

**City of Tarrant
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 1st, 2021
Tarrant City Hall**

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met for regular session on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Mayor Newton called the meeting to order. Reverend Joseph Matthews gave the invocation and Chief Wendell Major led the pledge of Allegiance.

The following officials were present during roll call:

Wayman A. Newton	Mayor
Catherine “Cathy” Anderson	Council Member
Tracie B. Threadford	Council Member
John T. “Tommy” Bryant	Council Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The council considered approval of previous minutes from Special Meeting on October 11, 2021, Regular Meeting on October 18, 2021 and Special Meeting on October 22, 2021. Council Member Bryant suggested a correction, stating that the Special Meeting on October 11, 2021 was a Work Session and not a Special Meeting because he didn’t receive the notice of meeting. Council Member Anderson initially questioned the type of meeting, during the actual meeting on October 11, 2021. After much discussion, Mayor Newton made motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Threadford seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called.

Yeas:

Council Member Threadford
Mayor Newton

Nays:

Council Member Bryant
Council Member Anderson

Motion Failed

The council then considered approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 18 2021. Council Member Threadford motion to approve the minutes. Motion was properly seconded by Council Member Anderson and Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote. No other discussion was had.

Yeas:

Council Member Anderson
Council Member Threadford
Council Member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion Passed

Lastly the council considered the approval of minutes from the Special Meeting held on October 22, 2021. Council Member Threadford made motion to approve these minutes with correction on the day of the week held being changed from Monday to Friday, October 22, 2021. Motion was properly seconded by Council Member Anderson. The motion then went to roll call vote.

Yeas:

Council Member Anderson
Council Member Threadford

Council Member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:
None

Motion Passed

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

First Baptist East Boyles addressed the council, informing them of the church's scholarship program to benefit students from Tarrant High School beginning in 2022. Mayor Newton asked to be kept updated and offered to help fund by possibly allowing a donation option to be included on the TED power bill statements.

The annual Trunk or Treat Event was a success and an excellent reflection of community. Invitation to the council to attend Michael Swann's upcoming art show on November 4, 2021 @ 1623 Pinson St. Mayor Newton explained how this is an opportunity to see his vision for the future of the City of Tarrant.

Mayor Newton offered condolences to the families of Glenn Par of Glenn Automotive and Bishop Redlin.

Special thanks to Tracey McCall, Waynette Bonham,

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

David Casian, Building Inspector addressed the council informing them of the new initiative to remove abandoned vehicles from the city. In conjunction with TPD, they will begin placing notices on vehicles, notifying the owners that the vehicle is in danger of being towed at their expense. The building inspector will mark vehicles on private property and TPD will identify vehicles on public property. He also addressed the issue of business owners not properly Skirting. Skirting requires them to properly conceal non-used vehicles on private property.

Todd McGill of TED addressed the council with updates for the department. They've been assisting PW with cutting trees and maintaining power poles.

Scott Evans of P & R informed the council of the upcoming events at the center and that the approved basketball goals were installed at Brummitt Heights earlier today. Also that he and Deputy Mayor Lisa Baker met with the Lakeshore Foundation on a plan to offer virtual fitness classes to the elderly and anyone with mobility issues. More information to come on this program.

Chief Major informed the council that the vehicles purchased as a result of the Special Meeting on October 22, 2021 are now in the possession of TPD and that there was a 5th vehicle procured. He thanked the council for hearing and approving the acquisition on short notice.

Lisa Baker, Deputy Mayor addressed the council informing and instructing them on completing the required survey for the League of Municipalities Economic Development Academy.

Charlie Williams of PW then addressed the council providing updates on his department. He asked William Dumas of 2095 Eastlake Blvd and Rev. and Mrs. Matthews to inform the council of the flooding issues on their properties as a result of issues stemming from city property. They are seeking remedies and repairs to be made by the city. Charlie also informed the council that PW is planning to place No Parking signs on both sides of Eastlake Blvd, near City Hall and replacing signs on the 1400 block of Thomason Ave.

OLD BUSINESS

Tabled Vouchers and Expenses from October 18, 2021

Council Member Threadford made motion to approve Vouchers & Expenses as of October 18, 2021 with a second from Council Member Bryant. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council Member Threadford
Council Member Anderson
Mayor Newton

Nays:

Council Member Bryant

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Threadford made motion to approve Resolution #8844 – Acknowledge and consent to the Assignment of Lease. The motion was seconded by Council Member Anderson. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council Member Anderson
Council Member Threadford
Council Member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed

Council Member Freeman made motion to approve Resolution #8845 – Approving CY2022 Local Government Health Premiums Increase. Council Member Bryant made motion to approve Resolution #8845. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Council Member Anderson
Council Member Threadford
Council Member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion Passed

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Allen Pilington addressed the council about the athletic complex clean-up day on Sat November 6, 2021. Seeking volunteers from the community. Mayor Newton informed him that he would be unable to attend but he'd like to provide lunch for the volunteers.

Council Member Threadford spoke in recognition of the Tarrant City Tide Cheerleaders who placed second in their first cheer competition. She also encouraged the Tarrant High School

football team who has struggled this season but has been making great efforts to stay focused and make improvements.

Mayor Newton thanked the School Board for hosting a trunk at the Annual Trunk of Treat event.

VOUCHERS AND EXPENSES

Council Member Threadford made motion to approve Vouchers & Expenses as of November 1, 2021 with a second from Council Member Bryant. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council Member Threadford

Council Member Anderson

Mayor Newton

Nays:

Council Member Bryant

Motion Passed

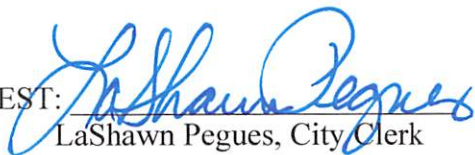
Council Member Threadford made motion to adjourn and it was properly seconded by Council Member Bryant.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

APPROVED: 
Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST:


LaShawn Pegues, City Clerk