

CITY OF TARRANT

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 17th, 2021 AT 7PM

CITY HALL

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer & Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of minutes from the following:
 - a. May 3rd, 2021 Meeting
5. Communications from the Mayor
 - a. Pre-council
 - i. Absolute Strategies LLC.
 - ii. Mt. Zion Community Development Corporation
 - b. Proclamation for Ms. Johnson
 - c. Recognition and scholarship presentation to Tarrant High Valedictorian and Salutatorian
 - d. Tarrant City Tide
6. Committee Reports
7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - a. Grass and Weeds Public Hearing
 - b. Resolution #8791 – G&W
 - c. Resolution #8792 – Surplus TPD Property
 - d. Resolution #8793 – RAD Communications
 - e. Resolution #8794 – Board of Education Appointment
9. Other Business
10. Public Comment
11. Vouchers and Expenses
12. Adjourn

The next scheduled council meeting will be June 7th, 2021.

**City of Tarrant
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 17th, 2021
Tarrant City Hall**

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met for regular work session on Monday, May 17th, 2021 at 7:00pm at City Hall. Mayor Newton called the meeting to order. Bishop John Retman Sr. gave the invocation and Building Inspector Donald Ferris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Threadford made a motion to appoint Kim Stone as acting clerk with a second from Freeman. There was no discussion. All present voted yes. Motion passed.

The following officials were present during roll call:

Wayman A. Newton	Mayor
Veronica Bandy Freeman	Council Member
Tracie B. Threadford	Council Member
Catherine “Cathy” Anderson	Council Member
Deborah “Debbie” Matthews	Council Member
John T. “Tommy” Bryant	Council Member

First the council considered the minutes from the May 3rd, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Council member Bryant made a motion to table the minutes until the next meeting with a second from Anderson. Council member Bryant stated that his issue with the minutes was with the public comment, not words. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote

Yeas:

Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews
Council member Bryant

Nays:

Mayor Newton

Motion passed.

The Mayor then asked council members Threadford and Freeman to give some comments on their trip to the Alabama League of Municipalities annual convention. Mayor Newton then read and gave out a proclamation to the Maxine Johnson family. Mayor Newton then recognized and awarded \$1000 scholarships to the Tarrant High Valedictorian and Salutatorian Yarecli Luna Padilla and Alex Arroyo, respectively. He also spoke to the council about an internship opportunity the city would be offering to Tarrant High School students over the Summer.

There were no committee reports.

There was no old business.

Mayor Newton then opened the grass and weeds public hearing. The owner of 2124 East Lake Boulevard told the council that his address was not called out but it had been recently cut. Mayor Newton then closed the grass and weeds public hearing.

The council then considered Resolution #8791 – Grass and Weeds. Council member Anderson made a motion approve the resolution with a second from Freeman. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews

Council member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:
None

Motion passed.

Next the council considered Resolution #8792 – Surplus TPD Property. Council member Threadford made a motion to approve with a second from Bryant. There was no discussion. Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:
Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews
Council member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:
None
Motion passed.

Council member Threadford made a motion to approve Resolution #8793 – Contract with RAD Communications. Council member Anderson gave a second. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:
Council member Threadford
Mayor Newton

Nays:
Council member Freeman
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews
Council member Bryant

Motion failed.

Next, the council considered Resolution #8794 – Board of Education Appointment. Bruce Grant, the member up for reappointment, spoke to the council about why he should be reappointed. The council and the Board of Education members present agreed to have a joint work session on June 10th, 2021 at 6pm at the Tarrant High School gymnasium. Mayor Newton asked for nominations for the Board of Education. Council member Threadford nominated Bruce Grant and council member Freeman nominated Crystal Abernathy. Council member Freeman made a motion to table Resolution #8794 and Threadford gave a second. Mayor Newton called for a roll-call vote.

Yeas:
Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Mayor Newton

Nays:
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews
Council member Bryant

Motion failed.

Council member Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution #8794 reappointing Bruce Grant at Board of Education member with a second from Anderson. Mayor Newton called for a roll-call vote.

