

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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

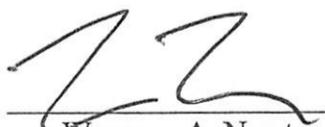
**Motion seconded by:** Bryant

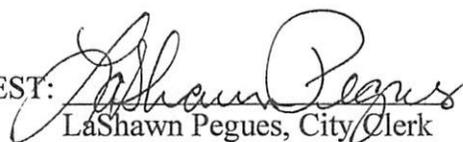
**Voice vote:** Yes

**Opposed:** None

**Time Adjourned:** 7:58pm

**READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

APPROVED:   
Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST:   
LaShawn Pegues, City Clerk

