

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2024
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday June 3, 2024, at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Mayor Wayman A. Newton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM following the council work session that began at 6:00PM to discuss items on the agenda and other matters.

City of Tarrant Fire Chief Patrick Bennet lead those in attendance in the invocation. City of Tarrant City Clerk Laverne Knight lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Newton asked for a roll call. The following officials were present during the roll call:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Absent:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford.

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the May 20, 2024 regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. After review, Councilor Anderson moved to approve the minutes with the amendment to replace 'nausea' to 'illness' in reference to Councilor Freemans unexpected sickness on May 20, 2024. Councilor Mayor Newton seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the minutes with the amendment were adopted, and the minutes for June 3, 2024, council meeting were approved with the amendment.

The Mayor informed those in attendance of a city wide cleanup day scheduled to be on June 22, 2024 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. There will be 5 roll out dumpsters for each District and mailouts will be sent out providing more detail dumpster locations. The Mayor asked all City of Tarrant residents to participate as it would be an encouraging form of welcoming the summer by cleaning up the City.

There were no Committee Reports.

The Mayor and Council moved on to Old Business.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9139, A Resolution Terminating Police Chief Wendell Majors from the Office of the Chief of Police for the City of Tarrant, Alabama. Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9139. The Mayor asked each Councilor for a second. Councilor Matthews reminded the Mayor that she requested a copy of the report. The Mayor asked if anyone else would like a report and Councilor Freeman was included in the request. The Mayor stated the City Attorney Michael Brymer will forward the report to Councilor Matthews and Councilor Freeman. There was no seconder. Motion to adopt did not receive a second.

There was discussion on Ordinance 1162 and question on whether or not it was properly tabled at last meeting.

Next the City Council moved on to New Business.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9157, A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Signage for the City of Tarrant Entrance Areas. There was discussion on the previous signage. It was agreed that the Resolution be approved upon amendment by including a section 4 that will allow the Mayor and Council to be informed of the type of sign selected prior to purchase. Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9157 with the said amendment. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9157 was agreed with the amendment, and the Resolution was approved with the amendment.

The Mayor moved on to Resolution No. 9158 through Resolution No. 9165, all Resolutions of the City of Tarrant pursuant to Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant declaring certain properties a public nuisance with costs incurred in reference to their individual Exhibits. There was a short discussion on approving the Resolutions and their Exhibits which identified the costs incurred, and whether or not they could be included as one motion. City Attorney Michael Brymer confirmed one motion for the said Resolutions to be legitimate. The Mayor made a motion to approve Resolution No. 9158, Resolution No. 9159, Resolution No. 9160, Resolution No. 9161, Resolution No. 9162, Resolution No. 9163, Resolution No. 9164, Resolution No. 9165 with their Exhibits identified with the costs incurred to be approved. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9158, Resolution No. 9159, Resolution No. 9160, Resolution No. 9161, Resolution No. 9162, Resolution No. 9163, Resolution No. 9164, Resolution No. 9165 with their Exhibits identified with the costs incurred was agreed to, and the motion was approved.

Mayor Newton stated that the next item on the agenda would be a public hearing, for consideration of declaring certain properties a public nuisance pursuant to Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant. Mayor Newton opened a public hearing for the following:

Resolution No. 9166 – A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance 917 Jackson Blvd., Birmingham, Alabama 35217.

After reading the property address, Mayor Newton repeatedly asked if there was anyone present to speak on behalf the said property. No one present spoke on the said property. Upon closing the public hearing for the property, Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9166. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9166, was agreed to, and the Resolution were approved.

Next, Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9167, A Resolution Proclaiming June 2024 National League of Cities Small Cities Month. Councilor Bryant moved to adopt Resolution No. 9167. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve and adopt Resolution 9167 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved and adopted.

There were no Presentations of Petitions and other communications.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant for June 3, 2024 and Tarrant Electric Department for June 3, 2024. Councilor Anderson moved to approve the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant for June 3, 2024, and the Tarrant Electric Department for June 3, 2024. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant for June 3, 2024 and the Tarrant Electric Department for June 3, 2024 was agreed to, and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Next, the Council moved to Public Comments.

First, Barbara Jackson and Julianne Tharp provided an Environmental presentation update from the Greater Birmingham Alliance to Stop Pollution (GASP) for the City of Tarrant Mayor and Council, and all those in attendance. Ms. Jackson provided all in attendance with an update on public permits relating to pollution that recently expired. GASP will be providing talks and community sessions in mid-July 2024 for the public. Ms. Jackson and Ms. Tharpe provided verbally their phone numbers for all interested individuals.

Second, Linda and James Lowery presented concerns on the City of Tarrant Public Works Department and their recent construction of a ditch/ravine on the front edge of their yard. Mayor Newton explained the water drainage problem in the City of Tarrant and assured the Lowery’s that he would personally stop by to view the recent construction.

Second, Billy Denton expressed concern over his business that was recently opened in the City of Tarrant. Though the City of Tarrant Business License was granted it was found that there was an error in zoning resulting in the cancellation of the Business License. Deputy Mayor Lisa Baker informed the Council on a clause at the bottom of all City of Tarrant Business License requiring compliance to proper zoning. The Council rejected Mr. Dentons appeal on the re-issuance of a City of Tarrant Business License.

Third, Charles Johnson expressed City of Tarrant, Jefferson County and City of Birmingham boundary concerns regarding installation of certain signs and lights. The Mayor relayed the concerns by stating he will provide Mr. Johnson with the County Commissioners contact information.

There being no further comments Mayor Newton entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilor Anderson moved to make motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. A verbal vote was conducting with all in favor. Meeting ended at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Laverne Knight

City Clerk June 17, 2024

City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 17th day of June, 2024.

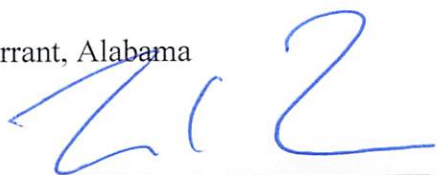


ATTEST:



Dr. Laverne Knight

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: 

WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR