

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE & PRAYER**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**
- 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 7. FY 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET – City of Tarrant**
- 8. FY2020 AUDIT – City of Tarrant**
- 9. OLD BUSINESS**
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Resolution no. 8962 – Authorizing Reprogramming of Locks on City Hall and all Buildings Maintained by the City of Tarrant.**
 - B. Resolution no. 8963 – Resolution Preapproving of and Authorizing Travel for Councilwoman Veronica Freeman and Councilman John T. “Tommy” Bryant to Attend the National League of Cities City Summit.**
 - C. Ordinance 1152 – An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance Number 1052 and Discontinue the Services of the Mayor as Superintendent of the City Electric Department. An Ordinance of the City of Tarrant, Alabama Providing that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tarrant be Altered.**
- 11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 12. VOUCHERS & EXPENSES**
- 11. ADJOURN**

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2022
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 7:00PM at City Hall.

Mayor Wayman A. Newton called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Chief Wendell Major lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Patrick Bennett gave the invocation.

Councilor Anderson moved to appoint Michael Brymer, the city attorney who was present, as the acting city clerk for the meeting. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All present voted in favor. The motion was agreed to.

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

- Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman
- Councilmember Traci B. Threadford
- Councilmember Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
- Councilmember Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
- Councilmember John "Tommy" Bryant
- Mayor Wayman A. Newton

No minutes were submitted to approve.

The following items were communicated from the Mayor's office to those in attendance:

The Mayor yielded his time to Police Chief Major who let the audience know of the Tarrant Police Foundation Car Show that was scheduled to raise money for the Tarrant Police Foundation. The date of the show is Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 11:00AM – 5:00PM at the old city hall building on Pinson Valley Parkway. Several vendors had agreed to participate in the event, all of whom had purchased a Tarrant business license. In addition, several corporate partners had agreed to sponsorships. There would be dunking booth along with other activities. All were invited and encouraged to attend.

The Mayor resumed communications and reminded everyone about the upcoming Halloween Festival scheduled for Sunday, October 30, 2022, from 2:00PM – 5:00PM along Ford Avenue.

The Mayor requested volunteers to work the various activities that would be occurring during the event.

The Mayor continued his communications and advised that the Battle Axe Food Truck would be at Kesslers on Thursday, October 7. This was a local food truck and all were encouraged to visit.

The Mayor next yielded his time to Fire Chief Patrick Benett. Chief Bennett informed the council that the city received a \$42,000 grant allowing the fire department to purchase two (2) Stryker automated CPR devices. The devices would be immediately put into service. Chief Bennett had one of the devices present and advised he would perform a demonstration of how the device operated following the council meeting for anyone interested. Chief Bennett and the Mayor expressed gratitude to Deputy Mayor Lisa Baker, Jefferson County Commissioner Joe Knight, and Chief Josephe McKenzie.

This ended the communications from the Mayor's office.

Next, the Mayor called for communications from the council.

Councilor Matthews thanked the Tarrant Fire Department for its preparing and cooking the steak dinner for the Tarrant High School football team for its homecoming game. Councilor Matthews

also thanked the street department for assisting in set up and clean up of the event. The Mayor and Council joined in their gratitude to both the fire department and street department as well as to Councilors Anderson and Matthews for their coordinating and pushing the event. Councilor Matthews also advised that several students at the high school had expressed interest in shadowing in the fire department as a possible future employment opportunity.

This ended the communications from the city council.

The council then considered the Joint Facilities Use Agreement with the Tarrant Board of Education. Councilor Matthews moved to table further action on the agreement pending the October 25, 2022, joint specially called meeting with the Tarrant City Board of Education. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote:

Yeas:

- Councilmember Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
 - Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman
 - Mayor Wayman A. Newton
 - Councilmember Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
 - Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford
 - Councilmember John T. "Tommy" Bryant
- The motion was agreed to and the matter was tabled.

Councilmember Anderson introduced Resolution 8957, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreement Between The City of Tarrant and Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC for the Renewal of Occupational Tax Revenue Administration Services for one year. After it was read, Councilmember Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

- Councilmember Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
- Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman
- Mayor Wayman A. Newton
- Councilmember Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
- Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford
- Councilmember John T. "Tommy" Bryant

The resolution was agreed to and passed.

