

**City of Tarrant  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 2021  
Tarrant City Hall**

**The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama** met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 8th, 2021 at 6:00pm at Tarrant City Hall.

Mayor Wayman Newton called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Reverend Wright gave the invocation. Todd McGill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

First the council considered the minutes from the August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Council Member Threadford made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16th, 2021 meeting 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  
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

Communication from the Mayor

Mayor Newton invited the Tarrant High School Football team to the council meeting. The team was greeted by the Council and received encouragement for the challenging season ahead. Mayor Newton shared that a mobile Farmer’s Market will be present on the grounds of City Hall on September 9, 2021 from 1:30-3:30 and all are encouraged to support. He also shared communication regarding Project Litter Gitter. A litter collection system being installed and maintained, at no cost to the City, at Hewitt Park near Five Mile Creek. Event takes place on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 3:00pm. Mayor Newton requested that Mr. Fancher, Director of Public Works introduce and assist with swearing in David Casian as the City’s new Building Inspections Officer.

Mayor Newton then invited Todd McGill to share updates from the electric department. McGill indicated that the City has fared well considering Hurricane Ida. Chief Major of the Tarrant Police Department was then asked to share updates. Chief Major and Lt. George provided statistics on the city’s crime rates. Mayor Newton had questions about a police chase that ended in the City. Chief Major informed the Mayor and Council that the incident and chase began outside the City and did not directly involve Tarrant officers. Chief Major invited the Mayor and Council to tour the police headquarters to see the minor updates being made as well as the evidence room which is a major concern for him. Next Charles Williams, Jr provided many details regarding issues and concerns with Public Works.

There were no committee reports.

Old Business

Council Member Freeman revisited a personal reimbursement issue for travel in July and August 2021.

New Business

Mayor Newton read and introduced Resolution #8831 – Authorizing the Mayor to hire two full-time Public Works employees. Council Member Anderson made motion to approve with a second from Council Member Threadford. There was no more discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Council Member Threadford  
Council Member Anderson  
Council Member Matthews  
Mayor Newton

Passed:

Council Member Freeman

Motion Passed.

Mayor Newton read and introduced Resolution #8832 – Spectrum Franchise Agreement. Council Member Threadford made motion to approve with a second from Council Member Anderson. There was no discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

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

Motion Passed.

Council Member Anderson read and introduced Resolution #8833 - 900 Birmingham St.(G&W). Mayor Newton made motion to postpone this matter until more information is provided with a second from Council Member Anderson. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas: Council Member Freeman

Council Member Threadford  
Council Member Anderson  
Council Member Matthews  
Mayor Newton

Motion Passed.

Mayor Newton motioned to add Resolution #8834 - Authorizing the purchase of equipment for the Tarrant High School Football Team to today's agenda. Council Member Anderson made motion to approve 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  
Mayor Newton

Motion Passed.

Mayor Newton read and introduced Resolution #8834 – Authorizing the purchase of equipment for the Tarrant High School Football Team. . Council Member Anderson made motion to approve 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  
Mayor Newton

Motion Passed.

There was no other new business.

Mayor Newton opened the floor up for public comment. Waynette Bonham had questions about Tarrant PD being provided Sensitivity Training with regards to handling citizens in mental health crisis and if the city has assistance for taxpayers without heat in the coming winter months. Bonham also had concerns with traffic violations through school zones and the passing of stopped school busses during school hours. Deputy Mayor Lisa Baker responded that we are working on training grants and setting up police training. Chief Major and Corporal Fields responded to traffic violations and agreed to establish police presence during school hours. Lehman Harris spoke about dump trucks damaging roadways near his home. Charles Williams, Jr & Lisa Baker responded informing that a paving project is in the works now that funding is on the way. Richard and Rose Mary Parker spoke about a problem with dumping in a specific area and provided the Council with photos to view. Charles Williams, Jr and Lisa Baker responded, informing and reassuring them that the City has 42 cameras, including litter cameras have been ordered and will soon be in place. Reverend Wright informed us of organizing a toiletry drive to assist the Tarrant City Jail with meeting the basic needs of inmates.

Mayor Newton introduced the approval of the City's Vouchers and Expenses. Council Member Threadford made motion to approve vouchers and expenses with a second from Council Member Anderson. More discussion from Council Member Freeman regarding her travel reimbursement. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Council Member Threadford  
Council Member Anderson  
Council Member Matthews  
Mayor Newton

Nays:

Council Member Freeman

Motion passed.

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

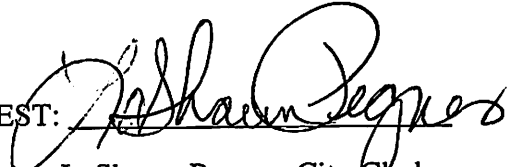
Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

APPROVED: 

Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST:   
LaShawn Pegues, City Clerk

