

CITY OF TARRANT  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 7, 2022  
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 7:00PM at City Hall.

Mayor Wayman A. Newton called the meeting to order at 7:09PM following the council work session on the agenda items.

Chief Wendell Major lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Fire Lt. Patrick Bennett gave the invocation.

Councilor Anderson moved to appoint Michael Brymer, the city attorney who was present, as the acting city clerk for the meeting. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All present voted in favor. The motion was agreed to.

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

Councilor Traci B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews  
Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant  
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The minutes from October 3, 2022, and October 7, 2022 were submitted for approval. One correction was made to change “Chief Bennett” to “Lt. Bennett” in the October 3, 2022, minutes.

With the above stated correction, Councilor Anderson moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Traci B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews  
Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant  
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The motion was agreed to, and the minutes were approved as corrected.

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

The Mayor discussed the creation of a scholarship program to cover the cost of Tarrant City Youth Basketball League. The Mayor discussed the requirements for the scholarship awards and advised that applications for the scholarship would be available at City Hall and the Recreation Center. Once completed, the applications should be returned to City Hall.

This ended the communications from the Mayor’s office.

Next, the Mayor called for communications from the council. There being no communications from the council, the Mayor next called for committee reports.

No committee reports were made.

The Mayor next presented the City’s proposed Fiscal Year Budget for the 2022-2023 year. The Council agreed to set a work session for Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 6:00PM at the City of Tarrant Parks and Recreation Center.

[NOTE: The Council received a report from Shepard-Harris & Associates, PC, the city’s auditor, at the Council Work session that convened at 6:00PM on November 7, 2022.]

The Council then began considering old business as stated on the agenda.

Councilor Bryant introduced Resolution 2022-8962, A Resolution Requiring the Reprogramming of electronic readers for locks doors accessing city-owned property. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. After discussion, Councilor Anderson moved to table further action on the Resolution. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion to table. Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote:

Yeas:

- Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews
- Mayor Wayman A. Newton
- Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson
- Councilor Tracie B. Threadford

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant abstained from voting.

The motion to table was agreed to, and the matter was tabled.

Councilor Bryant introduced Resolution 8963, A Resolution Preapproving of and Authorizing Travel for Councilwoman Veronica Freeman to Attend the National League of Cities City Summit. [NOTE: During the work session, Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant” requested his name be withdrawn from attending this conference and removed from the resolution.] After it was read, Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

None

Nays:

- Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews
- Mayor Wayman A. Newton
- Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson
- Councilor Tracie B. Threadford

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant abstained from voting.

The resolution was not agreed to and did not pass.

Next, Councilor Threadford read for the first time Ordinance 1152, An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance Number 1082 and Discontinue the Services of the Mayor as Superintendent of the City Electric Department and Providing that the City of Tarrant, Alabama, Code of Ordinances be Altered as Provided in Ordinance 1152.

Then, the Council considered new business as stated on the agenda.

Councilor Anderson next introduced Resolution 8964, A Resolution Authorizing the Repair or Replacement of HVAC Equipment for the Public Safety Building from Affordable Solutions Heating and Air in the amount of \$20,120.00 being paid from the City’s general fund. After being read, Councilor Matthews seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

The resolution was agreed to and passed.

Councilor Bryant introduced Resolution 8965, A Resolution Approving of a Contingency Fee Agreement Between the City of Tarrant, Alabama, and Corey Watson, PC Regarding Opioid Litigation. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion.

Yeas:

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

The resolution was agreed to and passed.

Next, Councilor Anderson moved to table Resolution 8966, A Resolution Reinstating Jason Rickles as Fire Chief of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, Fire Department. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion to table.

Yeas:

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

The motion to table was agreed to and the resolution tabled.

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

First, Rev. Gwendloyn Webb addressed the city council regarding current matters and the creation of a utility board.

Next, Mr. Franklin addressed the council. The Mayor thanked Mr. Frankline for coaching and working with the kids on basketball skills at the recreation center. Mr. Franklin stated the council needs to come together to work for a better City.

Next, Mr. Michael King with M&K Lawn Care addressed the council letting everyone know that he had a lawn care business in the City and addressed the need for professionalism.

Then, Ms. Tammy Smith spoke to the council regarding the council working together, the condition of Alabama Street, and keeping the same electric system.

Next, Gwenette Bonham spoke regarding the Tarrant Crime Commission’s first hearing on a citizen complaint. She also advised the commission had a meeting next Saturday. She continued on to other matters regarding her lack of attendance at meetings and the reason behind it.

Then, a lady who did not give her name spoke about having an idea and desire to work with children. She asked to speak to someone further about her idea and the possibility of implementing same.

Next, Ms. Veronica DePews spoke to the council thanking the Mayor for assisting her with the electric bill.

Finally, Rev. Caldwell next spoke to the council about The Flats at Goldberg, a senior citizen apartment complex. He thanked the council for protecting the residents of the complex and the staff who work there.

That concluded comments from the public.

Next, Councilor Threadford moved to approve the vouchers and expenses as presented. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. After discussion on several items related to the vouchers and expenses, specifically Councilor Threadford asked about the status of the check for Tarrant Football since it had not appeared on the vouchers and expenses to date, Mayor Newton stated he would check on the status and report back. Then, Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Mayor Wayman Newton  
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson  
Councilor Debora "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

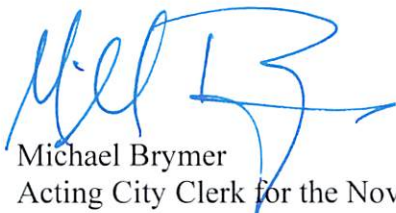
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

The motion to approve was agreed to, and the vouchers and expenses were approved as presented.

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 8:22PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Brymer  
Acting City Clerk for the Nov. 7, 2022, City Council Meeting

READ AND APPROVED this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov 2022.

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ATTEST:



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Michael Brymer  
Acting City Clerk