Councilmember Anderson introduced Resolution 8958, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreement Between the City of Tarrant and Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC for the Renewal of Business License Administration Services for one year. After being read, Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

- Councilmember Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
- Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman
- Mayor Wayman A. Newton
- Councilmember Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
- Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford
- Councilmember John T. "Tommy" Bryant

The resolution was agreed to and passed.

Councilor Bryant next introduced Resolution 8959, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Inmate Housing Agreement Between the City of Tarrant and Mark Pettway, In His Official Capacity as Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama. After being read, Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilmember Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman
Mayor Wayman A. Newton
Councilmember Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford
Councilmember John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Then, Councilor Threadford moved to introduce Resolution 8960, A Resolution Authorizing the Reinstatement of the City of Tarrant Chamber of Commerce. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion.

Next, Councilor Threadford moved to amend section 1 of the ordinance to state "Section 1. That the City of Tarrant City Council is hereby authorized to take whatever action may be needed to aid in the reinstatement of the City of Tarrant Chamber of Commerce." Section 2 would be deleted. Councilor Bryant seconded. After discussion on the matter, Mayor Newton called for a vote on Councilor Threadford's motion to amend Resolution 8960.

Yeas:

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

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The Council then considered Resolution 8960 as amended. After being read as amended and additional discussion, Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Then, Councilor Threadford moved to introduce Resolution 8961, A Resolution Appointing the Honorable Crystal Smitherman as Public Defender for the City of Tarrant Municipal Court. After being read, Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. After discussion, Councilor Threadford moved to withdraw Resolution 8961. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote on the motion to withdraw Resolution 8961.

Yeas:

Councilmember Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman
Mayor Wayman A. Newton
Councilmember Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford

Not voting:

Councilmember John T. "Tommy" Bryant

The matter was withdrawn pending a future work session and requests for qualifications from both the Honorable Crystal Smither, Esq. and the Legal Aid Society.

Next, a motion to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1151 was made by Councilor Anderson. Mayor Newton seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote on the motion to suspend the rules allowing for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1151.

Yeas:

Councilmember Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman
Mayor Wayman A. Newton
Councilmember Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford
Councilmember John T. "Tommy" Bryant

The rules were suspended, and Councilor Matthews moved to introduce Ordinance 1151, An Ordinance Amending City of Tarrant Municipal Code § 5.3 License Term: Minimums To Reflect Increase in Business License Issuance Fee from \$12.00 to \$14.00. After being read by Councilor Matthews, Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilmember Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman
Mayor Wayman A. Newton
Councilmember Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford
Councilmember John T. "Tommy" Bryant

The Council then resumed proceeding with the remainder of the agenda items.

Members of the public who had signed in to speak prior to the meeting were invited to come and address the council.

Ms. Kimberly Myers of Pine Hill Road in Tarrant addressed the council regarding an issue with items being left in her yard by the electric department employee who had to replace a power pole following the pole being damaged as a result of a car running into the pole. The wreck occurring during a law enforcement initiated pursuit of the vehicle. Chief Major interjected and discussed the incident with Ms. Myers and the council. Mayor Newton stated he would advise the electric department of Ms. Myers concerns and address with the department if necessary.

Rev. Gwyn Webb spoke to thank the Mayor for attending the prayer breakfast in the Englenook neighborhood. Rev. Webb said invitations to all elected officials will be sent out the next time a prayer breakfast is scheduled. She also advised that she had an aunt who lives in Tarrant. The aunt went to pay her power bill with her debit card and was charged a processing fee of \$11.50 on top of the amount owed. Rev. Webb stated that was incredibly high and burdensome for those on fixed income. She requested the council look to see if there is a way to lower the processing fee.

That concluded comments from the public.

Next, Councilor Threadford moved to approve the vouchers and expenses as presented. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. After discussion on several items related to the vouchers and expenses, Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Mayor Wayman Newton
Councilmember Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilmember Debora "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

Councilmember Veronic Bandy Freeman
Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford
Councilmember John T. "Tommy" Bryant

The motion to approve was not agreed to and the vouchers and expenses were not approved.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, Councilor Threadford moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all present being in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Brymer
Acting City Clerk for Oct. 3, 2022, City Council Meeting

READ AND APPROVED this the ___ day of October, 2022.

