

**City of Tarrant
Council Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2022
Tarrant City Hall**

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 6th, 2022 at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

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

Mayor Newton held a roll call.

The following officials were present during roll call:

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

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

First the council considered the minutes from the June 22nd, 2022 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Threadford made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 22nd, 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 presented communications from the Mayor. Sergeant Rucker-Sumerlin has started a Gofundme for Officer Parker. With the help of Deputy Mayor Lisa Baker \$350,000 in funding has been secured through the Jefferson County Commission for a one-hundred-person storm shelter at the Tarrant Recreation Center. The Mayor is thankful to Commissioner Joe Knight and the rest of the Jefferson County Commission.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution #8919 Litter/Crime Cameras 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
Mayor Wayman Newton

Motion Passed.

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to table Ordinance #1149 – Spire Franchise Agreement Renewal 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.

A public hearing was held on grass and weed lien properties. Councilmember Anderson read the list of Grass and Weed Lien Properties into the record and an opportunity was given for owners or others in attendance to voice any concerns.

Councilmember Anderson introduced Resolution #8925 – Grass and Weeds with a second from Councilmember Bryant.

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 introduced Resolution #8926 – Censuring Councilmember John “Tommy” Bryant with a second from Councilmember Anderson. Councilmember Threadford expressed unreadiness.

Yeas:

Mayor Newton

Nays:

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

Abstain:

Councilmember John “Tommy” Bryant

Motion failed

The council acknowledged Officer Parker and his family, and shared a commitment to support the GoFundMe while Officer Parker recovers.

Mayor Wayman Newton introduced Resolution #8927 – Tarrant Alumni Reunion with a second from Councilmember Matthews.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Councilmember Veronica Bandy Freeman

Motion Passed.

Councilmember Matthews introduced Resolution #8928 – Tarrant High School Band and Girls Basketball donation 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 “Tommy” Bryant
Mayor Wayman Newton

Motion Passed.

Councilmember Bryant introduced Resolution #8929 – Property Agreement 833 Clow Rd 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.

Councilmember Anderson introduced Resolution #8930 – AMIC Fire Agreement 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.

Councilmember Matthews introduced Resolution #8931 – TPD Surplus 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
Mayor Wayman Newton

Motion Passed.

Councilmember Freeman introduced Resolution #8932 – Tarrant Department of Public Works Air Conditioner Replacement with a second from Councilmember Bryant.

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.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to suspend the rules and to add Resolution #8933, Resolution #8934, and Resolution #8935 to the agenda 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

Nays:
Mayor Newton

Motion passed.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to introduce Resolution #8933 – Bonus to Retirees 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

Nays:
Mayor Wayman Newton

Motion Passed

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to introduce Resolution #8934 – Check Signers with a second from Councilmember Threadford. Mayor Newton expressed concern.

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

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to withdraw Resolution #8935 – Green Valley Landfill until financial information can be secured from CJ’s Ventures LLC 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
Mayor Wayman Newton

Motion Passed

Mayor Newton opened the floor for public comments.

Kimberly Myers said that grass was too high at 621 Pine Hill Rd.

Reverend Webb said that out of town visitors complimented the City’s cleanliness. She also pledged to donate to Officer Parker’s GoFundMe.

Winnifred Deal had a question regarding the Tarrant Alumni Reunion, whether the Newcastle/Springdale class of 1974 could receive financial support from the City, and whether the audit is finished.

Chuck Johnson spoke on behalf of the Tarrant Alumni Reunion and asked that donations be made of a banner for Officer Parker and a booth for the Tarrant High School Girls’ Basketball Team.

Waynette Bonham discussed the Crime Commission’s tour of the jail, and shared that it was very clean and that Chief Major answered all questions, although floor and shower improvements are sorely needed. She stated that this is the one-year anniversary of the mess, and that community proposals have repeatedly been shot down.

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 Bryant.

Yeas:

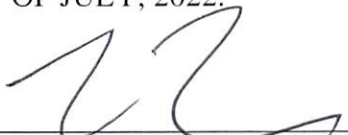
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Mayor Wayman Newton


Motion Passed.

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

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 6TH 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 6th 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 6th day of July, 2022.


Aislinn Riley, Acting City Clerk

