

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA**

**HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met in regular session on the 6th day of July, 2020 at 7 pm at Tarrant City Hall council chambers.

Mayor Pro Tempore Laura Horton Tuck called upon City Attorney Ben Goldman to give the prayer and Police Chief Dennis Reno to recite the pledge.

The city clerk performed roll call. Upon roll call, the following officials were present:

Catherine “Cathy” Anderson	Councilor
Tanyika Fields	Councilor
Laura D. Horton	Councilor & Mayor Pro Tempore
Deborah “Debbie” Matthews	Councilor

The following officials were absent:

Loxcil B. Tuck	Mayor
John T. “Tommy” Bryant	Councilor

Horton presented minutes from the prior regular Council sessions for the entire council’s review. Whereupon, Anderson moved and Fields seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the Council unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.

During mayoral communications, Horton reported to the public that Mayor Tuck was feeling under the weather but remains hopeful that she will return to work by Thursday.

There were no committee reports.

Under old business, Matthews introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8662**

**A RESOLUTION CREATING ONE (1) ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR POSITION GRADE 24 FOR THE TARRANT ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE FILLING OF SAME THROUGH THE JEFFERSON COUNTY PERSONNEL BOARD AT THE PREVAILING RATE OF PAY**

Matthews moved and Fields seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE:	Anderson, Fields, Horton & Matthews
NAY:	NONE

Under new business, Horton opened a public hearing on grass and weeds for the following properties:

Street #	Street Name	Parcel ID #
16	2nd St. Robinwood	13-00-28-4-036-007.000
119	3rd St. Robinwood	13-00-28-4-035-002.000
1048	Birmingham St.	23-00-08-1-019-078.000
1100	Birmingham St.	23-00-08-1-004-029.000
1144	Birmingham St.	23-00-08-1-004-036.000
1183	Birmingham St.	23-00-08-1-010-006.000
2052	East Lake Blvd.	23-00-04-3-012-015.000
1012	Forest St.	23-00-08-1-019-011.000
1257	Forest St.	23-00-05-4-033-001.000

	1060	Green St.	23-00-08-1-021-025.000
	1265	Park Ave.	23-00-08-2-015-004.000
	1275	Park Ave.	23-00-08-2-015-001.000
	1321	Prosch Ave.	23-00-08-2-011-010.000
	1345	Prosch Ave.	23-00-08-2-011-004.000
rear	1616	Wharton Ave.	23-00-08-1-003-001.000
	1620	Wharton Ave.	23-00-08-1-003-002.000
	1625	Wharton Ave.	23-00-08-1-010-002.000
rear	2037	Woodrow Dr.	23-00-04-3-012-005.000

Tarrant resident and prospective mayoral candidate inquired about 1028 Green Street, which had already been stricken from the prospective citation list. Since nobody else spoke up, Horton closed the public hearing.

Whereupon, Anderson introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8665**

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

Anderson moved and Fields seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Fields, Horton & Matthews

NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Matthews introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8666**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION TO CLASTRAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021**

Matthews moved and Fields seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Fields, Horton & Matthews

NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Matthews introduced the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8667**

**A RESOLUTION ENGAGING THE SERVICES OF LAKESHORE ENVIRONMENTAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAFELY REMOVING AND DISPOSING ASBESTOS FROM 1724 MOUNTAIN DRIVE PRIOR TO DEMOLITION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 8668**

**A RESOLUTION ENGAGING THE SERVICES OF LAKESHORE ENVIRONMENTAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAFELY REMOVING AND DISPOSING ASBESTOS FROM 1436 PARK AVENUE PRIOR TO DEMOLITION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 8669**

**A RESOLUTION ENGAGING THE SERVICES OF LAKESHORE ENVIRONMENTAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAFELY REMOVING AND DISPOSING ASBESTOS FROM 1610 GRAVES STREET PRIOR TO DEMOLITION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 8670**

**A RESOLUTION ENGAGING THE SERVICES OF LAKESHORE ENVIRONMENTAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAFELY REMOVING AND DISPOSING ASBESTOS FROM 1433 ELIZABETH AVENUE PRIOR TO DEMOLITION**

Matthews moved and Fields seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Fields, Horton & Matthews

NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Anderson introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8671**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR DEMOLISHING A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTIES, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 4-115(F) OF ORDINANCE NO. 1022 OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA:**

