owns multiple businesses and commented on Bullet Iron. Jackie Beltraine made comments. Bob Friedman spoke as Director of Black Birmingham Radio Museum. Hamilton Frazier made comments. Mrs. Stark commented on sewer, drainage, water problems and mosquitos. Lehman Harris made comments. Jarvis Ward commented on LGBTQ issues.

Council member Threadford then made a motion to approve payments of payroll and expense vouchers by the City and Electrical Department with a second from Anderson. A roll call vote was held.

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

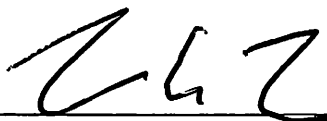
Nays:  
Council member Bryant


Motion passed.

Council member Threadford made a motion to adjourn with a second from Anderson. There was no discussion. All present voted yes.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY AT 8:17 PM, 2021.

APPROVED:   
Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Willie Davis, Acting City Clerk