

**City of Tarrant  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Tarrant City Hall**

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met for regular work session on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00pm at City Hall. The work session ran long so a motion was made by council member Bryant to adjourn until the following day. Threadford gave a second and all present voted yes. Motion passed.

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama then met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm at City Hall.

Mayor Newton called the meeting to order. Reverend Webb gave the invocation and Corporal Fields led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to appoint Aslinn O'Donohoe as acting clerk with a second from Anderson. 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Council member Threadford made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Freeman. 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.

Council member Threadford gave a Public Safety Committee report from their April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting where they discussed ABC licenses for Bourbon Street Convenience Store and The Keg.

Under old business, council member Bryant made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1136 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 Bryant then read and made a motion to approve Ordinance #1136 – Amending Ordinance #1128 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  
Mayor Newton

Nays:

Council member Bryant

Motion passed.

Next the council considered Resolution #8775 – Nepotism Policy. Council member Freeman made a motion to approve with a second from Threadford. There was some discussion as to it applying to new hires only. Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman  
Council member Threadford  
Mayor Newton

Nays:

Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant

Motion failed.

Council member Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution #8776 – Rejecting Bid Submission for PARD roof. 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 Bryant made a motion to table Resolution #8777 – Voiding G & W – 708 Fulton Avenue 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 then made a motion to approve Resolution #8779 – Rejecting ABC Application – 1519 Pinson Street 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

Nays:

None

Abstain:

Mayor Newton

Motion passed.

Council member Bryant read and made a motion to approve Resolution #8780 – Jefferson County Debris Removal MOU 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 opened the floor for nominations for a Board of Education seat. Freeman nominated Crystal Abernathy with a second from Threadford. Council member Anderson nominated Bruce Grant with a second from Bryant. Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote for Resolution #8782 – Board of Education Appointment – Crystal Abernathy.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman  
Council member Threadford  
Mayor Newton

Nays:

Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant

Motion failed.

Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote for Resolution #8782 – Board of Education Appointment – Bruce Grant

Yeas:

Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant

Nays:

Council member Freeman  
Council member Threadford

Mayor Newton

Motion failed.

Next the council considered Resolution #8783 – Creating 4 Seasonal Laborer Positions for the Public Works Department. 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.

Council member Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution #8784 – Clear Winds Technology Accounting Software 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 #8785 – Longevity Pay with a second from Anderson. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman  
Council member Threadford  
Mayor Newton

Nays:

Council member Anderson  
Council member Matthews  
Council member Bryant

Motion failed.

Leslie Wright, filling in for city attorney Rubio, recommended that the council table Resolution #8786 – Ordering Green Valley Services to Cease Operations because that business is actually located in the City of Birmingham and not Tarrant. Council member Freeman made a motion to table Resolution #8786 with a second from Threadford. 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 presented Resolution #8787 – Authorizing Issuance of Bid for Residential Garbage Service. Council member Bryant made a motion to add Resolution #8787 to the agenda 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 Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution #8787 – Authorizing Issuance of Bid for Residential Garbage Service with a second from Threadford. Council member Bryant then asked that the date and time of the opening be given to the council members in enough time that they could attend if they wanted. 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 comment. Drew Kramer asked about road work going on downtown by Birmingham Water Works. Another citizen asked about an ordinance that require all residents to have residential garbage service.

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

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2021.

APPROVED:   
Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Kim Stone, Acting City Clerk