

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2025
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday June 2, 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.

Fire Chief Patrick Bennet lead those in attendance in the invocation. City Attorney Michael Brymer, lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Absent:

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the May 19, 2025 regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. After review Councilor Threadford made a motion to approve the minutes for May 19, 2025. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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 four (4) and the nays being zero (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the minutes for May 19, 2025 council meeting was agreed and the motion was approved.

There were no communications from the Mayors Office.

There were no Committee Reports.

The Mayor and Council moved on to Old Business.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9248 by announcing that it will be deferred to the next meeting due to the proposed investigation.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9264. A Resolution removing Chief Wendell Major from the Office of Chief of Police for the City of Tarrant. After reading the Resolution, Mayor Newton suspended the Resolution due to the interest of time and asked the City Clerk to defer it to the next regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9286. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing Janitorial Services for the Tarrant Recreation Center. Mayor Newton suggested the Resolution be tabled due to the absence of the resolutions requester, Councilor Bryant. Mayor Newton motioned to table Resolution No. 9286. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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 four (4) and the nays being (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to table Resolution No. 9286 was agreed and the Resolution was tabled.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9290. A Resolution Approving of and Requesting the City of Tarrant “City Council” to Create the Position of Security Guard/Police Officer for the City of Tarrant City Hall. Recommendation was made to table the Resolution. Mayor Newton moved to table Resolution No. 9290. Councilor Threadford seconded the Motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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 four (4) and the nays being (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to table Resolution No. 9290 was agreed and the Resolution was tabled.

The Council moved on to New Business.

Councilor Freeman introduced Ordinance 1165. City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama Ordinance No. 1165, first reading.

Councilor Freeman introduced Resolution No. 9303. A Resolution Proclaiming June 2025 National League of Cities Small Cities Month. Councilor Freeman moved to approve Resolution No. 9303. Mayor Newton seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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 four (4) and the nays being (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9303 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9304. A Resolution regarding the Alabama Department of Transportation. Mayor Newton informed all those in attendance of the new paving of roads that the Alabama Department of Transportation will be constructing through the City of Tarrant highway. Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9304. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9304 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9305. A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1017 of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance At Specified Address in the City of Tarrant. 1013 Overton Ave., 1159 Hall St., 1212 Depot St., 1220 Geneva St., 1249 Maple St., 1253 Maple St., 1258 Park Ave., 1275 Park Ave., 1428 East Lake Blvd., 1714 Linthicum St., 1761 Linthicum St., 1925 Day Ave., 1933 Day Ave., 1936 Day Ave., 2528 Valley Rd., and 605 Bell Ave. Mayor Newton opened a public hearing for each of the properties. After reading each property address, Mayor Newton asked if there was anyone present to speak on behalf of any of the said properties. No one present spoke on the properties. Upon closing the public hearing for the said properties, Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9305. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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 four (4) and the nays being (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9305 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for City of Tarrant, City Hall week ending June 2, 2025. Councilor Threadford moved to approve the vouchers for the week ending June 2, 2025. 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 Veronica Bandy Freeman

Not voting:
Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being three (3), the nays being one (1) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for week ending June 2, 2025 was agreed and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Next, the City Council moved on to Public Comments.

First, Ricky Johnson. Mr. Johnson provided several conflicting concerns regarding the Mayor and Council. After lengthy concerns Mr. Johnson recommended more effective leadership for the City of Tarrant.

Second, Mr. Charles Winborn. Mr. Winborn distributed informational documents, and provided information on individuals with previous criminal records. The use of vulgar language by a previous City of Tarrant applicant in a public social media setting was also communicated by Mr. Winborn.

Third, Ms. Winifred Dill. Ms. Dill also provided several conflicting concerns regarding the Mayor and the Council. Ms. Dill also provided recommendations regarding effective leadership for the City of Tarrant.

Fourth, Ms. Debra White. Ms. White asked the Mayor and Council to attend certain pot holes in the City of Tarrant near Hwy 79 coming in from North Birmingham.

Fifth, Mr. Jack Evans. Mr. Evans asked the Mayor and Council on the emergency process of demolition used for 1428 East Lake Blvd. Mr. Evans provided mandatory criteria needed for future emergency demolitions.

After the public comments, Councilor Threadford made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Newton seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk June 16, 2025
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 16th day of June, 2025.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

ATTEST:  Dr. Laverne Knight

APPROVED: WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR



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