

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday February 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM at City Hall.

Mayor Threadford called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM immediately following the council work session that began at 6:00PM to discuss items on the agenda and other matters.

Pastor Wright lead those in attendance in the invocation. Alternate City Attorney Daniel Wisniewski, lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilor Charles Johnson District 1
Councilor Bruce Cooper District 2
Councilor Valarie McClellan District 3
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews District 4
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant District 5
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford

Absent:
None

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

Department Heads Present included:

Public Works Director, Ms. Andrea Stallworth
Chief Building Inspector, Mr. Chris Muir
Court Chief Magistrate, Ms. Tanyila Jackson
Senior Principal Accountant, Ms. Jocylyn Cash
Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Scott Evans
TFD Interim Fire Chief, Patrick Bennett
Chief of Police, Wendell Major
Public Works Assistant Director, Mr. Dedrick Browder

Next, the Mayor moved on to the approval of the meeting agenda. Councilor McClellan moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Bryant seconded the approval of the agenda. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:
Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:
None

Not voting:
None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve agenda was agreed and the motion was approved.

The next item for review was the review of the minutes. The minutes for review included January 5, 2026 and February 2, 2026. There was no corrections to be presented. Councilor Bryant moved to approve the minutes for January 5, 2026 and February 2, 2026. Councilor McClellan seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve the minutes for January 5, 2026 and February 2, 2026 was agreed and the motion was approved.

There were communications from the Mayors Office. Mayor Threadford announced youth soccer for boys and girls ages 4yrs old and up to 12 yrs old registration began February 1st and ends April 1st, 2026. March 28th is the set date for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. And there are two more classes left for the Civic Tarrant Leadership

The Department Head Reports were held during the pre-council meeting which began at 6:00 pm.

There were reports from the Council members beginning with Councilor Cooper who informed all those in attendance of his regular walk around District 2 and suggested that cleaning needs to be initiated. Councilor Johnson suggested dumping trucks for District 1 and that neighborhood meetings will be coordinated in the near future. Councilor McClellan plans to get the park in a neat and orderly appearance with lights and has noticed several abandoned homes in District 3. Councilor McClellan would also like to begin organizing District 3 meetings. Councilor Matthews is looking forward to beginning working with the School Board, Fire Department and Police Department to be brought up to standards. Councilor Matthews also reminded the public that there are not enough Police Officers in the City of Tarrant. Councilor Bryant informed the public that there are several potholes that need to be repaired in District 1, and that there is a concern of road safety during school dismissal.

There were no items on the consent agenda.

There were no public hearings.

Next the Mayor moved on to unfinished or old business.

Councilor Bryant introduced Resolution No. 9380, A Resolution Approving of the Disposition and Conveyance of the Property Located at 2518 and 2538 Commerce Way to Montgomery Transport, LLC, MKM Leasing, LLC or Its Assigns Pursuant to A Commercial Lease Agreement Dated August 8, 2016. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9380. Councilor Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Valarie McClellan

Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:
None

Abstains:
Councilor Charles Johnson

Not voting:
None

The yeas being five (5), and the nays being zero (0), and one (1) abstain with (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9380 was agreed, and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Ordinance 1171 *2nd reading*, An Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Engine Compression Brakes Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Tarrant, Alabama *2nd Reading*. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Ordinance 1171. Councilor Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:
Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:
None

Not voting:
None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Ordinance 1171 *2nd reading* was agreed and the Ordinance was approved.

The Mayor moved on to New Business.

Councilor Cooper introduced and read Ordinance No. 1172 *1st reading*, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 1169 Requiring the Report of Officers During the City of Tarrant Regular Scheduled Council Meetings. There was question by the Mayor regarding the reports being submitted on the first meeting rather than the second meeting of the City Council regular scheduled meetings.

Next, the Mayor moved to Resolution No. 9382, A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 9378 by Adopting Resolution No. 9382 Authorizing the Removal of the City of Tarrant's Payment of Registration and Accommodations for the Mayors Assistant to the League of Municipalities 2026 Annual Convention. Mayor Threadford informed the Council and all those in attendance that the registration fee for the Mayors Assistance to attend the Convention was already paid for. Councilor Bryant moved to remove Resolution No. 9382. Mayor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:
Councilor Bruce Cooper

Abstains:

Councilor Charles Johnson

Not voting:
None

The yeas being four (4), and the nays being one (1), and one (1) abstain with (0) member not voting, the motion to remove Resolution No. 9382 was agreed, and the Resolution was removed.

Councilor Cooper introduced Resolution No. 9383, A Resolution By the City Council of the City of Tarrant ("City Council") Approving and Supporting the Official Use of Online Streaming and Recording for All City of Tarrant Council Meetings. There was discussion on the administrative and access use regarding the Tarrant Official Facebook page created on January 3, 2017. Mayor Threadford suggested the current Mayors new Tarrant Facebook page be used and that livestreaming could immediately be activated if the contractor We R Smart open the screening room for the Mayor. Councilor Cooper affirmed that the administrator access for the original official facebook page was not an issue for immediate livestreaming under We R Smart, the City of Tarrants' information technology contractor for Tarrant. Councilor McClellan attempted to paraphrase the Resolution. Councilor Johnson affirmed We R Smart and its role in information technology as it relates to the facebook page and asked alternate city attorney Mr. Daniel Wisniewski for clarification on the access and control of the facebook page. Mayor Threadford declared We R Smart was paid \$1.4 million dollars in the past 3 to 4 years. Councilor Johnson reminded the Council of all the cameras used throughout the City in the past years and the cost of installation. Mayors assistant Tracie Wright was also called to the podium. Ms. Wright re-stated Mr. Smokes conversations with her and the Mayor in past weeks to the Council. Recommendation was made to table the Resolution until the administrative and access use was clarified. Councilor McClellan moved to table Resolution No. 9383. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:
Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:
None

Not voting:
None

The yeas being six (6), and the nays being zero (0), with (0) member not voting, the motion to table Resolution No. 9383 was agreed, and the Resolution was tabled.

Councilor Cooper introduced Resolution No. 9384, A Resolution By the City Council of the City of Tarrant ("City Council") Authorizing the Formal Implementation and Administration of Article IV, Division 2, § 2-93 and § 2-94 of the City of Tarrant Ordinances, to Better Serve and to Increase Local Government Financial Transparency. Mayor Threadford stated the City Clerk is not responsible for Article IV, Division 2, § 2-93 and § 2-94 of the City of Tarrant Ordinances, and that the City Clerks job duties pertain to filing and coordinating City Council meetings. There was recommendation to table Resolution No. 9384. Councilor McClellan moved to table Resolution No. 9384. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:
Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:
None

Not voting:
None

The yeas being six (6), and the nays being zero (0), with (0) member not voting, the motion to table Resolution No. 9384 was agreed, and the Resolution was tabled.

Next, Mayor Threadford reminded the City Clerk that a Resolution sent via email was not added to the package. Mayor Threadford asked the City Clerk to write up the Resolution that was not added to the package. The City Clerk agreed.

Next, Mayor Threadford introduced Resolution No. 9385, A Resolution Reappointing Ms. Debbie Hall to the Tarrant City Board of Education. The Council reviewed the resume and application from Ms. Debbie Hall. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9385. Councilor Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:
Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant
Councilor Valarie McClellan

Nays:
None

Abstains:
Councilor “Debbie” Matthews

Not voting:
None

The yeas being five (5), and the nays being zero (0), and one (1) abstain with (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9385 was agreed, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Threadford introduced Resolution No. 9386, A Resolution Reappointing Individuals to the Tarrant Beautification Board. There was discussion on the original members with the addition of a new member. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9386. Councilor McClellan seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:
Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant
Councilor Valarie McClellan

Nays:
None

Abstains:
Councilor “Debbie” Matthews

Not voting:
None

The yeas being five (5), and the nays being zero (0), and one (1) abstain with (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 93856 was agreed, and the Resolution was approved.

Next, Mayor Threadford read the Resolution drawn up by the City Clerk during the meeting. Resolution No. 9387, A Resolution Reappointing Ms. Deborah Crayton to the Tarrant Housing Board. There was suggestion to change the term "reappointing" to "appoint" as this was a new application. Councilor Bryant motioned to amend Resolution No. 9387 by changing the term "reappointing" to "appoint." Councilor McClellan seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being six (6), and the nays being zero (0), with (0) member not voting, the motion to amend Resolution No. 9387 was agreed, and the Resolution was amended.

Mayor Threadford introduced Resolution No. 9387, A Resolution Appointing Ms. Deborah Crayton to the Tarrant Housing Board. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9387. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being six (6), and the nays being zero (0), with (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9387 was agreed, and the Resolution was approved.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for City of Tarrant, City Hall week ending February 17, 2026. After review, Councilor Bryant moved to approve the Vouchers and Expenses for week ending February 17, 2026. Councilor McClellan seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:
None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve the Vouchers and Expenses for week ending February 17, 2026 was agreed and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Next, the City Council moved on to Public Comments.

First, Mr. Clement. Mr. Clement informed the council of brushes and limbs that needed to be picked up, electrical bills that need to be lowered for the elderly which could be done via using a benevolence fund. Mr. Clement also questioned the status of a 20 year experienced electric department employee. Mr. Clement commended the council for their work and finalized his comments by informing the police department needed improvement and that hiring retired police officers might improve the TPD shortage of officers.

Second, Ms. Dill. Ms. Dill asked if a report is provided from each district, and that the question being asked was due to her personal mailbox being damaged by Tarrant Public Works Department. It was affirmed that the Public Works Director, Ms. Stalloworth did a report along with the police regarding the mailbox. Ms. Dill was given assurance that the mailbox repair would be completed in two days, at the most.

There were no other public comments.

After public comments Councilor made a motion to adjourn. Councilor McClellan seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk, March 2, 2026
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama



ATTEST

Dr. Laverne Knight

READ AND APPROVED this the 12th day of March, 2026.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: _____
TRACIE B. THREADFORD, MAYOR