

**City of Tarrant  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 18th, 2021  
Tarrant City Hall**

**The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama** met for regular session on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Mayor Newton called the meeting to order. Reverend Wright gave the invocation and Council Member Veronica Freeman 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
John T. "Tommy" Bryant	Council Member

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

First the council considered approval of previous minutes from September 8, 2021. Council Member Tracie Threadford made motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on September 8, 2021. Council Member Veronica Bandy Freeman seconded the motion and Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote. No other discussion was had.

Yeas:

Council Member Freeman  
Council Member Threadford  
Mayor Newton

Motion passed

The council then considered approval of Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2021. Council Member Tracie Threadford made motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 4, 2021. Council Member Bryant noticed a typo and made motion to make correction from Council Member Veronica Bryant to Veronica Bandy Freeman. Council Member Threadford motion to approve the minutes with correction. Motion was properly seconded and Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote. No other discussion was had.

Yeas:

Council Member Freeman  
Council Member Threadford  
Council Member Bryant  
Mayor Newton

Motion passed

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

October 31th the City of Tarrant is hosting Trunk or Treat on Ford Avenue from 2-6 pm, on Ford Avenue, featuring a Petting Zoo as well as a Virtual Roller Coaster.

October 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

Jefferson County Emergency Management Association offering assistance with flood damage. Provided the telephone number for more information.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Corporal Anthony Fields of Tarrant PD provided reminder that names are still needed for the TCC from Council Member Bryant and Mayor Newton. He also extended another invitation to tour the facilities to view changes.

Lt. Bennett of Tarrant FD greeted the council and informed them that he's Acting Chief as Lt. Shane Holiday is leaving the department. Mayor Newton informed him that this was news to him and that he's only heard rumors.

Scott Evans of Park & Rec informed the council of the upcoming Health Fair at the Center on 10-29-21 from 9am-1pm. Also introduced the city's 8U Youth Football Team who has earned a spot in the National Title Playoffs in Miami, Florida. They are seeking financial support for this trip.

David Casian, Building Inspections provided an update and complete report on issues and problems found in the City's Public Safety Building,

Charlie Williams of Public Works provided updates on work being done around the city, many of them as a result of recent storms.

Todd McGill of TED provided updates and thanked PW for assistance in completing cleanup projects for them after recent storms as well.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Threadford made motion to approve Resolution #8841 – Surplus for Tarrant Police Department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Freeman. A roll call vote was held.

Yeas:

Council Member Freeman  
Council Member Threadford  
Council Member Bryant  
Mayor Newton

Nays:

None

Motion passed

Council Member Freeman made motion to approve Resolution #8842 – Pre-approving Travel and Approving Travel Reimbursement for Council Member Veroinea Bandy Freeman. There was much discussion. Council Member Threadford first questioned why pre-approval wasn't sought immediately after Ordinance #1138 was passed on September 20, 2021, where Council Member Freeman traveled to and participated in Committee Meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Council Member Freeman expressed issues of feeling attacked and bullied at each meeting but still continues to participate. She also reiterated several times that she's still going on trips whether the city pays or not, and requested a roll call vote. After more discussion Council Member Bryant offered resolve to amend the travel authorization to pay for mileage and meals to allow Council Member Freeman to participate in a conference to receive an award. The proposed amendment to this travel authorization went to a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Council Member Freeman  
Council Member Bryant

Nays:

Council Member Threadford  
Mayor Newton

Motion Failed

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Waynette Bonham announced the City's Trunk or Treat Event on Ford Ave on 10-31-2021. Seeking volunteers to decorated trunks, donate candy or donate money. Contact her via Facebook or Tracey McCall for more info.

Allen Pilington addressed the council about restoring the ball field in District 5. Seeking volunteers and city assistance in the restoration of the park. Mayor Newton instructed him to get in touch with Charlie Williams of PW to get the city's assistance.

Rev. and Mrs. Matthews addressed the council seeking assistance with getting the city to repair the ditch behind their home. They described issues with the ditch and that a failed attempt to remedy the problem was previously made. The mayor informed them that his hands were tied on making the decision to make the requested repairs due to attendance of Council Members. \*At this point in the meeting there were only one Council Member and the Mayor present. Council Members Matthews and Anderson were not present. Council Members Bryant and Freeman walked out minutes earlier.

Cyntha Richardson addressed the council on behalf of her niece and kids at Tarrant Elementar regarding the use of the rec center while outside on recess. Mayor Newton explained that the city allowed the BOE access to the center at an agreed fee of \$10 per day. Now that the Rec Center is being used for more functions and events, they proposed a Mutual Use Agreement. This agreement allowed both parties to use each entities facilities at no charge. This agreement was refused by the BOE.

## VOUCHERS AND EXPENSES

TABLED DUE TO LACK OF QUORAM.

Meeting adjourned WITHOUT VOTE at 8:02 pm

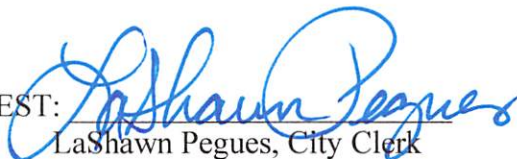
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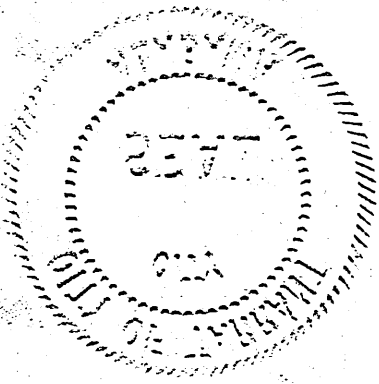
Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST:



LaShawn Pegues, City Clerk





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