

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2023
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday August 21, 2023, at 7:00PM at City Hall.

Mayor Wayman A. Newton called the meeting to order at 7:01PM following the council work session that began at 6:00PM to discuss items on the agenda and other matters.

Tarrant City Attorney Michael Brymer lead those in attendance in the invocation. Mr. Scott Evans lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The following officials were absent:

Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the August 7, 2023, regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. After review, Councilor Threadford moved to approve the minutes from August 7, 2023, meeting as presented. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0), the motion to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2023, as presented were approved.

The Mayor deferred communications from his office to a later meeting.

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

No communications were made from the councilors present.

The Mayor then called for committee reports.

No reports were made.

The Council next considered old business.

No old business was pending before the city council, the council next moved to consider new business on the agenda.

The Council next considered items of new business.

Councilor Threadford read and introduced Resolution No. 9038, A Resolution Approving and Adopting the operating Budget for the City of Tarrant Electric Department for the Period Beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. Councilor Threadford moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 9038. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve and adopt Resolution No. 9038 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved and adopted.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9039, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the purchase of a 2023 Ford F150 Supercrew 4x4 Pickup Truck for Use by the City of Tarrant Electric Department. Councilor Threadford moved to table Resolution No. 9039. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to table Resolution No. 9039 was agreed to, and the Resolution was tabled.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9040, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of Eight Uline Hard Surface Chair Mats for Use by the Tarrant Police Department. Councilor Bryant moved to authorize and approve Resolution No. 9040. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to table Resolution No. 9040 was agreed to, and the Resolution was authorized and approved.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9041, A Resolution Authorizing the Closure of A Portion of Ford Avenue on September 2, 2023, for the Corvette Car Show Benefiting the Tarrant Police Department. Councilor Bryant moved to approve and authorize Resolution No. 9041. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to authorize Resolution No. 9041 was agreed to, and the Resolution was authorized.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9042, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Expend Funds for the City of Tarrant Halloween Bash. Mayor Newton motioned to authorize Resolution No. 9042. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Discussion arose between Councilor Bryant and Mayor Newton on Resolution regarding future closures of streets during events. Discussion to be left until later date. Mayor Newton called for a vote on Resolution 9042.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to authorize Resolution No. 9042 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Bryant motioned to suspend the rules for this meeting in order to add additional items for consideration to the agenda. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to authorizing the suspension of the rules for this meeting in order to add items to the agenda for additional consideration agreed to, and the motion was adopted.

Mayor Newton made a verbal motion to authorize a corporate subpoena to the owners of property called The Flats At Colebridge located at 851 Bell Avenue Tarrant, Alabama, so that they appear before the council and answer questions arisen by the council and its citizens concerning various problems at the property. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to authorizing a corporate subpoena to the owners of the property called Flats at Colebridge located on 851 Bell Avenue Tarrant, Alabama, was agreed to, and the motion was adopted.

Mayor Newton made a verbal motion to authorize a corporate subpoena to any lender of record that has a security interest in the property called The Flats At Colebridge located at 851 Bell Avenue Tarrant, Alabama, so that they appear before the council and answer questions arisen by the council and its citizens concerning various problems at the property. Mayor Newton elaborated that there may be possible restrictions on the upkeep and maintenance of the property. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to authorizing a corporate subpoena to the Lending Institution of the property called Flats at

Colebridge located on 851 Bell Avenue Tarrant, Alabama was agreed to, and the motion was adopted.

Next, the City Council reviewed the Vouchers and Expenses for the City of Tarrant and Tarrant Electric Department for August 21, 2023. Councilor Threadford moved to approve the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant and Tarrant Electric Department for August 7, 2023. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0), the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant and Tarrant Electric Department for August 21, 2023 was approved, and the motion was adopted

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

First, Sally Overstreet. Thanked Mayor and Council for installing speedbumps on Birmingham Street. Ms. Overstreet would like additional speedbumps near drive way and can offer to pay. Mayor Newton intervened and said there will be additional speedbumps installed.

Second, Sandra Mathews. Thanked Public Works for cutting and maintaining grass on or near stormwater ditch. Expressed storm water issues that are the result of personal property damage. Easement on the stormwater ditch issue is still in working progress.

Third, Allen Pilkington. Working on Community Tailgate for Tarrant High School first home game set for September 8th at 7:00PM. Community Tailgate will be at 5:30PM and everyone is invited! Mr. Pilkington bought out concerns of 2023 Halloween financial sponsor. Mr. Pilkington also asked if the Parks Board was updated. Council confirmed that it is not yet updated.

Fourth, Chuck Winborn expressed concern on vehicles bypassing school buses that have their stop sign out. Concern on school bus stops and bus routes needs that conflict with high traffic areas to be brought to the attention of the School Board. Chief Major described some of the high traffic areas during and after school hours. Chief Major will invite Traffic Control to the second Mayor and Council meeting in September.

The Mayor exited the meeting prior to the conclusion of the public comments. Following the conclusion of the public comments, there was not a quorum present to consideration a motion for adjournment thus ending the meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk August 21, 2023
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 6th day of August, 2023.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: 
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Dr. Laverne Knight

