

**City of Tarrant  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 22nd 2022  
Tarrant City Hall**

**The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama** met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Newton called the meeting to order. City Attorney Michael Brymer led the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Web gave the invocation.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to appoint Aislinn Riley as temporary clerk with a second from Councilmember Freeman. There was no discussion. All present voted yes. Motion passed.

The following officials were present during roll call:

Veronica Bandy Freeman	Councilmember
Tracie B. Threadford	Councilmember
Catherine "Cathy" Anderson	Councilmember
Deborah "Debbie" Matthews	Councilmember
John "Tommy" Bryant	Councilmember
Wayman Newton	Mayor

First the council considered the minutes from the June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Matthews made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting with a second from Councilmember Anderson. There was no more discussion. Mayor Newton then called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilmember Catherine "Cathy" Anderson  
Councilmember Deborah "Debbie" Matthews  
Councilmember John "Tommy" Bryant  
Mayor Wayman Newton

Motion passed.

Mayor Newton waived communications from the mayor.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Councilmember Freeman.

Yeas:

Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilmember Catherine "Cathy" Anderson  
Councilmember Deborah "Debbie" Matthews  
Councilmember John "Tommy" Bryant

Motion passed.

Councilmember Freeman introduced a letter from CJ Ventures LLC regarding acquisition of the Green Valley landfill and building a road through the property donated to the City by the Freshwater Land Trust. City Attorney Michael Brymer read this letter into the record. Said letter is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to Table Ordinance #1149 - Spire Franchise Agreement until after the June 30<sup>th</sup> work session with a second from Council Member Threadford.

Councilmember Bryant requested the City receive a higher percentage of Spire revenue in the City. A discussion on open meeting laws ensued. City Attorney Michael Brymer was designated to negotiate with Spire. Councilmember Anderson requested that a vote on Ordinance #1149 take place at the next meeting. Mayor Newton called for a roll call vote.

Yeas:

Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilmember Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Councilmember Deborah “Debbie” Matthews  
Councilmember John “Tommy” Bryant

Nays:

Mayor Wayman Newton

Motion Passed

Council Member Bryant made a motion to Table Resolution #8919 litter/crime cameras until the June 30<sup>th</sup> work session with Christopher Smoke and Chief Wendell Major with a second from Councilmember Freeman

Yeas:

Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilmember Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Councilmember Deborah “Debbie” Matthews  
Councilmember John “Tommy” Bryant

Nays:

Mayor Newton

Motion Passed.

Councilmember Matthews introduced Resolution #8921 Shred-it contract for TED with a second from Councilmember Threadford.

Yeas:

Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilmember Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Councilmember Deborah “Debbie” Matthews  
Councilmember John “Tommy” Bryant  
Mayor Wayman Newton

Motion Passed.

Council Member Bryant made a motion to amend resolution #8922 Declining Retiree Bonus 2022 to “Approving the Declination of Retiree Bonuses 2022” with a second from Mayor Newton

Yeas/nays

Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilmember John T. “Tommy” Bryant  
Mayor Wayman Newton

Nays:

Councilmember Threadford  
Councilmember Anderson  
Councilmember Matthews

Motion failed.

Councilmember Anderson introduced Resolution #8923 Authorizing E911 Expenditures with a second from Councilmember Threadford.

Yeas:

Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilmember Catherine "Cathy" Anderson

Nays:

Councilmember Deborah "Debbie" Matthews  
Councilmember John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Mayor Wayman Newton

Motion Passed.

Councilmember Matthews introduced Resolution #8924 Purchasing Mowers and Cancelling Tractor Order with a second from Councilmember Freeman.

Yeas:

Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilmember Catherine "Cathy" Anderson  
Councilmember Deborah "Debbie" Matthews  
Councilmember John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Mayor Wayman Newton

Motion Passed.

Mayor Newton opened the floor for public comments.

A resident expressed concerns about debris around 2605 Huffman and AT&T internet on Enfield St. and on Etowah St. being out for close to three weeks.

A resident thanked Councilmember Freeman for addressing the truck route through Brummitt Heights. She also gave praise to Mrs. Anthony and Kenny Richardson.

The council then considered the vouchers and expenses from the Tarrant Electric Department and City of Tarrant. Councilmember Threadford made a motion to approve with a second from Councilmember Anderson.

Yeas:

Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilmember Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilmember Catherine "Cathy" Anderson  
Councilmember Deborah "Debbie" Matthews  
Councilmember John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Mayor Wayman Newton

Motion Passed.

Councilmember Threadford made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Bryant. All presented voted yes.

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2022

APPROVED: 

Wayman A. Newton, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Aislinn Riley, Acting City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK**

**STATE OF ALABAMA)  
JEFFERSON COUNTY)**

I, Aislinn Riley, Acting City Clerk of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly and legally adopted by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 while in regular session on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, and the same appears of record in the minute book of said date of said City.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.



Aislinn Riley, Acting City Clerk