Yeas:

Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews
Council member Bryant

Nays:

Council member Freeman
Mayor Newton

Pass:

Council member Threadford

Council member Bryant declared the motion passed but Attorney Rubio spoke to the council about whether or not council member Threadford could pass on her vote and vote later. Rubio stated that he would research the matter to find a solution on whether Resolution #8794 passed or failed

Mayor Newton asked for other business. Council member Bryant then asked the mayor on who's authority did he have to retain Absolute Strategies to aid in the hiring process of a police chief. The mayor then stated that he would pay Absolute Strategies out of his own pocket if the council had an issue with their hiring. Much discussion ensued.

Council member Bryant then made a motion to adjourn. Motion died for lack of second.

Council member Threadford then made a motion to approve payments of payroll and expense vouchers by the City and Electrical Department with a second from Freeman. Threadford then asked about a payment made to 2 police officers. Matthews then asked the mayor about the drive thru window at the electric department. More discussion ensued. Council member Anderson made a motion to adjourn with a second from Bryant. Council member Freeman spoke about the divisions in the council. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council member Freeman
Council member Threadford
Council member Anderson
Council member Matthews
Council member Bryant

Nays:

Mayor Newton

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 21ST DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

APPROVED: _____



Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST: _____



Kim Stone, Acting City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION NO. 8791

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TARRANT PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 1017 OF THE CITY OF TARRANT DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTIES A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

WHEREAS, an abundance of weeds and overgrown vegetation provide favorable conditions for the harboring of mosquitoes and other insects of like kind, and do otherwise have a negative impact on the health and safety of the citizens of Tarrant;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant was designed to deter and provide for the abatement of weeds and overgrown vegetation;

WHEREAS, on May 17th, 2021 a public hearing was held before the City Council of Tarrant, Alabama, to determine whether certain properties constituted a public nuisance by reason of overgrown grass, weeds, and/or other voluntary or spontaneous growth; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate notice called for in Ordinance No. 1017 was given to the person or persons in possession of, in ownership of, or in charge or control of said property, with respect to the public hearing.

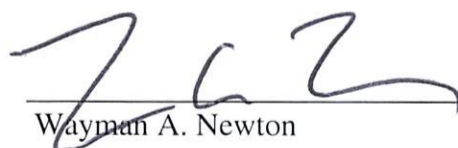
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, as follows:

1. The properties on the list attached hereto as Exhibit "A" are hereby determined to be a nuisance by reason that the abundance of overgrown grass and/or weeds within the City is injurious to the general public health, safety, and general welfare by providing breeding grounds and shelter for rats, mice, snakes, mosquitoes, and other vermin, insects, and pests; that the height and dryness of said overgrown grass and weeds constitutes a serious fire threat or hazard; that said overgrown grass and weeds produces allergens that cause irritation to the throat, lungs, and eyes of the public; that said overgrown grass and weeds hides debris that could inflict injury on persons going upon the property; and/or that said overgrown grass and weeds are unsightly and in excess of twelve (12) inches in height.

2. Said nuisance shall be abated as provided for in Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant, Alabama.

3. Those individuals abating the nuisance described herein shall render an itemized report in writing to the City Council showing the cost of removing the nuisance. Before the report is submitted to the City Council, a copy of the report shall be posted for at least five days prior thereto on or near the chamber door of the City Council, together with a notice of the time when the report shall be submitted to the City Council for confirmation.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 17TH OF MAY, 2021.



Wayman A. Newton

ATTEST:



Kim Stone, Acting City Clerk

Notice of Public Hearing

The Following addresses have been determined to be out of compliance with the Grass and Weeds Ordinance. A public hearing will be held on **May 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**, before the Tarrant City Council. The City Council shall hear and consider all evidence, objections, and protest regarding the proposed removal of grass , weeds, and/or the abatement of nuisances for the following properties:

