

**City of Tarrant
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 4th, 2021
Tarrant City Hall**

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met for regular session on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Mayor Newton called the meeting to order. Reverend Webb gave the invocation, after Council Member Veronica Freeman refused sitting that she didn't want to force her religion on anyone in the City of Tarrant. Council Member John T. "Tommy" Bryant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Newton issued a Proclamation and offered condolences on behalf of the City of Tarrant, to the sister of Mrs. Pamela Ruffin Owen. She was a beloved teacher at Tarrant Intermediate School who recently passed away.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

First the council considered approval of previous minutes from September 8, 2021. Council Member Veronica Bandy Freeman made motion to correct these minutes. The motion was not properly second. No additions and corrections will be made to the minutes from September 8, 2021.

Council Member Tracie Threadford made motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on September 20, 2021. Council Member Catherine "Cathy" Anderson seconded the motion and Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote. No other discussion was had.

Yeas:

Council Member Freeman
Council Member Anderson
Council Member Matthews
Council Member Bryant
Council Member Threadford
Mayor Newton

Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Homebuyer's Workshop in partnership with Tracy Wright Barnes and Associates at Tarrant Public Library, Saturday, October 9, 2021 @ noon.

October 29th the City of Tarrant in partnership with the United Way are hosting a Health Fair at the Tarrant Recreation Center, with 16-18 healthcare professionals performing various health screenings.

October 31st the City of Tarrant is hosting Trunk or Treat on Ford Avenue from 2-6 pm.

City of Tarrant was selected to be one of thirty communities to participate in the Economic Development Academy with the Alabama League of Municipalities. The classes will help with revitalizing the city's economic development and ultimately increase revenue for the city.

The Lakeshore Foundation is partnering with the City of Tarrant to offer virtual fitness classes for the elderly. More information on this partnership is TBA.

First Missionary Baptist Church East Boyles has invited the City to its 103rd Church Anniversary on October 17, 2021.

All Gas, No Brakes Presents a free Thank You Dinner for Veterans at the American Legion Post 171 on Saturday, October 9, 2021 @ 2pm.

Council Member Freeman included that a meeting was held on September 26th at Lillie Baptist Church where they discussed various issues and concerns regarding the City of Tarrant. Topics included closing and crossing the highway off Treadwell to Huffman Hwy, removing burned houses in District 1, cleaning overgrown weeds off lots, removing abandoned vehicles, asking for financial assistance from the City of Tarrant, forming committees to focus on ways to generate revenue for the city, prepare updates on council meetings for citizens who cannot attend and re-routing dump trucks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Tommy Bryant made motion to approve Resolution #8836 – Authorizing the Mayor to Proceed with The Pine Hill Road Drainage Improvements. After discussion, Council Member made motion to Table this resolution until more information and pictures are gathered from the engineer by City Attorney Michael Brymer. The motion was seconded by Council Member Threadford. 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. Resolution # 8836 Tabled

Council Member Anderson made motion to Table Resolution # 8837 – Transferring Liquor License Hilltop Liquor 2, LLC. Owner must make application and begin initial process with the City of Tarrant. Council Member Threadord seconded the motion and motion to Table Resolution # 8837 went to 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. Resolution #8837 Tabled

Resolution # 8838 - Authorizing the Mayor to Award the TED Bulb Bid to Cape Electrical Supply, LLC was introduced by Council Member Threadford and second by Council Member Anderson. There was no further discussion.

A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council Member Threadford
Council Member Freeman
Council Member Anderson
Council Member Matthews
Council Member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion Passed.

Council Member Freeman introduced and made motion to approve Resolution #8839 – Tarrant Police Department Surplus. Motion was properly seconded by Council Member Matthews. There was no other discussion. Motion then went to a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Council Member Threadford
Council Member Freeman
Council Member Anderson
Council Member Matthews
Council Member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion Passed:

Ordinance No. 1139 – Amending Ordinance No. 1138 was introduced. Council Member Tommy Bryant, under unanimous consent, made motion to Suspend First Reading of Ordinance No. 1139. Council Member Freeman interjected and made motion to introduce a new resolution. She read a letter from the Alabama League of Municipalities, addressed to her regarding receiving her certification. Mayor Newton informed her that introducing a resolution while attempting to call vote on another resolution is out of order and that she would get her allotted time to do so. Motion was properly seconded by Council Member Threadford. A roll call vote was then called.

Yeas:

Council Member Threadford
Council Member Freeman
Council Member Anderson
Council Member Matthews
Council Member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed. First Reading of Ordinance Suspended

Ordinance No. 1139 – Amending Ordinance No. 1138 was introduced. Council Member Tommy Bryant consent, made motion to approve the Ordinance and it was properly seconded by Council Member Threadford. No other discussion was made. A roll call vote was then called.

Yeas:

Council Member Threadford
Council Member Freeman
Council Member Anderson
Council Member Matthews
Council Member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion Passed.

Resolution #8840 – Approving FY 2022 Proposed General Fund Budget was Tabled until a Special Session Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, after motion from Council Member Tommy Bryant. Motion was properly seconded by Council Member Threadford. No further discussion was had. A roll call vote was called.

Yeas:

Council Member Threadford
Council Member Freeman
Council Member Anderson
Council Member Matthews
Council Member Bryant
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion Passed. Resolution # 8840 Tabled until Wednesday October 6, 2021 during Special Session Meeting at 6pm, held in Tarrant City Hall.

Council Member Freeman attempted to introduce a new resolution relating to travel and reimbursement. Motion was not properly second. Council Members Threadford and Anderson attempted to explain that the motion was improperly made and that a motion to add the resolution to today's agenda should have been made. They asked for individual copies of the resolution and informed her that the resolution would not be added.

Motion Failed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Reverend Webb addressed the council regarding being "good stewarts" over the City and the fighting among the council. She directly asked Council Member Freeman to "stop the foolishness".

Tammie Smith expressed complaint about the streets around the viaduct, entering the City near Cedar House Restaurant. Mayor Newton informed her that we are still in talks with the City of Birmingham and Jefferson County deciding which entity is responsible for these streets.

VOUCHERS AND EXPENSES

Council Member Threadford made motion to approve Vouchers & Expenses as of October 4, 2021 with a second from Council Member Anderson. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council Member Threadford
Council Member Anderson
Council Member Matthews
Council Member Freeman
Mayor Newton

Nays:

Council Member Bryant

Motion passed.

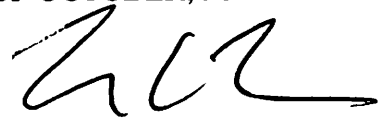
Council Member Threadford made motion to adjourn and properly seconded by Council Member Bryant. There was no discussion. Voice vote.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

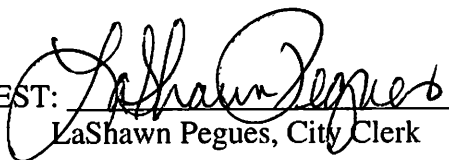
READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

APPROVED: _____



Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST: _____


LaShawn Pegues, City Clerk