

City of Tarrant
Pre-Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 21st, 2021
Tarrant City Hall

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met for regular pre-council meeting on Monday, June 21st, 2021 at approximately 6:00pm at City Hall. The purpose of said meeting was to review the agenda of the 7pm regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

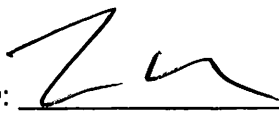
The following officials were present:

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

The following department heads and/or representatives were present:

Donald Ferris	Building Inspector
Todd McGill	Tarrant Electric Department
Scott Evans	Parks and Recreations Director
Phillip George	Police Lieutenant
Shane Holliday	Fire Department Lieutenant
Charlie Williams	Public Works Assistant Director
Anthony Fields	Police Corporal

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 7TH DAY OF JULY, 2021.

APPROVED: 
Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Willie Davis, Acting City Clerk

**City of Tarrant
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 21st, 2021
Tarrant City Hall**

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met for regular work session on Monday, June 21st, 2021 at approximately 7:00pm at City Hall. Mayor Newton called the meeting to order. Reverend Gwen Webb gave the invocation and council member Veronica Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Threadford made a motion to appoint Kim Stone as acting clerk with a second from Anderson. There was no discussion. Mayor Newton gave a roll call vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Council member Bryant

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 previous minutes.

Council member Threadford made a motion approve the minutes from the June 7th, 2021 pre-council and council meeting, the June 10th, 2021 special-called work session with the Board of Education, and the June 10th, 2021 special-called council meeting with a second from Anderson. Council member Freeman wanted the minutes corrected to say that she never said to take down the basketball goals at the Brummit Heights park. The mayor asked which meeting minutes that was in. When it couldn't be located, council member Freeman withdrew her correction. She then read a letter to the council and citizens regarding a recent arrest of her grandson. 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 let the council and citizens know about upcoming events in the City and recognized Officer Howle for an arrest he made.

There were no committee reports.

Council member Threadford then made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3rd, 2021 regular council meeting and the May 17th, 2021 regular council meeting 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 then opened the grass and weeds public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Newton then closed the grass and weeds public hearing.

The council then considered Resolution #8791 – Grass and Weeds. Council member Anderson made a motion approve the resolution 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.

Next the council considered Resolution #8795 –Grass & Weeds. Council member Matthews made a motion to approve with a second from Threadford. Council member Bryant wanted the date on the resolution corrected. There was no more discussion. Mayor Newton 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.

Council member Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution #8802 – Grass and Weeds. Council member Threadford gave a second. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Threadford
Council member Freeman
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews

Council member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:
None

Motion passed.

The council then considered Resolution #8803 – Amending Resolution #8801 – Employee Social. Council member Anderson 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.

Council member Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution #8804 – Legal Aid FY 2022 Agreement 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.

Next, council member Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution #8805 – Abate Grass & Weeds, Amend Lien with the change of offering fifty-cents-on-the-dollar lien settlement to twenty-five-cents-on-the-dollar. 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.

Council member Freeman introduced and made a motion to approve Resolution #8806 – Invitation to Bid – Brummit Heights Park Playground Equipment with a second from Matthews. Council member Bryant made a motion to amend the resolution to include replacing basketball goals, install cameras, and increase police patrols as part of the bid as well as presenting it to the finance committee and then the citizens first. Council member Matthews gave a second. Citizen

Charles Johnson, a resident of Brummit Heights, spoke to the council and Bryant withdrew his motion to amend the resolution. There was no further 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 Freeman introduced and made a motion to approve Resolution #8807 – Invitation to Bid – Power Poles Repair for Tarrant Electric Department 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.

Council member Threadford made a motion to approve Resolution #8808 – Catering City Event with a second from Anderson. Bryant asked that any money raised from the dunking booth be donated to the Little League football team. There was no more 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 opened the floor for public comments.

Council member Threadford made a motion to approve vouchers and expenses with a second from Anderson. Much discussion followed. Council member Matthews made a motion to adjourn with a second from Bryant. Bryant left the council chambers at 8:17pm. Council member Matthews withdrew her motion. Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote for the approval of vouchers and expenses.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews

Mayor Newton

Nays:
None

Motion passed.

Council member Threadford made a motion for the council to go into executive session with a second from Anderson. City attorney Rubio stated that the executive session met one of the requirements for exceptions as set forth in Section 36-25A-7(a), Code of Alabama 1975 discussing with the attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options of pending litigation. Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:
Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews
Mayor Newton

Nays:
None

Motion passed.

Mayor Newton stated that the council would reconvene at approximately 8:45pm.

The council went into executive session at 8:23pm.

Bryant returned at 8:23pm.

The council came out of executive session at 9:11pm.


Council member Threadford made a motion to adjourn with a second from Anderson. All present voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 7TH DAY OF JULY, 2021.

APPROVED: _____


Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST: _____


Willie Davis, Acting City Clerk