

City of Tarrant
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 22nd, 2021
Tarrant City Hall

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met in a special-called meeting on Friday, October 22nd, 2021 at 6:00pm at Tarrant City Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Tracie Threadford called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. City Clerk LaShawn Pegues gave the invocation, while Council Member Veronica Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following officials were present during roll call:

Veronica Bandy Freeman	Council Member
Tracie B. Threadford	Council Member
Catherine “Cathy” Anderson	Council Member
Deborah “Debbie” Matthews	Council Member

Late Attendees

Wayman A. Newton	Mayor
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The Council met to discuss Resolution No. 8843 – Approving the purchase of four (4) Used Ford Explorers for Use as Police Vehicles. Chief Major of Tarrant Police Department addressed the council with an description of how the sale of these vehicles came to his knowledge and why a special meeting needed to be called. The vehicles were recently declared surplus and were set to be listed on Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs website to be auctioned. However, because we have an immediate need for more police vehicles, an agreement was made where these vehicles would be withheld for our purchase until Monday, October 25, 2021. Council Member Kathy Anderson questioned if we will be required to bid. Chief Major explained that we are not required to bid, these vehicles are not yet included in the auction. Council Member Deborah Matthews asked if the vehicles would be inspected before purchase. Chief Major responded that he would personally inspect the vehicles first. Council Member Tracie Threadford questioned if the \$100,000 cost limit described in the resolution would cover the cost of equipment. Chief Major replied that this would include the necessary upfits as well as basic paint jobs to include a TPD shield. Council Member Threadford questioned that the cost is proposed to be taken from the General Fund. Chief Major reminded them that he requested it be included in the PD budget but it was not included. Council Member Anderson agreed with the statement, siting that she raised the same question during FY 2022 budget discussions. Council Member Anderson questioned if we could pay for these vehicles with federal funds. Mayor Newton informed her that we don’t yet have those funds but we will review those guidelines.

Council Member Threadford made motion to approve Resolution No. 8843 with a second from Council Member Anderson. There was no more discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Motion passed.

Public Comment:

There were none

Council Member Threadford made motion to adjourn. Council Member Anderson properly seconded.

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

APPROVED: W.A. Newton

Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST: LaShawn Pegues
LaShawn Pegues, City Clerk

