

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2022
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 21, 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.

Fire Lt. Patrick Bennett lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Gwendloyn Webb 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
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

A quorum was determined to be present for the meeting.

The minutes from the November 7, 2022, meeting were submitted for approval. Councilor Threadford moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Traci B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

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:

First, the Mayor yielded his time to the City Councilors present who presented turkeys for Thanksgiving to those within each district who entered a raffle. Each city councilor purchased one (1) turkey for their respective districts to be raffled off, and Mr. Treadmore donated five (5) additional turkeys that were also given away. Upon distributing the turkeys, the Councilors Threadford, Anderson, and Matthews along with Mayor Newton thanked Mr. Treadmore for his donation.

After presenting the turkeys, the Mayor resumed communications from this office. The Mayor announced the City received a \$10,000.00 grant from the Tennessee Valley Authority ("TVA") to go toward the sports complex maintenance and upkeep costs. The Mayor thanked Deputy Mayor Lisa Baker and the TVA for the grant.

Finally, the Mayor wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Matthews inquired about the status of the storm shelter that Jefferson County, through Commissioner Joe Knight, had agreed to pay for and install. Mayor Newton stated the site had been approved, and the storm shelter would be placed the Recreation Center. As the site had been approved, the project was working its way through the engineering and bid process. Though an exact completion date remained unknown at this time, a rough estimate would be approximately twelve months from now.

This ended the communications from the Mayor's office.

The Mayor next called for any committee reports.

No committee reports were made.

The Mayor next continued the City's proposed Fiscal Year Budget for the 2022-2023. The Council agreed to continue the work session for Monday, November 28, 2022, at 6:00PM at City Hall. [NOTE: During the work session beginning at 6:00PM, the City Council continued its work session on the budget receiving additional information and reports from various department heads.]

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

Councilor Anderson read for a second time and introduced Ordinance 1152, An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance Number 1052 and Discontinue the Services of the Mayor as Superintendent of the City Electric Department. An Ordinance of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, Providing that the Code of Ordinances be Altered. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion.

After much discussion and debate, Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote:

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being one (1), the motion to approve Ordinance 1152 was agreed to and the Ordinance adopted.

This concluded the old business. The council next moved to new business items on the agenda.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 8967, A Resolution Authorizing a Donation in the Amount of \$5,000.00 to Tarrant Youth Football to Attend the Battle Youth National Championships. Pursuant to the discussion in the work session prior to the regular meeting, Councilor Anderson moved consideration of this resolution be tabled for future discussion at a called meeting of the City Council on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 6:00PM to be held immediately prior to the continuation of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City Budget. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion to table.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The motion to table the resolution was agreed to, and the matter tabled for called meeting on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 6:00PM.

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

Mr. Chuck _____ from the Brummett Heights Neighborhood spoke. He stated that Brummett Heights was still working on its formal incorporation and non-profit tax status. He

also stated that all residents within Brummett Heights were encouraged to place exterior Christmas lights on their homes during the holiday season in order to brighten up the area. He also stated there was a need for a traffic light at the intersection of Etowah Street and Tarrant-Huffman Road due to the traffic flow through that area and some near misses with wrecks.

That concluded comments from the public.

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

Yeas:

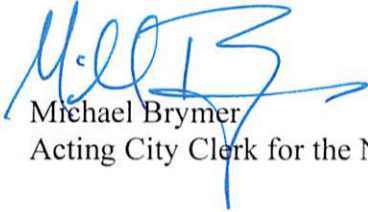
Mayor Wayman Newton
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Councilor Tracie B. Threadford

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 7:21PM.

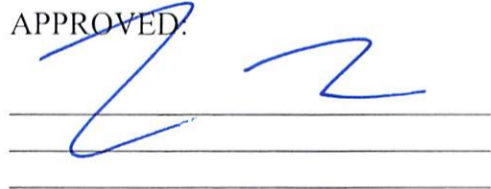
Respectfully submitted,



Michael Brymer
Acting City Clerk for the Nov. 21, 2022, City Council Meeting

READ AND APPROVED this the 5th day of December 2022.

APPROVED:



ATTEST:



Michael Brymer
Acting City Clerk