

CITY OF TARRANT  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 16, 2023  
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday October 16, 2023, at 7:00PM at City Hall.

Mayor Wayman A. Newton called the meeting to order at 7:03PM following the council work session that began at 6:00PM to discuss items on the agenda and other matters.

Tarrant City Fire Chief Patrick Bennett lead those in attendance in the invocation. City Attorney Michael Brymer 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 Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Mathews  
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant was absent.  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman was absent.

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the October 2, 2023 regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. After review, Councilor Threadford moved to approve the minutes from September 18, 2023 meeting as amended. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Cathy Anderson  
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 the minutes was adopted, and the minutes for October 2, 2023, council meeting were approved.

The Mayor reminded those in attendance that the 4<sup>th</sup> Ford on Friday is set for October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM to 9:00PM with an added condition that it last till candy runs out for this moths holiday theme ‘Trunk or Treat.’ The event is held on Ford Street with volunteers needed to distribute candy, and everyone is invited.

The Mayor also informed all those in attendance that two police officers were hired, and that the City of Tarrant will be actively hiring police to build up the Police Department. Council members asked if criminal checks and histories were thoroughly researched. The Mayor assured the Council and all in attendance that all research was thoroughly conducted prior to police being hired.

This ended the communications from the Mayor’s office.

After the Mayor spoke Councilor Threadford updated all those in attendance on the outcome of the National Night Out Within the City of Tarrant held on October 4, 2023 on Ford Avenue. Councilor Threadford confirmed the event to be a ‘big success.’ The Councilor thanked all event coordinators, volunteers and all who came to the event.

This ended the communications from the City Councilors.

The Mayor then called for committee reports.

Councilor Threadford informed all in attendance that the Utility Board paper work should be completed by Mr. Brymer by the end of November 2023.

The Council next considered old business.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9055, A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of an Irrigation System for the Soccer Field at Franklin Park. After discussion on the Franklin Park Endowment Mayor Newton motioned to adopt Resolution 9055. Councilor Mathews seconded the motion. Mayor Newton then called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
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 adopt Resolution 9055 was agreed to, and the Resolution was adopted.

The Council next considered items of new business.

Councilor Threadford introduced Resolution No. 9061, A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the City of Tarrant Police Department to Enter into Agreement with Lexipol, LLP., A Service Contract in Reviewing the City of Tarrant Police Department Annual Law Enforcement Policy Manual, Daily Training Bulletins and Law Enforcement Tier III Implementation. After discussion on the contract in relation to insurance and the purpose of the contract, Councilor Threadford moved to table Resolution 9061. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
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. 9061 was agreed to, and the Resolution was tabled.

Councilor Mathews introduced and read Resolution No. 9062, A Resolution Approving Payment of Tarrant Police Foundation for Reimbursement of Expenses from Dewey Barber and Marios Garage. Councilor Mathews motioned to approve Resolution No. 9062. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
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 Resolution No. 9062 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Threadford read Resolution No. 9063, A Resolution Establishing and Implementing a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, to Provide Guidance to the Use and Maintenance of the City's Parks and Athletics Facilities. After questions on the implementation process and the absence of Council members, Council Threadford moved to table Resolution 9063. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
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 9063 was agreed to, and the Resolution was tabled.

Councilor Anderson introduced Resolution No. 9064, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Expend Funds for Christmas Decorations for City Hall. There was discussion on the amount of funds to be spent and that the limit be \$10k with the involvement of Council members. After discussion Councilor Anderson motioned to approve Resolution No. 9057. Councilor Mathews seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
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. 9064 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Threadford introduced and read Resolution No. 9065, A Resolution Setting December 9, 2023, as the Date for the City of Tarrant Christmas Extravaganza, Setting the Route for the Christmas Parade, and Authorizing Closure of Certain Streets for the Christmas Extravaganza and Parade. Councilor Threadford motioned to adopt Resolution No. 9065. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Anderson  
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. 9065 was agreed to, and the Resolution was adopted.

There were no presentations of petitions and other communications.

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

First, Ms. Laurie McKinley. Ms. McKinley publicly thanked Councilor Threadford for her input and work in the National Night Out on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. Ms. McKinley expressed her gratitude to all who were involved and reported on the important and informative informational booths available to the public during the National Night Out.

This concluded public comments.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Laverne Knight  
City Clerk September October 16, 2023  
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.



The City of Tarrant, Alabama

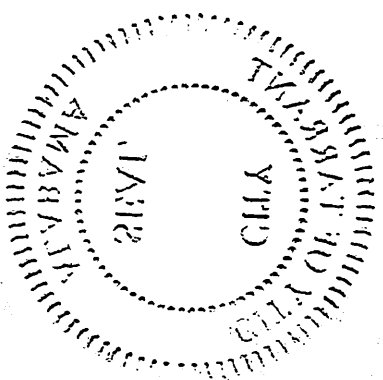
APPROVED:

  
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Dr. Laverne Knight

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