

**City of Tarrant
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 2nd, 2021
Tarrant City Hall**

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 2nd, 2021 at 6:00pm at City Hall.

Mayor Newton called the meeting to order at 7:26 pm. Reverend Wright gave the invocation. Office Price led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to appoint Aislinn Riley as temporary 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 July 19th, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Council Member Threadford made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 19th, 2021 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 council considered the minutes from the July 22nd, 2021 Special Session.

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 shared plans for an event. On August 7th at 7:30 am there will be a prayer breakfast organized by Tarrant Police Department and Reverend Wright at the First Baptist

Church. There will be a parade from the Recreation Center to City Hall beginning at 9 am. At City Hall there will be a Peace in the Streets Rally for police/community relations with a school supply giveaway. The City and UAB have teamed up for a live Health Smart Initiative. Every other Thursday there will be a fresh food market.

There were no committee reports.

Debbie Hall and Dr. McDonald spoke regarding the Board of Education Appointment

Council Member Freeman read and introduced Resolution #8812 – BOE Appointment with a second from Council Member Threadford. There was no more discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Council Member Freeman
Council Member Threadford
Mayor Newton

Abstentions:

Council Member Matthews

Nays:

Council Member Anderson
Council Member Bryant

A determination of whether this motion passed will be made in consultation with the City Attorney after evaluating whether this is a motion of permanent operation.

Council Member Bryant made a motion to table Resolution #8816 – City Attorney. There was no second. Motion died.

Council Member Anderson read and introduced Resolution #8816 – City Attorney with a second from Council Member Threadford. There was no discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Council Member Anderson
Council Member Threadford
Council Member Matthews
Mayor Newton

Abstentions:

Council Member Freeman

Nays:

Council Member Bryant

Motion Passed.

Council Member Freeman read and introduced Resolution #8817 – Chief of Police with a second from Council Member Matthews. There was no discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Council Member Anderson
Council Member Threadford
Council Member Matthews
Mayor Newton

Abstentions:

Council Member Freeman

Nays:

Council Member Bryant

Motion Passed.

Council Member Threadford read and introduced Resolution #8818 – ALM Economic Development Academy with a second from Council Member Freeman. There was no discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None.

Motion Passed.

Council Member Matthews read and introduced Ordinance # 1137 – Requiring Face Masks in City Buildings for consideration by unanimous consent with a second from Council Member Threadford. There was no discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None.

Motion Passed.

Next Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote to approve Ordinance # 1137 – Requiring Face Masks in City Buildings.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None.

Motion Passed.

Council Member Bryant read and introduced Resolution #8819 – Authorizing the Purchase of a Growler with a second from Council Member Threadford. There was no discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Motion Passed.

Council Member Bryant read and introduced Resolution #8820 – Authorizing the Purchase of a Tractor and Rotary Tiller with a second from Council Member Threadford. There was no discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Motion Passed.

Council Member Freeman read and introduced Resolution #8821 – Appointing a Municipal Court Judge with a second from Council Member Threadford. There was no discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Council Member Threadford
Mayor Newton

Abstentions:

Council Member Freeman

Nays:

Council Member Matthews
Council Member Bryant
Council Member Anderson

Motion Failed.

There was no other new business.

Mayor Newton opened the floor up for public comment. Waynette Bonham discussed the Tarrant That We Want Movement. Tammy Smith talked about the roads and the School Board. Mrs. Anderson cut a lot on Overton Ave with her neighbor, and is tired of stray dogs. There was discussion of the park at 1124 Ford Ave.

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 Council Member Freeman. 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.

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

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 16th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

APPROVED:



Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Aislinn Riley, Acting City Clerk