Address	Parcel ID No.
1941 Day Ave	23-00-09-2-012-002.000
2112 East Lake Blvd.	23-00-04-3-011-005.000
326 Fannie Ave	13-00-32-4-003-017.000
1319 Fulton Ave	23-00-08-2-018-010.000
1225 Geneva Str	23-00-08-2-008-004.001
1610 Graves Str	23-00-04-3-013-013.000
2121 Lane Ave	13-00-33-4-014-006.000
3124 Magnolia Ave	13-00-33-3-009-016.000
1724 Mountain Dr	23-00-05-4-008-007.000
1358 Park Ave	23-00-08-2-011-028.000
1328 Thomason Ave.	23-00-05-3-020-008.000

**DEADLINE FOR ANY BID SUBMISSION SHALL BE NO LATER THAN 11 AM ON MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020**

Anderson moved and Fields seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Fields, Horton & Matthews

NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Fields introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8672**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM CONTRACT BETWEEN JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA BY AND THROUGH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE CITY OF TARRANT**

Fields moved and Matthews seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Fields, Horton & Matthews

NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Fields introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8673**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NOTICE OF ELECTIONS**

Fields moved and Matthews seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Horton & Matthews

NAY: Fields

Whereupon, Anderson introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8674**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTIONS MANAGER AND  
AFFIRMING STATUTORY ABSENTEE ELECTION MANAGER  
FOR THE 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Anderson moved and Fields seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Fields, Horton & Matthews

NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Anderson moved and Fields seconded the motion to add two resolutions to the agenda. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Fields, Horton & Matthews

NAY: NONE

Whereupon, Anderson introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8675**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS**

Anderson moved and Fields seconded the motion to approve the resolution. After Fields pointed out that some citizens with concerns & objection over this resolution were in attendance, Horton first said that resident Allen Bailey is the precinct chief, so those citizens interested in working the polls should talk to him. She then deferred to Goldman, who in turn deferred to the city clerk, Dan Weinrib. Weinrib began by reminding the Council and public that as city clerk, he is responsible for overseeing elections. Weinrib then explained that he reached out to the County Probate Judge's office to obtain their list of poll workers for the Tarrant City Hall precinct. He then talked with longtime precinct chief Allen Bailey, who already checked the availability of his list of poll workers, all of whom had already worked prior elections at City Hall. Weinrib then answered questions and/or concerns from a council member and various citizens, including a mayoral candidate. Matthews requested that all discussions cease until after the meeting, in essence calling for the vote. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Horton & Matthews

NAY: Fields

Whereupon, Anderson introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8676**

**AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF A FULL TIME POLICE  
OFFICER POSITIONS, SUBSIDIZED BY THE US JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT COPS HIRING PROGRAM**

Anderson moved and Fields seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Anderson, Fields, Horton & Matthews

NAY: NONE

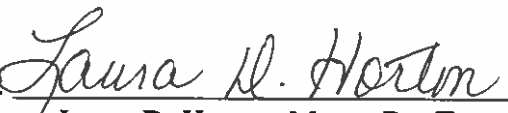
Under public comments, a Tarrant citizen asked, and Weinrib confirmed, that the only way for somebody new to become a municipal election poll worker is for a current poll worker to vacate. Mr. Newton once again spoke up objecting to Resolution No. 8675, accusing the city leadership of disregarding the people's interest. Two citizens then spoke up about their not knowing about Resolution No. 8675 until early this evening. Gabriel Mendez elaborated further that not all citizens use Facebook and that the city's website does not even list 2020 Council meetings. He offered to help us update our online presence. The City Clerk told him that the City just voted last month to contract with MuniCode to develop a website that would notify citizens of council agendas, be handicapped accessible and perhaps even be bilingual. When Newton reiterated his objection to the City's decision on poll workers, citizen Debbie Hall reminded Newton that the Probate Court puts limits on the number of poll workers based on population size. Newton conceded her point then reiterated that the City Clerk has the power to appoint poll workers and that he disagrees with the City's decision to appoint this slate of veteran poll workers.

Whereupon, Anderson moved and Fields seconded the motion to approve the City of Tarrant's as well as the Electric Department's submitted vouchers and expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business on the agenda, the Mayor Pro Tempore adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm.

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 20TH OF JULY, 2020

APPROVED:

  
Laura D. Horton, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
Dan Weinrib, City Clerk