No Quorum 10.17.22

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Acting City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-8962

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to secure City Hall and all other buildings owned, leased, or maintained by the City by reprogramming all computer or electronic readers which serve as locks to the doors of such buildings in order to restrict such egress and ingress to only those persons authorized by a Resolution adopted by the City Council. The Resolution authorizing persons to access these buildings will include the name of each person, the building(s) to which he or she will have access and the hours such access is permissible; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. By adoption of this Resolution the City Council does hereby approve and require the reprogramming of all computer or electronic readers which serve as locks for doors that allow ingress and egress at City Hall and other buildings owned, leased, or maintained by the City to only such persons authorized by any subsequent Resolutions adopted by the City Council; and
2. That the Mayor and each Department Head will provide the members of Council with his or her request on behalf of himself or herself and each employee within their department for the ability to gain ingress and egress to and from the buildings described in this Resolution with their name, the names of their employees, and the hours during which such ingress and egress that is requested will be permissible. This information must be provided to the Council members within seven (7) calendar days of the adoption of this Resolution for such requests to be considered; and
3. That We R Smart, LLC, 4108 Richard Arrington Jr., Blvd., N, Birmingham, Alabama 35212 be and is hereby retained to provide the services required to implement the foregoing Resolution; and
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council or as otherwise becoming law.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of October, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 8963

A RESOLUTION PREAPPROVING OF AND AUTHORIZING TRAVEL FOR COUNCILWOMAN VERONICA FREEMAN AND COUNCILMAN JOHN T. "TOMMY" BRYANT TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CITY SUMMIT.

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities ("NLC") is an organization comprised of city, town, and village leaders that are focused on improving the quality of life for their current and future constituents formed over ninety (90) years ago with more than 2,000 cities across the nation as members; and

WHEREAS, the NLC is hosting its annual City Summit November 15 through November 20, 2022, in Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it in the best interests of the City that Councilwoman Veronica Freeman and Councilman John T. "Tommy" Bryant attend the City Summit and that the City authorizes the payment to Councilwoman Freeman and Councilman John T. "Tommy" Bryant in advance the cost of each registration fee of \$780.00 per person for the City Summit in the total amount of \$1,560.00; lodging at Loews Hotel at the rate of \$239.00 per night per room from November 15, 2022, through November 20, 2022, for two single occupancy rooms; per diem food allowance for six (6) days for each Councilmember; the cost of airfare not to exceed \$600.00 per roundtrip ticket from Birmingham, Alabama, to Kansas City, Missouri (for clarity, the cost of both round trip tickets together shall be \$1,200.00); and any other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the City Summit which shall be submitted upon return for reimbursement in accordance with Article VII, Division 5, Section 2-221 of the municipal code of the City..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, at a regular meeting, duly assembled, a quorum being present as follows:

Section 1. That Councilwoman Veronica Freeman and Councilman John T. "Tommy" Bryant be and are hereby authorized to attend the NLC's City Summit on behalf of the City, and that the City Council authorizes the payment to Councilwoman Freeman and Councilman John T. "Tommy" Bryant in advance the cost of each registration fee (\$780.00) for the City Summit in the amount of \$1,560.00; lodging at Loew's Hotel at the rate of \$239.00 per night per room from November 15, 2022, through November 20, 2022, for two single occupancy rooms; per diem food allowance for six (6) days for each Councilmember; the cost of airfare not to exceed \$600.00 per roundtrip ticket from Birmingham, Alabama, to Kansas City, Missouri (for clarity, the cost of both round trip tickets together shall be \$1,200.00); and any other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the City Summit which shall be submitted upon return for reimbursement in accordance with Article VII, Division 5, Section 2-221 of the municipal code of the City.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council or as otherwise becoming law with the items listed for prepayment (registration fee, airfare, hotel accommodations, and meal expenses) being made available within seven (7) calendar days of the approval and effective date set forth below.

ADOPTED this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

THE CITY OF TARRANT , ALABAMA

By: _____
Its:

ATTEST:

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

STATE OF ALABAMA)

JEFFERSON COUNTY)

I, _____, Acting City Clerk of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly and legally adopted by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, on the ____ day of _____, 2022, while in regular session on Monday, _____, 2022, and the same appears of record in the minute book of said date of said City.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

_____, Acting City Clerk

No Quorum 10.17.22

_____ introduced the following Ordinance in writing which was read at the meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 1152

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBER 1082 AND DISCONTINUE THE SERVICES OF THE MAYOR AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CITY ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TARRANT BE ALTERED

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TARRANT in the State of Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. As permitted in Section 3 of Ordinance number 1082 of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, the services of the Mayor, acting as superintendent of the Tarrant Electric Department be and are hereby discontinued.

