

**City of Tarrant
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 3rd, 2021
Tarrant City Hall**

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met for regular work session on Monday, May 3rd, 2021 at 7:00pm at City Hall. passed. Mayor Newton called the meeting to order. Reverend John Earls of Tarrant Baptist Methodist Church gave the invocation and Building Inspector Donald Ferris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to appoint Kim Stone 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:

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 April 19th, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Council member Threadford made a motion to approve the minutes 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 spoke to the council about things happening around town. Corporal Fields and Lieutenant George told the council about the police department receiving a \$15,000 grant for body cameras from the Community Service Fund. James Phillips & Charlie Williams spoke to the council about issuing tickets for dumping. Mayor Newton told the council that he was starting the process to hire a new police chief by hiring Absolute Strategies to help with that. Scott Evans spoke to the council about events going on at the recreation center. Todd McGill told the council about things going on at the electric department.

Council member Bryant made a motion to take a 15-minute recess. Council member Threadford gave a second. 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.

After 15 minutes, the council came back and Mayor Newton re-adjourned the meeting and asked for another roll call.

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Tracie B. Threadford	Council Member
Catherine “Cathy” Anderson	Council Member
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Under old business, council member Threadford made a motion to approve Resolution #8789 – Head Start Zoning. Council member Freeman gave a second. 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.

The council then considered Ordinance #1137 – Amending Ordinance #1128. After much discussion, council member Bryant made a motion to table the ordinance until the next meeting 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.

Council member Threadford then asked to suspend the rules so that she could give a presentation. She asked resident Claire Calmore to speak to the council. The resident had a complaint about the school board.

Next the council considered Resolution #8788 – Nepotism Policy. Council member Threadford made a motion to approve with a second from Anderson. The council discussed that this was currently a rule for Jefferson County. Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Council member Anderson
Mayor Newton

Nays:

Council member Matthews
Council member Bryant

Motion passed.

Council member Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution #8789 – Temporarily Allowing Yard Sales. Council member Anderson gave a second. 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.

Council member Threadford made a motion to approve Resolution #8790 – Invitation to Bid – Public Safety Building Roof with a second from Bryant. 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 then opened the floor for public comment. Jackie Auer spoke about council man Bryant. The next 3 residents ceded their time to Jackie. A resident of Woodrow Street spoke to the council about an abandoned home near hers where people were living in the back yard. David Pullum questioned the council and present Board of Education members about the old Tarrant High School.

Council member Matthews then made a motion to approve payments of payroll and expense vouchers by the City and Electrical Department with a second from Freeman. 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:

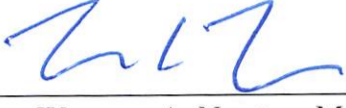
None

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 21ST DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

APPROVED: 
Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Kim Stone, Acting City Clerk