

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2024
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday June 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Mayor Wayman A. Newton called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

Before section V., Approval of Minutes, Mayor Newton officially presented the Resolution No. 9140, A Resolution Approving and Naming the Storm Shelter Being Constructed on Faye Drive Within the City of Tarrant the Loxil Tuck Storm Shelter. The official Resolution No. 9140 was presented to the immediate Loxil Tuck family who were in attendance.

The minutes from the June 3, 2024 regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. After review, Councilor Threadford moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the minutes were adopted, and the minutes for June 3, 2024, council meeting were approved.

The Mayor informed those in attendance of the city wide cleanup day scheduled for June 22, 2024 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon is moved to June 29, 2024 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon due to mail out timings. Locations of the dumpsters will be on the flyers/mailouts. There will also an upcoming event especially for kids on July, 13, 2024 at Ford Avenue. More information will be provided.

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. There was no seconder. Motion to adopt did not receive a second.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Ordinance 1162, First Reading.

Next the City Council moved on to New Business.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9168, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the City of Tarrant to Provide a Portion of the Increased Costs to the Jefferson County Commission in Aid of the Mayor Loxcil Tuck Storm Shelter. Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9168. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9168 was agreed, and the Resolution was approved.

Next, Mayor Newton made recommendation to amend and include all City of Tarrant employees to Resolution No. 9169, A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Closure of City of Tarrant Electric Department Offices on July 5, 2024, and Authorizing a Holiday for All City of Tarrant Electric Department Employees. Mayor Newton motioned to amend Resolution No. 9169 to include the said addition. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to amend Resolution No. 9169 was agreed, and the Resolution was amended.

Mayor Newton made motion to approve Resolution No. 9169, A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Closure of all City of Tarrant Employees and City of Tarrant Electric Department Employees on July 5, 2024, and Authorizing a Holiday for all City of Tarrant Employees and City of Tarrant Electric Department Employees. Mayor Newton motioned to approve Resolution No. 9169. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9169 was agreed, and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9170, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the payment of \$2500.00 to vendor Data Works Plus, LLC. Councilor Bryant motioned to approve Resolution No. 9170. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9170 was agreed, and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Threadford introduced and read Resolution No. 9171, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the City of Tarrant Information Technology to Migrate All City of Tarrant Administration Email Accounts to Microsoft Business Applications. Councilor Threadford motioned to approved Resolution No. 9171. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9171 was agreed, and the Resolution was approved.

Next, Mayor Newton requested Resolution No. 9172 be tabled to allow the owner time to take corrective measure. Mayor Newton made the motion to table Resolution No. 9172, A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance 260 Black Creek Rd., Birmingham, Alabama 35217. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to table Resolution No. 9172 was agreed, and the Resolution was tabled.

Mayor Newton requested Resolution No. 9173 and Resolution No. 9179 be declared as resolved. Mayor Newton made motion to declare, Resolution No. 9173, A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance 1100 Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama 35217, and Resolution No. 9179 A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance 118 Sprindale Rd., Birmingham, Alabama 35217, as resolved. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to declare Resolution No. 9173 and Resolution No. 9174 was agreed as resolved, and the Resolutions were resolved.

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 each of the following properties:

Resolution No. 9174 – A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance 300 Edna St., Birmingham, Alabama 35217.

Resolution No. 9175 – A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance 326 Fannie Ave., Birmingham, Alabama 35217.

Resolution No. 9176 – A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance 1052 Overton Ave., Birmingham, Alabama 35217.

Resolution No. 9177 – A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance 320 Pleasant Valley Dr., Birmingham, Alabama 35217.

Resolution No. 9178 – A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance 336 Pleasant Valley Dr., Birmingham, Alabama 35217.

Resolution No. 9180 – A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance 1132 Wharton Ave., Birmingham, Alabama 35217.

After reading each property address, Mayor Newton repeatedly asked if there was anyone present to speak on behalf of each property. No one present spoke on each said property. Upon closing the public hearing for each property, Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9174, Resolution No. 9175, Resolution No. 9176, Resolution No. 9177, Resolution No. 9178, and Resolution No. 9180 all as a public nuisance pursuant to City of Tarrant Ordinance No. 1017. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9174, Resolution No. 9175, Resolution No. 9176, Resolution No. 9177, and Resolution No. 9178, was agreed to, and the Resolutions were approved.

Next, the Chair entertained a motion concerning Resolution No. 9181, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving Gameday Athletic Surfaces to Resurface and Install Irrigation for the City of Tarrant on the Old Tarrant High School Football Field and Complex. There was a short discussion confirming a special meeting to be held on June 26, 2024 at 5:00 PM for Resolution No. 9181. Councilor Threadford moved to table Resolution No. 9181. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to table Resolution 9181 was agreed to, and the Resolution was tabled.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9182, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Mayor to Expend Funds for Mr. B's Magic Show. Mayor Newton moved to motion Resolution No. 9182. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Nays:

None

Abstain:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Not voting:

Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

The yeas being four (4), the nays being zero (0), and one (1) abstain, with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution 9182 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

The Council moved on to Presentations of Petitions and Other Communications. A street light shortage was brought to attention on Green Street.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant for June 17, 2024 and Tarrant Electric Department for June 17, 2024. Councilor Threadford moved to approve the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant for June 17, 2024, and the Tarrant Electric Department for June 17, 2024. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with two (2) members not voting, the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant for June 17, 2024 and the Tarrant Electric Department for June 17, 2024 was agreed to, and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Next, the Council moved to Public Comments.

First, the Tarrant Tattler asked if other City of Tarrant Departments will be included in codifying as similar to the current Police Department Ordinance. Councilor Anderson confirmed the understanding of the question and affirmed the uncertainty of the update to include other City of Tarrant Departments. The Tarrant Tattler asked other questions including the effects of current administrations decisions to future administrations and the current cost of attorneys fees. The Tarrant Tattler summarized some Diversity Equity and Inclusion current occurrences in the City of Tarrant, more specifically in the social media areas.

There being no further comments Mayor Newton entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilor Threadford 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 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk July 1, 2024

City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 1st day of July, 2024.



ATTEST:


Dr. Laverne Knight

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED:


WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR