

CITY OF TARRANT  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 15, 2024  
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday July 15, 2024, at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Mayor Wayman A. Newton called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM immediately following the council work session that began at 6:00PM to discuss items on the agenda and other matters.

Pastor Daniel Everson, a new City of Tarrant resident, lead those in attendance in the invocation. City of Tarrant Fire Chief Patrick Bennett 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.

The minutes from the July 1, 2024 regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. After review, Councilor Freeman requested more detail needed to be added for City of Tarrant Resident Chuck Winborn public comments. 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 Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:

Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

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

The Mayor thanked everyone who took the time to come out to the Popsicles and Magic Show on July 13, 2024. The Mayor acknowledged Tanilya Jackson and Dedrick Browder for the successful event and provided encouragement by reminding everyone of the goodness of getting together in the midst of negative news. The Mayor also read a Proclamation regarding Arts and Health Day in congruence with the National League of Cities. July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 was proclaimed Arts and Health Day in the City of Tarrant, and the official Proclamation was affirmed to be sent to the National League of Cities for recording purposes.

Councilor Threadford reminded all those in attendance that on August 3, 2024 there will be a Wild Cat weekend from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the City of Tarrant Rec. Center. There will be free haircuts and hairstyles for the young ladies in attendance and a DJ will be present and bounce houses. Councilor Threadford requested all to attend the back to school event for the City of Tarrant students.

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. Mayor Newton asked if there was seconder. There was no seconder. Motion to adopt did not receive a second.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read 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. Councilor Bryant motioned to approve Resolution No. 9181. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor asked if there was any unreadiness. There was no unreadiness. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Abstain:

Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being four (4), the nays being zero (0), and the abstains being one (1), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9181 was agreed, and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9184, A Resolution Approving the License Agreement By and Between the Tarrant City Board of Education and the City of Tarrant, Alabama, for use of Tarrant City Board of Education Property for the Purpose of a City Sponsored Recreational Football and Soccer League. Councilor Bryant motioned to approve Resolution No. 9184. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton asked if there's any unreadiness. There was no unreadiness. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Abstain:

Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being four (4), the nays being zero (0), and the abstains being one (1), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9184 was agreed, and the Resolution was approved.

Next the City Council moved on to New Business.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9185, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract For Residential Garbage Service with Republic Services of Birmingham. Mayor Newton motioned to approved Resolution No. 9185. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Councilor Bryant commented on ways of possible mandatory requirements for the City of Tarrant residents to acquire solid waste services with possible options included. 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. 9185 was agreed, and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Threadford requested to table Resolution No. 9186, A Resolution Authorizing the Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds by the City of Tarrant, Alabama, Received Under the Standard Allowance provision for Lost Revenue Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 35. Councilor Threadford motioned to table Resolution No. 9186. 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 Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion table Resolution No. 9186 was agreed, and the Resolution was tabled.

Councilor Threadford requested to table Resolution No. 9187 pending further information, A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of the Salary of the City Manager, Reinstatement of All Benefits Previously Provided to the City Manager, and Directing Back Pay of Any Salary and Benefits to the City Manager. Councilor Threadford moved to table Resolution No. 9187. 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 four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion table Resolution No. 9187 was agreed, and the Resolution was tabled.

Councilor Anderson introduced and read Resolution No. 9188 to be tabled, A Resolution Authorizing the Contract Renewal of CivicPlus for Services of the City of Tarrant Webpage and Municode Design, and Resolution No. 9189 to be tabled, A Resolution Authorizing the Contract Renewal of Sage Fixed Assets for the Services of the City of Tarrant Fixed Assets Software Used for its General Accounting Practices. Councilor Anderson moved to table Resolution No. 9188 and Resolutions No. 9189. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton stated unreadiness by providing information on last years invoice for Sage Fixed Assets. 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 four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion table Resolution No. 9188 and Resolution No. 9189 was agreed, and the Resolutions were tabled.

The Council moved on to Presentations of Petitions and Other Communications.

Councilor Matthews asked the Mayor for the pre-ordered stop signs. The Mayor was unsure and responded by saying he would look into it.

Councilor Threadford asked for the pre-order of speedbumps. The Mayor responded by affirming they were on back order but was uncertain as to the time frame of the back order. Councilor Threadford also expressed concern on Lithicum street right of ways and asked the Mayor to have the street department look into it.

Councilor Freeman also requested signs on Highland Avenue and speedbumps on Treadwell. Blanton and Hoffer also concerned of speed bumps. Concerns of City of Tarrant rocks on City roads, and holes. Councilor Freeman asked the Mayor to retrieve the specific addresses and locations from the street department of the City of Tarrant for the said road problems.

Councilor Anderson expressed her repeated request of a list of committees. The Mayor assured the Council that everyone will be emailed the updated list of committees.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant for July 12, 2024 and Tarrant Electric Department for July 12, 2024. There was question on the purchase of signs and the specifics. Councilor Bryant also questioned a payment and related it Resolution No. 9112. Councilor Threadford moved to approve the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant and the City of Tarrant Electric for week ending July 12, 2024. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being two (2) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant for July 12, 2024 and the Tarrant Electric Department for July 12, 2024 was agreed to, and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Next, the Council moved to Public Comments.

First, Chuck Winborn questioned the Mayor character. Mr. Winborn reminded all those in attendance of past vulgar remarks, incidents and occurrence of the Mayor towards Council members. The Mayor also reminded all those in attendance of said verbal remarks and accusations on him.

There being no further comments from the public, the Mayor and Council went into Executive session at 8:06 p.m.

After the Executive session Councilor Threadford moved to make motion to adjourn the meeting. A verbal vote was conducting with all in favor. Meeting ended at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

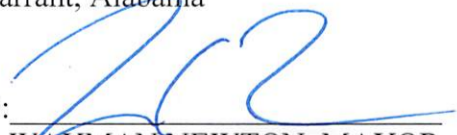
Dr. Laverne Knight  
City Clerk August 5, 2024

City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

ATTEST:  
  
  
Dr. Laverne Knight

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED:   
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR