

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2025
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday January 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

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

Ms. Ford lead those in attendance in the invocation. Tarrant Police Lieutenant Hill, 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 Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Absent:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the December 16, 2024 regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. After review, Councilor Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0), the motion to approve the minutes for December 16, 2024 council meeting were approved.

The Mayor moved on to communications by announcing the City of Tarrant is accepting the solid waste exemption applications. Criteria is for individuals over the age of 65, with sole source of income to be social security, and the deadline is January 31, 2025. The Mayor provided the City of Tarrant phone number and point of contact for those individuals interested in filling out the said application.

Councilor Freeman stated she had a few questions. Councilor Freeman asked when the Council will be provided with committee information. The Mayor replied that he would provide that for her but could not provide a date. Councilor Freeman then asked how many grants were applied for, approved and how much dollars was received. Mayor Newton stated that he did not know. Councilor Freeman asked if the City received any money back for the demolition of the houses? Mayor stated he did not know. What happened to the money that was found in Chiefs office? Mayor stated he did not know. Councilor Freeman asked the Mayor if he could find out information regarding the questions asked. The Mayor agreed he would provide the requested

information. Councilor Freeman concluded by explaining why she asked about the ARPA funds, and providing revenue ideas.

Mayor Newton added a new law effective January 1, 2025 in regards to mandatory training of a minimum of 5 hours for all elected officials, including Mayors and Councils in municipalities.

There were no committee reports.

The Mayor and Council moved on to Old Business.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9191. A Resolution Removing Chief Wendell Major from the Office of Chief of Police for the City of Tarrant. The Mayor made a motion to approve Resolution 9191 but did not ask for a second due to the interest of time and personal prediction that the Council would not second the Resolution. The Mayor asked the City Clerk to include Resolution No. 9191 at the next council meeting.

Next, Mayor Wayman Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9248. A Resolution Affirming the Termination of the Employment of Jason Rickels from the Office of Fire Chief for the City of Tarrant. Mayor Newton made a motion to approve Resolution No. 9248. There was no seconder. Mayor Newton asked the City Clerk to add the Resolution No. 9248 to the next City Council regular scheduled meeting.

The Mayor and Council moved on to New Business

Mayor Newton made a motion to suspend the rules to wave the first reading of Ordinance 1163. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1160 to Correct the Legal Description that Altered, Rearranged, and Extended the Corporate Limits of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, so as to Embrace and Include Within the Corporate Area of Said City All Territory Now Within Such Corporate Limits and Also Certain Other Territory Contiguous to the City. Mayor Newton made a motion to wave the first reading and to pass Ordinance 1163. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote. The vote stopped at Councilor Freeman who requested time to think about the Ordinance.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9249. A Resolution Approving Settlement Agreement Between the City and Aden Market, LLC for Unpaid Taxes. Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution 9249. Mayor Newton seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9249 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9250. A Resolution to Reinstate Jason Rickels to Fire Chief of the City of Tarrant Fire Department and Directing All Back Pay and Benefits Pursuant to the Personnel Board of Jefferson County Order Dated November 7, 2024. The Mayor expressed concerns of the vagueness of the Resolution. Mayor Newton suddenly had a emergency

and left at 7:31 pm. Councilor Bryant asked if there were any public comments. There were no public comments. Meeting ended at 7:31 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk February 3, 2025
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 3rd day of February, 2025.

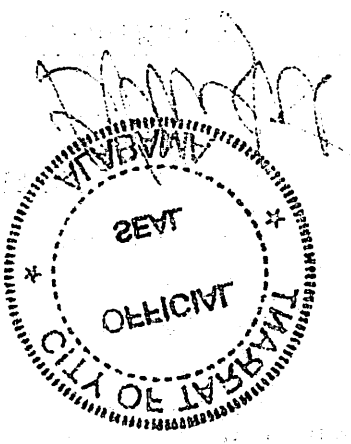
The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: _____
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST



Dr. Laverne Knight



THE CITY OF INVERNESS, ALASKA
DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT
COPY OF THE ORIGINAL

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS
ON THIS 10TH DAY OF MAY 1964

ATTEST: _____
CITY CLERK

WITNESSED BY ME, THE CITY CLERK

ON THIS 10TH DAY OF MAY 1964

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SET MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA

ORDINANCE NO. 1163

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1160 TO CORRECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION THAT ALTERED, REARRANGED, AND EXTENDED THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA, SO AS TO EMBRACE AND INCLUDE WITHIN THE CORPORATE AREA OF SAID CITY ALL TERRITORY NOW WITHIN SUCH CORPORATE LIMITS AND ALSO CERTAIN OTHER TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY.

WHEREAS, on or about January 8, 2024, property owner, Mr. Harold Finney and Ms. Mary Finney, by and through his agent, submitted a consent petition requesting the City of Tarrant, Alabama, ("City") annex into its corporate limits certain real property located at 2660 Pinson Valley Parkway, Tarrant, Alabama 35217; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 5, 2024, the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, ("City Council") adopted Ordinance No. 1160 which annexed the property owned by Mr. Harold Finney into the corporate limits of the City which said Ordinance and petition were subsequently recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama, as Instrument No. 2024099788 on or about October 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the property owner's agent discovered an error in the submitted legal description in that the property to be annexed did not include all of the property needed to be annexed for the proposed development; and

WHEREAS, before the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama ("City Council") is an amended application and petition signed by all the owners of all the land within the territory therein described and proposed to be annexed into the City, together with a map of said territory showing its relation to the corporate limits of the City of Tarrant, Alabama ("City") having been filed; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the petition and application and its contents, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City to amend Ordinance No. 1160 in order to correct the legal description of the property to be annexed by approving the amended petition and application and assent to the annexation of the territory identified in the amended petition and application and include it within the corporate limits of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, while in regular session on Monday February 3, 2025, at 7:00PM, a quorum duly assembled, as follows:

Section 1. The above-stated preamble is hereby ratified and adopted as if fully set out herein.

Section 2. The City Council, having reviewed the petition and application of all the landowner(s), which is attached as Exhibit "A" to this ordinance and incorporated as if fully set out herein, hereby amends Ordinance No. 1160 to strike the legal description contained in Exhibit "B" and insert the corrected legal description in the Exhibit "B" to this Ordinance.

Section 3. The City Council of the City hereby assent to the annexation of said territory into the City of Tarrant, Alabama, the corporate limits of the City to be extended and rearranged pursuant to the provisions of chapter 42, section 2 of Title 11 of the Code of Alabama (1975) so as to embrace and include said territory in addition to the territory already within its present corporate limits, within the corporate area of said City, which said territory is not within the corporate limits or police jurisdiction of another municipality, and/or the new boundary line does not lie at any point more than half the distance between the old city boundary and the corporate boundary of any municipality. Said territory is further described in the legal description contained on Exhibit "B" to this ordinance which is incorporated herein.

Section 4. A certified copy of this ordinance containing the legal description of said annexed territory shall be filed with the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama, and also cause a copy of this ordinance to be published or posted in accordance with Chapter 42 of Title 11 of the Code of Alabama and provide additional copies of this ordinance to the various state and county departments as may be required or requested.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, and its publication as required by law.

Adopted and approved this the 3rd day of February, 2025 .



Attest:

Laverne Knight, Ph.D., City Clerk

Wayman A. Newton, Mayor