

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2023
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 7:00PM at City Hall.

Mayor Wayman A. Newton called the meeting to order at 7:02PM following the council work session that began at 6:00PM to discuss the items on the agenda and other matters.

Fire Lt. Patrick Bennett led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Caldwell gave the invocation.

Mayor Newton asked for a roll call. The following officials were present during the roll call:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman was absent.

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the March 20, 2023, regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. Councilor Threadford moved to table approving the minutes until the April 17, 2023, meeting. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (4) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to table the minutes from the March 20, 2023, meeting was agreed to, and the approval of the minutes from the March 20, 2023, council meeting was tabled.

The following items were communicated from the Mayor's office to those in attendance:

The Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 8, 2023, at Hewitt Park was going to be rescheduled due to the threat of inclement weather. A new date and time will be announced in the near future.

This ended the communications from the Mayor's office.

The Mayor next asked for any communications from the city councilors present.

Councilor Threadford provided an update on the status of the Tarrant Electric Department board formation.

This ended communications from the city councilors present.

The Mayor then called for committee reports.

No committee reports were made.

The city council next considered old business.

There being no old business to be brought before the council, the council next considered new business.

Councilor Anderson introduced and read Resolution 9001, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Agreement with the United Way for Improvements at Franklin Park. After being read, Councilor Threadford moved to table Resolution 9001. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion to table. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Nays:

None

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0), the motion to table Resolution 9001 was agreed to, and the resolution was tabled.

The council then agreed to call a meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 6:00PM before the scheduled work session to consider Resolution 9001. This was done in order to give the City Attorney additional time to discuss certain parts of the UWCA Agreement with the UWCA representatives.

Councilor Anderson next introduced and read Resolution 9002, A Resolution Declaring Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition of Tarrant Fire Engine 31. After being read, Councilor Anderson moved for the adoption of Resolution 9002. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. After some discussion, including hearing from Fire Lt. Bennett, Mayor Newton then called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Nays:

None

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0), the motion to adopt Resolution 9002 was agreed to, and the resolution adopted.

Councilor Bryant next introduced and read Resolution 9003, A Resolution to Declare a Public Emergency and to Authorize Immediate Abatement and Demolition of Real Property Located at 1611 Pinson Street, Tarrant, AL 35217, and Resolution 9004, A Resolution to Declare a Public Emergency and to Authorize Immediate Abatement and Demolition of Real Properties located at 1613 and 1615 Pinson Street, Tarrant, AL 35217. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton then called for a vote. [NOTE: Extensive discussion of these matters occurred in

the council work session immediately preceding the scheduled council meeting. The council heard from various city employees and reviewed the exhibits and written findings appended as exhibits to the respective resolutions.]

Yeas:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Nays:

None

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0), the motion to adopt Resolution 9003 and Resolution 9004 was agreed to, and the resolutions adopted.

Next, Councilor Threadford read for the first time Ordinance 2023, An Ordinance Authorizing the Appointment of a City Manager.

Next, the City Council heard from members of the public who had signed up to speak prior to the meeting.

Councilor Threadford read a note from a current Tarrant police officer regarding the need for tires on his patrol vehicle. The officer indicated he was worried about his safety because the vehicle needed new tires, but none had been installed. There was a great deal of discussion among the council, the mayor, and others as to why new tires had not been installed.

First, Mr. Chuck Winborn spoke regarding the conditions of Cedar Street at the railroad overpass. Mr. Winborn stated he had contacted Commissioner Joe Knight and spoke about the issue along with the City of Birmingham. Mr. Winborn noted the terrible condition of the road at the grade railroad crossing. Even though that portion of Cedar Street lies within the corporate limits of Birmingham, Mr. Winborn spoke asking for as many individuals to petition the state officials and CSX officials to pressure them to fix the road at the crossing. Mr. Winborn had previously contacted Fox 6 on your side to try and garner media attention to the issue in hopes of increasing the pressure.

Second, Mr. Jadon Kenebrew, a senior at Tarrant High School on the baseball team, spoke regarding the team's ability to access the fields at the City's athletic facilities. Currently, the team is using the field at Jefferson State's campus. The Mayor addressed Mr. Kenebrew stating the City had sent Tarrant High School a date request form in the fall to know dates for the upcoming season but did not receive a response back as to the dates it would need the field.

Third, Ms. Sally Overstreet spoke thanking the Tarrant Police Department and Chief Majors for the quick response of officers when she called regarding shots being fired close to her home.

This concluded comments from the public.

Finally, the council considered the vouchers and expenses of the city. Councilor Threadford moved to approve the vouchers and expenses as presented. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. After some discussion and questions, Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

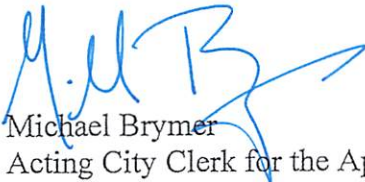
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being two (2), the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses as presented was agreed to, and the vouchers and expenses approved.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, Councilor Threadford moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all present being in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM.

Respectfully submitted,

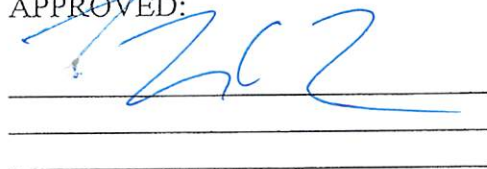


Michael Brymer
Acting City Clerk for the April 3, 2023, City Council Meeting

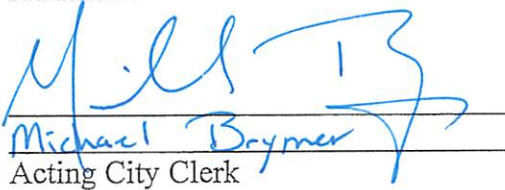
READ AND APPROVED this the ___ day of _____ 2023.



APPROVED:



ATTEST:



Michael Brymer
Acting City Clerk