Section 2. As the services of the Mayor acting as superintendent of the Tarrant Electric Department as terminated, all compensation authorized to be paid to the Superintendent of the City Electric Department shall lapse effective with the adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Because the services of the Mayor acting as superintendent of the Tarrant Electric Department are terminated upon the effective date of this ordinance stated in Section 5 below, Ordinance number 1082 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 4. That Tracie B. Threadford be and is hereby appointed as the Interim Superintendent of the City Electric Department without compensation.

Section 5. This Ordinance is to become immediately effective upon its adoption by the City Council and publication as required by law.

Section 6. The sections, paragraph, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such ruling shall not affect any other paragraphs, sections, or sentences, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

Section 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the ____ day of October, 2022

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____
_____, Acting City Clerk

_____ moved that the foregoing Ordinance be adopted, which motion was seconded by _____, and, upon the same being put to vote, the following vote was recorded:

<u>Councilor:</u>	<u>YEA:</u>	<u>NAY:</u>
Wayman Newton	_____	_____
Tracie Threadford	_____	_____
Cathy Anderson	_____	_____
John "Tommie" Bryant	_____	_____
Veronica Freeman	_____	_____
Deborah Matthews	_____	_____

The _____ thereupon announce that the motion for adoption of said Ordinance had been carried.

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Quorum 10.17.22

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

**STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)**

I, _____, as Acting City Clerk of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly and legally adopted by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama on the ____ day of _____, 2022, while in regular session on Monday, _____, 2022, and the same appears of record in the minute book of said date of said City and published by posting copies thereof on _____, 2022, at the following public places, which copies remained posted for five (5) days as required by law:

Tarrant City Hall;
Tarrant Recreation Center; and
Tarrant Public Library.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the ____ day of _____, 2022

_____, Acting City Clerk

No Quorum 10.17.22

Ranges:	From:	To:	From:	To:
Checkbook ID	ELO2	ELO2	Number	First
Description	PEOPLES BANK OF ALABAMA	PEOPLES BANK OF ALABAMA	Date	10/06/2022
User-Defined 1			Type	First
				Last

Sorted By: Date
 Include Trx: Reconciled, Unreconciled, Voided

* Voided transaction ^ Cleared amount is different than posted amount

Checkbook ID	Description	User-Defined 1	Current Balance
Number	Date	Type Paid To/Rcvd From	Reconciled Origin
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41650	10/6/2022	CHK SHUKRI MUHWAKKIL No	PMCHK00000914 \$1,080.00
41651	10/6/2022	CHK VANGUARD ALLIANCE No	PMCHK00000914 \$1,730.00
41652	10/6/2022	CHK AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE No	PMCHK00000914 \$96.94
41653	10/6/2022	CHK ANSWERTEL No	PMCHK00000914 \$500.00
41654	10/6/2022	CHK ATKINS & GOOLSBY, INC No	PMCHK00000914 \$1,195.00
41655	10/6/2022	CHK RENT ONE LLC No	PMCHK00000914 \$203.49
41656	10/6/2022	CHK CAPE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY LLC No	PMCHK00000914 \$10,408.70
41657	10/6/2022	CHK COOPERATIVE RESPONSE CENTER No	PMCHK00000914 \$2,744.14
41658	10/6/2022	CHK EXECELERON SOFTWARE LLC No	PMCHK00000914 \$2,010.41
41659	10/6/2022	CHK FLATS AT COLEBRIDGE No	PMCHK00000914 \$337.69
41660	10/6/2022	CHK TARIFI LLC DBA CELLULAR EXPR No	PMCHK00000914 \$306.33
41661	10/6/2022	CHK CARR MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC No	PMCHK00000914 \$437.52
41662	10/6/2022	CHK ELITE CONCEPTS LLC No	PMCHK00000914 \$249.70
41663	10/6/2022	CHK LA MAY ANDERSON POWELL Yes	PMCHK00000914 \$528.55
41664	10/6/2022	CHK DAVID FIKES No	PMCHK00000914 \$358.13
41665	10/6/2022	CHK DAVID TAYLOR HENSON No	PMCHK00000914 \$131.84
41666	10/6/2022	CHK THA No	PMCHK00000914 \$334.50

17 Transaction(s)

17 Total Transaction(s)

Totals \$22,652.94

Quorum 10.17.22