

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2022
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 5, at 7:00PM at City Hall.

Mayor Wayman A. Newton called the meeting to order at 7:00PM following the council work session on the agenda items.

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

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

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

Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Mayor Wayman A. Newton
Councilor Traci B. Threadford
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

A quorum was determined to be present for the meeting.

The minutes from the November 21, 2022, regular meeting and the November 28, 2022, called meeting were submitted for approval. Councilor Threadford moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Mayor Wayman A. Newton
Councilor Traci B. Threadford
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

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

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

The Mayor announced the date and time for the City of Tarrant City Hall and Tree Lighting on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6:00PM. Santa Clause will be available on Christmas Eve beginning at dusk.

This ended the communications from the Mayor's office.

Next, the Mayor asked for any communications from any councilors present. There being none, the Mayor next asked if the council would like to go into executive session to discuss potential clerk candidates. Following a brief discussion, no motion was made to enter into executive session.

The Mayor then called for committee reports.

No committee reports were made.

There being no old business on the agenda for the Council to consider, the Council began consideration of new business.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 8968, A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of E-Force (CAD, RMS, Jail, & Mobile) Software for the Tarrant Police Department. After introducing the resolution, Mayor Newton moved for its approval. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion.

After a brief discussion with Chief Majors, Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote:

Yeas:

Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Mayor Wayman A. Newton
Councilor Traci B. Threadford
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman abstained from voting.

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) abstention, the motion to approve Resolution 8968 was agreed to and the Resolution adopted.

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 8969, A Resolution Setting Forth the Official Holidays for the Employees of the City of Tarrant for the Year 2023. After being introducing the resolution, Councilor John. T. "Tommy" Bryant moved for its approval. Councilor Traci B. Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Mayor Wayman A. Newton
Councilor Traci B. Threadford
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0), the motion to approve Resolution 8969 was agreed to and the Resolution approved.

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford introduced and read Resolution 8970, A Resolution Altering the Signatories on the Tarrant Electric Department Account Reflecting the Change in Superintendent. After introducing the resolution, Councilor Traci B. Threadford moved for its approval. Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman seconded the motion.

After some discussion, Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nays:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Abstained:

Councilor Traci B. Threadford

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being one (1) with one (1) abstention, the motion to approve Resolution 8970 was agreed to and the Resolution approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution 8971, A Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$1,000 for the City of Tarrant Employee Christmas Luncheon. After being introduced, Mayor Newton

moved for its approval. Councilor Tracie B. Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Mayor Wayman A. Newton
Councilor Traci B. Threadford
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0), the motion was agreed to and Resolution 8971 was approved.

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

Ms. Sandra Matthews spoke first regarding flooding issues in her yard at her residence on Lynnfield Circle. She expressed her appreciation for the city workers cutting and clearing the ditch, but that flooding was still a problem. The Mayor said he would look into what potential resolution could be made to address the problem. Councilor Threadford asked a member of the audience about some flooding issues around his residence.

Next, Mr. Church Winborn spoke regarding storm water drains getting stopped up due to leaves falling and getting washed or blown into the storm drain which causes the storm water drain to clog and flooding. Mr. Winborn asked about the City's leaf attachment that is used in the fall/winter. Councilor Threadford asked additional questions regarding the number of attachments and the City's public works trucks that can use the attachment.

Finally, Chief Majors thanked the council for passing Resolution 8968 allowing the police department to purchase updated software that is much needed. Chief Major also spoke about the crime commission along with street racing and traffic citations issued by the City of Birmingham for street racing.

That concluded comments from the public.

Next, Councilor Threadford moved to approve the vouchers and expenses as presented. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Mayor Wayman Newton
Councilor Debora "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:


Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Traci B. Threadford
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

The yeas being two (2) and the nays being three (3), the motion was not agreed to and the vouchers and expenses were not approved.

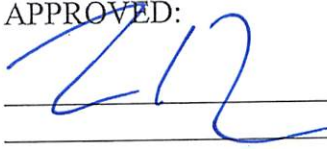
There being no further business to be brought before the council, Councilor Threadford moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all present being in favor.

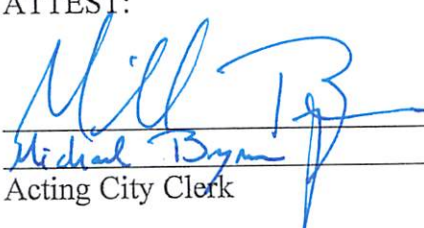
The meeting was adjourned at 7:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael Brymer
Acting City Clerk for the Dec. 5, 2022, City Council Meeting

READ AND APPROVED this the 14th day of December 2022.

APPROVED:


ATTEST:


Michael Brymer
Acting City Clerk