

City of Tarrant
Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2022

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met for a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022 at City Hall.

Called to Order by: Mayor Newton

Time: 7:00pm

Invocation provided by: Rev. Joseph Matthews, citizen

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Mayor Newton

Officials present during roll call;

Wayman A. Newton	Mayor
Deborah “Debbie” Matthews	Council Member
John T. “Tommy” Bryant	Council Member
Catherine “Cathy” Anderson	Council Member
Tracie B. Threadford	Council Member

Officials absent;

Veronica Bandy Freeman	Council Member	*Attended Later
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NOTABLE DISCUSSION

City Attorney, Michael Brymer addressed the council to discuss the process of transferring ownership American Legion Tarrant Veterans Memorial Park, located on the grounds of Old City Hall. All agreed to move forward with the transfer of ownership and to present an ordinance declaring the property surplus at the May 16th council meeting, authorizing disposal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes in consideration: April 14, 2022 – Special Called Meeting

Motion: Approve

Motion made by: Threadford

Motion seconded by: Bryant

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson				
Bryant				
Threadford				
Freeman				
Matthews				
Newton				

OUTCOME – PASSED

Minutes in consideration: Regular Meeting April 18, 2022

Motion: Approve

Motion made by: Threadford

Motion seconded by: Anderson

Bryant noted that Ordinances 1143, 1144 and 1145 should’ve been voted on at the second reading.

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson	Bryant			
Threadford				
Freeman				
Matthews				
Newton				

OUTCOME – PASSED

Minutes in consideration: April 28, 2022 – Joint Committee/Special Called Meeting/ Work Session

Motion: Approve

Motion made by: Threadford

Motion seconded by: Bryant

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson				
Bryant				
Threadford				
Freeman				
Matthews				
Newton				

OUTCOME – PASSED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Police Chief Major swore in new Crime Commissioner Waynette Bonham.
- Alisha Ruffin May, candidate for Circuit Court Judge place 20 addressed the council and the citizens seeking re-election.
- Mayor Newton commended Tarrant Elementary School on job well done and turnout for Career Day on April 28th.
- Mayor Newton attended the ribbon cutting for new local restaurant Bite and encouraged the city to support the business.
- The city rec city hosted a dance competition on April 30th. Mayor Newton thanked the promoter for bringing events to the city.
- Mayor Newton announced that two public works vehicles are back up and running. Also that mailers will be sent to citizens outlining the public works pick-up schedule.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Title of Item: Ordinance 1142 – Adopting the updated Employee Handbook

Motion: Approve

Motion made by: Anderson

Motion seconded by: Threadford

Bryant expressed reservations about section #4.

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Newton	Anderson			
	Freeman			
	Threadford			
	Bryant			
	Matthews			

OUTCOME – FAILED

Title of Item: Ordinance 1143 – Order of Business

Motion: Approve

Motion made by: Threadford

Motion seconded by: Anderson

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson	Newton			
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				

OUTCOME – PASSED

Title of Item: Ordinance 1144 – Public Comment

Motion: Approve

Motion made by: Threadford

Motion seconded by: Bryant

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson	Newton			
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				

OUTCOME – PASSED

Title of Item: Ordinance 1145 – Pre-council

Motion: Table

Motion made by: Bryant

Motion seconded by: Threadford

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson				
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				
Newton				

OUTCOME – PASSED/ TABLED

Title of Item: Tabled Resolution No. 8857 – Awarding Brummitt Heights Playground Bid

Motion:

Motion made by:

Motion seconded by:

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation

OUTCOME – REMAIN TABLED

NEW BUSINESS

Title of Item: Resolution No. 8901 – Rescind and Reject Brummitt Heights Playground Bid

Motion: Table

Motion made by: Freeman

Motion seconded by: Threadford

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson				
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				
Newton				

OUTCOME – TABLED

Title of Item: Resolution No. 8902 – Authorize Purchase of Playground Equipment

Motion: Table

Motion made by: Freeman

Motion seconded by: Threadford

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson				
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				
Newton				

OUTCOME – TABLED

Title of Item: Resolution No. 8903 – Declaring Playground Equipment Surplus

Motion: Table

Motion made by: Freeman

Motion seconded by: Anderson

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson				
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				
Newton				

OUTCOME – TABLED

Title of Item: Resolution No. 8904 – Approving Council Tech Purchases

Motion: Table

Motion made by: Threadford

Motion seconded by: Bryant

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson				
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				
Newton				

OUTCOME – TABLED

Title of Item: Resolution No. 8905 – Authorizing New Municipal Court Software
Motion: Approve
Motion made by: Threadford
Motion seconded by: Anderson
Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson				
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				
Newton				

OUTCOME – PASSED

Title of Item: Resolution No. 8906 – Authorizing TED Truck Purchase
Motion: Approve
Motion made by: Anderson
Motion seconded by: Bryant
Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson				
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				
Newton				

OUTCOME – PASSED

Title of Item: Resolution No. 8907 – Appointing School Board Member
Nominations: Newton nominated Jarvis Escott Bryant nominated Laura Horton
Motion: Appoint Laura Horton
Motion made by: Bryant
Motion seconded by: Anderson
Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson	*“Hell” Newton		Matthews	
Threadford				
Freeman				
Bryant				

OUTCOME – PASSED

Title of Item: Resolution No. 8908 – Approving TED Meter Purchases
Motion: Approve
Motion made by: Anderson
Motion seconded by: Threadford
Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson				
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				
Newton				

OUTCOME – PASSED

*Bryant requested a suspending of the rules to introduce the following ordinances and resolutions. Threadford seconded the motion.

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson	Newton			
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				

Title of Item: Ordinance No. 1146 – Attendance of Officers and Employees

FIRST READING

Title of Item: Ordinance No. 1147 – Bank Account Signatories

FIRST READING

Title of Item: Resolution No. 8909 – Forming a Judiciary Committee

Motion: Approve

Motion made by: Bryant

Motion seconded by: Threadford

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson				
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				
Newton				

OUTCOME – PASSED

Title of Item: Resolution No. 8910 – Vote of No Confidence for Mamon Stephen Fancher

Motion: Table until discussion can be had in executive session

Motion made by: Bryant

Motion seconded by: Freeman

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson				
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				
Newton				

OUTCOME – PASSED

Title of Item: Resolution No. 8912 – Appointing Councilors Bryant and Freeman to the Utility Board.

Motion: Approve

Motion made by: Bryant

Motion seconded by: Threadford

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson	Newton	Freeman		
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				

OUTCOME – PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rev. Joseph Matthews

VOUCHERS AND EXPENSES

Motion: Amend to include the invoice for council's legal fees.

Motion made by: Threadford

Motion seconded by: Bryant

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson	Newton			
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				

OUTCOME – PASSED

Motion: Approve with amendment

Motion made by: Threadford

Motion seconded by: Bryant

Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain	Recused	No Participation
Anderson				Newton
Freeman				
Threadford				
Bryant				
Matthews				

OUTCOME – PASSED

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by: Threadford

Motion seconded by: Bryant

Voice vote: Yes

Opposed: None

Time Adjourned: 7:58pm

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 16th DAY OF MAY, 2022.

APPROVED: _____

Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

LaShawn Pegues, City Clerk

