

**City of Tarrant
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 1st, 2021
Tarrant City Hall**

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 15th, 2021 at 6:00pm at City Hall.

Mayor Newton called the meeting to order. Kim Stone gave the invocation and Donald Ferris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to appoint Aslinn O'Donohoe as acting clerk with a second from Threadford. There was no discussion. All present voted yes. Motion passed.

The following officials were present during roll call:

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| Wayman A. Newton | Mayor |
| Veronica Bandy Freeman | Council Member |
| Tracie B. Threadford | Council Member |
| Catherine "Cathy" Anderson | Council Member |
| Deborah "Debbie" Matthews | Council Member |
| John T. "Tommy" Bryant | Council Member |

First the council considered the minutes from the March 1st, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Council member Freeman made a correction to the minutes: that her check had been approved. Council member Threadford made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted correctinos with a second from Bryant. There was no more discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote

Yeas:

Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews
Council member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

The Mayor then introduced Allison Black-Cornelius and Avana Sullivan from the Greater Birmingham Humane Society to the council. They gave a presentation to the council and audience about what they do in Tarrant. Next, Mrs Dill spoke to the council about damage to her property in Brummit Heights from the large trucks that go through her neighborhood and asked the council to repair her property. Lastly, Mayor Newton presented to the council his plan for the City to take over household garbage pickup.

There were no committee reports.

Council member Freeman read and introduced Resolution #8769 – Amending Resolutiond #8768 – Creating A Part-Time Firefighter Position. Council member Freeman made a motion to approve with a second from Anderson. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews
Council member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution #8771 – Creating an Accountant Position for the City of Tarrant Administrative Department. Council member Bryant made a motion to approve with a second from Matthews. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews
Council member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution #8772 – Creating an Accountant Position for the Tarrant Electric Department. Council member Bryant made a motion to approve with a second from Threadford. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews
Council member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

Mayor Newton then introduced Resolution #8773 – Creating a Court Clerk Position. Magistrate Alicia Cole spoke to the council on the need for an additional court clerk position. Council member Threadford made a motion to approve with a second from Freeman. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews
Council member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution #8774 – Creating a Public Safety Dispatcher Position for Tarrant Police Department. Dispatchers Desiree Fitts and Leah Fields and Lieutenant Phillip George spoke to the council about the need for an additional dispatcher. Council member Anderson made a motion to approve with a second from Threadford. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews
Council member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

There was no other business.

Mayor Newton opened the floor up for public comment. Kelvin Slaughter asked to speak to the council about his beer, wine, and liquor application that he had recently submitted. Because of prior business dealings with Mr. Slaughter, Mayor Newton asked council member Matthews to step in as presiding officer. Council member Threadford informed Mr. Slaughter that the next meeting of the Public Safety Committee would be April 5th and they would discuss his application then. Mr. Slaughter continued to the council.

Next, a member of the Farmer's Market Committee told the council about their decision to begin having the farmers market every other week starting in April as the growing season began and that they would be including a car show once a month along with the market.

Council member Threadford then made a motion to approve payments of payroll and expense vouchers by the City and Electrical Department with a second from Bryant. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews
Council member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed.

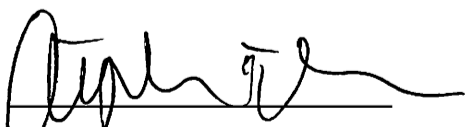
Council member Threadford made a motion to adjourn with a second from Bryant. There was no discussion. All present voted yes.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 5th DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

APPROVED: 
Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Aislinn O'Donohoe, Acting City Clerk