

**City of Tarrant
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 6, 2021
Tarrant City Hall**

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met for regular session on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:01 pm at City Hall. Mayor Newton called the meeting to order. Rev. John Killian gave the invocation and Chief Wendell Major 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
John T. "Tommy" Bryant*	Council Member

First the council considered previous minutes.

Council Member Tracie Threadford made motion to approve the Minutes from the November 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. Council Member Cathy Anderson seconded the motion and Mayor Newton asked 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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Anderson introduced the second reading of Ordinance 1140 and made motion to adopt the Ordinance. Council Member Threadford then seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was called.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Council Member Bryant

Motion Passed.

Council Member Threadford introduced Ordinance no.1141 and made motion to adopt. Council Member Matthews properly seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. A roll call vote was called.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution no. 8848 – Annual Holiday Social for COT Employees. Council Member Freeman made motion to approve Resolution 8848 and Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was called.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Motion Passed.

Resolution no. 8849 – People’s Bank of Alabama Loan Renewal. Council Member Threadford introduced the resolution and made motion to approve. Council Member Matthews properly seconded it. Roll call vote was called.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Motion Passed.

Resolution no. 8850 – CDBG Grant Application.

Council Member Threadford introduced the resolution and made motion to approve. Council Member Anderson properly seconded it. Roll call vote was called.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Motion Passed.

Resolution no. 8851 – Adopting Jefferson County Debris Removal MOU.

Council Member Matthews introduced the resolution and made motion to approve. Council Member Anderson properly seconded it. Roll call vote was called.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Motion Passed.

Resolution no. 8852 – Pre-approving travel for Council Member Veronica Freeman

Council Member Freeman introduced the resolution and made motion to approve. After much discussion, Council Member Anderson made motion to Table the resolution until an agreement can be made on the necessity of request. Mayor Newton properly seconded it. Roll call vote was called.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Council Member Freeman

Motion Passed.

Resolution no. 8853 – Adopting 2022 Holiday Calendar

Council Member Bryant introduced the resolution and made motion to approve. Council Member Freeman properly seconded it. Roll call vote was called.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Motion Passed.

Resolution no. 8854 – Rescheduling certain Regular City Council Meetings. Council Member Anderson introduced the resolution and made motion to approve. Council Member Threadford properly seconded it. Roll call vote was called.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Motion Passed.

Resolution no. 8855 – Censuring Council Member John T. “Tommy” Bryant. Mayor Newton introduced the resolution and Council Member Threadford properly seconded the motion. There was much discussion. Council Member denied the allegations, then caused further disruption by spelling out a derogatory word during his explanation, while having children present. Council Member Threadford asked him to refrain from using that language in front of her granddaughter. Bryant stated that he did not care and to ask the child to leave. Bryant went on to reference select quotes from Robert’s Rule of Order to support his explanation of his actions. Mayor Newton informed the council that the insurance carrier is dropping the city’s coverage as of December 13, 2021. After some disruption occurred in the gallery, the mayor has that person removed. Several Council Members questioned why and walked out of the meeting without it being properly voted on. Council Members Freeman, Matthews, Anderson and Bryant left the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Newton continued the meeting, allowing the public to make their comments.

VOUCHERS AND EXPENSES

Was not discussed due to lack of quorum

Meeting did not adjourn, no vote was called

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 20th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

ATTEST: LaShawn Pegues
LaShawn Pegues, City Clerk

APPROVED: Wayman A. Newton
Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