Street #	Street Name	City	State	Zip Code	Parcel ID #
1044	Birmingham St.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-08-1-019-077.000
1048	Birmingham St.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-08-1-019-078.000
1209	East Lake Blvd	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-3-012-007.000
1452	East Lake Blvd	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-4-018-022.000
1528	East Lake Blvd	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-4-019-025.000
1532	East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-4-019-026.000
1538	<i>cut</i> East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-4-019-028.000
1548	East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-4-019-029.000
1604	<i>cut</i> East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-4-019-030.000
1608	East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-4-019-031.000
1636	East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-4-019-035.000
1638	<i>cut</i> East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-4-019-035.001
1708	East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-4-020-010.000
2005	<i>cut</i> East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-019-011.000
2009	<i>cut</i> East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-019-010.000
2013	East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-019-009.000
2019	East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-019-008.000
2025	East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-019-007.000
2041	<i>cut</i> East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-019-003.000
2045	<i>cut</i> East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-019-002.000
2112	East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-011-005.000
2119	<i>cut</i> East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-021-015.000
2123	East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-021-013.001
2124	<i>cut</i> East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-011-007.000
2139	<i>cut</i> East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-021-010.000
2143	<i>cut</i> East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-021-009.000
2147	<i>cut</i> East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-021-008.000
2155	East Lake Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-021-007.000
1133	<i>cut</i> Elizabeth Ave.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-4-015-001.000
1221	Elizabeth Ave.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-4-014-002.000
1205	<i>cut</i> Ford Avenue	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-4-016-006.000
800	Fulton Ave.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-07-1-014-009.000
824	Fulton Ave.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-07-1-014-015.000
901	<i>cut</i> Fulton Ave.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-07-1-004-002.000
1610	Graves St.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-013-013.000
1616	<i>cut</i> Graves St.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-013-014.000
1617	<i>cut</i> Graves St.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-012-011.000
1618	<i>cut</i> Graves St.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-013-015.000
1717	Highland St.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-010-013.000
1721	Highland St.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-010-012.000
2127	Hill Drive	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-011-002.000
2148	Hill Drive	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-4-015-007.000
2153	<i>cut</i> Hill Drive	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-4-016-002.000
1715	Jackson Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-4-014-007.000
700	Jefferson Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-07-1-016-011.000
704	Jefferson Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-07-1-016-012.000
708	Jefferson Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-07-1-016-013.000
728	<i>cut</i> Jefferson Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-07-1-016-017.000
830	<i>cut</i> Jefferson Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-08-2-017-013.000
830	<i>cut</i> Jefferson Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-08-2-017-013.002
830	<i>cut</i> Jefferson Blvd.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-08-2-017-013.003
1715	Leghorn St.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-010-007.000
1265	Portland St.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-05-3-023-004.000
1500	<i>cut</i> St. Joseph Street	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-019-016.000
1501	<i>cut</i> St. Joseph Street	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-020-007.000
1512	St. Joseph Street	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-019-019.000
1521	<i>cut</i> St. Joseph Street	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-020-004.000
1016	Waverly St.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-08-1-019-040.000
1603	Woodrow Dr.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-011-004.000
2025	Woodrow Dr.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-012-008.000
2033	Woodrow Dr.	Tarrant	Alabama	35217	23-00-04-3-012-006.000

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

I, Kim Stone, Acting City Clerk of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, on the 17th day of May, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 17th day of May, 2021.



Kim Stone

Kim Stone, Acting City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION NO. 8792

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DECLARE ONE POLICE DEPARTMENT ONE WASHING MACHINE AND ONE DRYER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SELL, CONVEY OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF THE SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Tarrant Police Department has requested that one (1) Kenmore washing machine and one (1) Maytag dryer be declared surplus, and

WHEREAS, this washer and dryer are no longer of value to the City of Tarrant Police Department.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama while in regular session on Monday, May 17th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. as follows:

Section 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to declare the following as surplus:

- One (1) Kenmore washer with an unknown serial number
- One (1) Maytag dryer with a serial number is M04107424

Section 2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of the same in accordance with resolutions and ordinances relating to surplus property, thus removing them from the City of Tarrant Police Department inventory.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 17th DAY OF MAY, 2021

APPROVED: Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

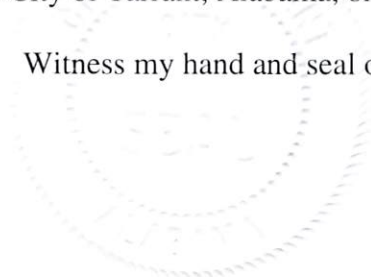
ATTEST: Kim Stone
Kim Stone, Acting City Clerk

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Kim Stone
Kim Stone, Acting City Clerk

SIGN IN SHEET
City of Tarrant
City Council Meeting

May 17th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Please sign in if you wish to address the City Council

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NO.	SUBJECT
1. Chuck W. WILBORN	1808 DAMON		
2. Michael Ihe	ENFIELD ST - District 1		
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