

CITY OF TARRANT  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 6, 2023  
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday November 6, 2023, at 7:00PM at City Hall.

Mayor Wayman A. Newton called the meeting to order at 7:06PM following the council work session that began at 6:00PM to discuss items on the agenda and other matters.

Tarrant City Attorney Michael Brymer lead those in attendance in the invocation. City Clerk Laverne Knight lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Newton asked for a roll call. The following officials were present during the roll call:

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Mayor Wayman A. Newton  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Mathews

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the October 16, 2023 regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. Councilor Bryant corrected the minutes to reflect that he was absent in the call for October 2, minutes approval. After review, Councilor Threadford moved to approve the minutes from October 16, 2023 meeting as amended. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the minutes was adopted, and the minutes for October 16, 2023, council meeting were approved.

The Mayor updated those in attendance of the recent October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 City of Tarrant Halloween Bash from 6:00PM to 9:00PM as a success with several families locals in attendance.

The Mayor also informed all those in attendance that the Community Fun Day at Brummitt Heights Parks set for November 11, 2023 from 11:00AM to 4:00PM is cancelled.

This ended the communications from the Mayor’s office.

Councilor Veronica Freeman informed those in attendance of a Community Fun Day at Brummitt Heights Park set for November 11, 2023 from 11:00AM to 4:00 PM. Everyone is invited for fun and fellowship with music, games and activities. Those who will be attending are encouraged to

bring their lawn chairs. Elderly persons were also encouraged to contact Councilor Freeman at her provided cell phone number.

There was a discussion by those in attendance on the importance of ‘coming together’ as a community.

Councilor Tracie Threadford reminded those in attendance to sign up for Turkey raffle and that the Turkeys will be distributed at the next City of Tarrant Council meeting set for November 20, 2023.

Councilor Tracie Threadford also reminded those in attendance of the upcoming Christmas Parade and Extravaganza. The Parade will be on December 9, 2023 from 5:00PM to 9:00PM. Point of contact for registration and application is Councilor Threadford.

Councilor Tracie Threadford continued communications by communicating a new cause. The cause, referenced as ‘Home Town Heroes’ will entail banners for those in the Military. Cost for a banner will be an estimated \$100 for those who would like their pictures on the banner. Intakes for the banners will begin in January and the banners will be displayed every May and November in remembrance and honor of those who were or are in the Military.

Councilor Matthews asked for elaboration on a possible initiative at a nearby Church. Mayor Newton explained the new eight week initiative from the Mayors Office at Valley Central Baptist Church in collaboration with Salvation Ministries. The initiative is geared for kids or teens that need guidance. Tarrant Police Department was encouraged to participate.

Councilor Threadford asked Matt Stewart to present the City of Tarrant Electric Audit Report by DiPiazza LaRocca Heeter & Co., LLC. The Electric Department’s year begins July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. The presentation for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was presented and provided under the generally accepted auditing standards.

This ended communications from the Council and Committee Reports.

The Council next considered old business.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9060, A Resolution Approving and Adopting the City of Tarrant General Fund Budget for the Period Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024. Councilor Bryant recommended the Budget FY 2024 be tabled until December 4<sup>th</sup> City of Tarrant Council meeting. Mayor Newton, requested a record comment to be that the Budget FY 2023 was not passed due to similar circumstances of repeated table requests. After a short discussion, Councilor Bryant moved to table Resolution No. 9060 until December 4, 2023. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton then called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to table Resolution No. 9060 was agreed to, and the Resolution was tabled.

The Council next considered items of new business.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9066, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 2227 Evergreen Street, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure’s current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Freeman moved to approve Resolution No. 9066. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

- Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Cathy Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9066 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9067, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 412 Fannie Avenue, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if there was anyone present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The City’s Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure’s current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Anderson moved to table the Resolution No. 9067 to November 20, 2023 Tarrant City Council Regular Meeting. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

- Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Cathy Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to table the Ordering of Resolution No. 9067 was agreed to, and the Resolution was tabled until November 20, 2023.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9068, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 408 Fannie Avenue, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After

discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure's current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Anderson moved to approve Resolution No. 9068. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9068 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9069, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 1409 Ford Avenue, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure's current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9069. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9069 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9070, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 1150 Hall Street, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure's current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for

or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Anderson moved to approve Resolution No. 9070. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9070 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9071, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 1920 Hoke Avenue, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure's current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9071. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9071 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9072, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 925 Jackson Blvd., Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure's current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Threadford moved to approve Resolution No. 9072. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9072 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9073, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 917 Jackson Blvd., Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure's current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Threadford moved to approve Resolution No. 9073. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9073 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9074, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 700 Jefferson Blvd., Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure's current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Threadford moved to approve Resolution No. 9074. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford

Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9074 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9075, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 1512 St. Joseph Street, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure’s current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Threadford moved to approve Resolution No. 9075. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9075 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9076, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 2047 Lane Avenue, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure’s current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Freeman moved to approve Resolution No. 9076. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9076 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9077, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 2077 Lane Avenue, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure's current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Freeman moved to approve Resolution No. 9077. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9077 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9078, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 2116 Lane Avenue, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure's current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Freeman moved to approve Resolution No. 9078. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None



Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9078 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9079, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 1341 Park Avenue, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure's current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Mathews moved to approve Resolution No. 9079. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9079 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9080, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 1321 Prosch Avenue, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if there was anyone present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The City's Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure's current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Anderson moved to table the Resolution No. 9080 to November 20, 2023 Tarrant City Council Regular Meeting. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to table the Ordering of Resolution No. 9080 was agreed to, and the Resolution was tabled until November 20, 2023.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9081, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 1152 Thomason Avenue, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if there was anyone present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The City's Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure's current condition constituted an imminent hazard. Mr. Bill Renfrow, owner, spoke on permission to repair. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Threadford moved to table the Resolution No. 9081 to November 20, 2023 Tarrant City Council Regular Meeting. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to table the Ordering of Resolution No. 9081 was agreed to, and the Resolution was tabled until November 20, 2023.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9082, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 1132 Thomason Avenue, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure's current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Freeman moved to approve Resolution No. 9082. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9082 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9083, A Resolution Ordering the Emergency Demolition of Building or Structure Located at 2021 Woodrow Drive, Tarrant, AL. 35217. After discussion on the Resolution, Mayor Newton opened a public hearing on the Resolution and asked if anyone was present who wish to speak for or against the Resolution. The Cities Building Inspector was present and spoke regarding the current condition of the property and stated the structure's current condition constituted an imminent hazard. No one else was present to speak for or against the Resolution. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Councilor Threadford moved to approve Resolution No. 9083. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the Ordering of Resolution No. 9083 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Next, the Mayor and Council considered presentations of petitions and other communications.

Councilor Bryant motioned to suspend the rules and add Resolutions to the Agenda. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to suspend the rules to add Resolutions was agreed to, and the motion was approved.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9084, A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of an Invitation to Requests Proposals for Automotive Maintenance and Repair Services. Councilor Bryant motioned to adopt Resolution No. 9084. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Mathews

Nays:

Councilor Cathy Anderson

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (1) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 9084 was agreed to, and the motion was adopted.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9063, A Resolution Establishing and Implementing a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, to Provide Guidance to the Use and Maintenance of the City’s Parks and Athletics Facilities. Councilor Bryant motioned to adopt Resolution No. 9063. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant  
Councilor Cathy Anderson  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

Nays:

None

Abstain:

Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Mathews

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being four (4), the nays being zero (0) and the abstains being one (1) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 9063 was agreed to, and the motion was adopted.

After the motion, Mayor Newton left the meeting.

There was discussion on Tarrant Police Department. Councilor Freeman commented for the record that based on opinion Councilor and Pro Tem Threadford is the work schedule coordinator for all employees, including Police, at the Electric Department.

Next, the City Council reviewed the Vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant and Tarrant Electric Department for November 6, 2023. Mayor Pro Tempore Threadford moved to table the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant and Tarrant Electric Department for November 6, 2023. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant  
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Cathy Anderson

Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nays:

None

Absent:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being five (5), the nays being zero (0), absent with one (1), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to suspend the rules to add Resolutions was agreed to, and the motion was approved.

Next, the City Council heard from members of the public who had signed up to speak prior to the meeting.

First, Ms. Winifred Dill. Ms. Dill commented and asked questions on whether there will be extra charges to the owners on demolished properties. The Council confirmed that there will be no extra charge attached. Ms. Dill also asked if there is an agreement for cutting the ball field at Brummitt Heights. Public Works Department confirmed that cutting grass at Brummitt Heights ball field is not free and that a location error was made on the last cut. Brummitt Heights will not be charged by the City of Tarrant because of its location error.

This concluded public comments.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, Mayor Pro Tem Tracie Threadford moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all present being in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Laverne Knight  
City Clerk September November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.



The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED:   
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Dr. Laverne Knight