

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2024
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday March 4, 2024, at 7:00PM at City Hall.

Mayor Wayman A. Newton called the meeting to order at 7:03PM following the council work session that began at 6:00PM to discuss items on the agenda and other matters.

Tarrant City Fire Chief Patrick Bennett 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 Catherine “Cathy” Anderson
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the February 19, 2024 regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. Councilor Freeman recommended that her inaccessibility to the City of Tarrant Facebook page be added to the minutes, for the record. After review, Councilor Threadford moved to approve the minutes from February 19, 2024 with the amendment. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

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 were adopted, and the minutes for February 19, 2024, council meeting were approved with the amendment.

The Mayor informed those in attendance of an upcoming Gladiator Sports Camp hosted by the City of Tarrant Mayor’s Office, Tarrant Recreational Center and Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office. The sports camp is for students between 4th and 12th grades. Registration begins on March 6, 2024 and it will be held between March 23 and March 31, 2024 at Tarrant Recreation Center from 9am to 4pm. The primary objective of the camp will be to promote critical thinking skills and conflict resolution using basketball, football and soccer. The Mayor acknowledged and thanked Scott Evans and Patrick Coleman for planning the upcoming camp.

Councilor Freeman updated the public on the most recent environmental issues and their possible impacts.

Next, Councilor Matthews invited Ms. Williams, Mr. Chuck Winborn and Chief Wendell Majors to the podium. Councilor Matthews extended a public invitation for Ms. Williams to be a member of the City of Tarrant Crime Commission. Ms. Williams accepted the public invitation. The Chief of the Tarrant Police Department facilitated the sworn oath of office. Paper work from the City of Tarrant Crime Commission regarding the new member will be forwarded to the City of Tarrant City Clerk in the near future.

This ended communications from the Mayors Office.

There were no Committee Reports.

There was no Old Business.

Councilor Bryant read and introduced Resolution No. 9123, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor on Behalf of the City of Tarrant to Enter into a Lease Management Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management. After discussion and question on financial comparison of owning and leasing the City of Tarrant Public vehicles, Councilor Bryant recommended the Resolution to be tabled until the financial committee can compare actual costs. Councilor Brant moved to table Resolution No. 9123 to the next City of Tarrant Council Meeting. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

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. 9123 was agreed to, and the Resolution was tabled.

Councilor Bryant read and introduced Resolution No. 9124, A Resolution Authorizing the Retention of Debra B. Leo of Dleo & Associates, LLC to Perform an Investigation Pursuant to City of Tarrant Resolution No. 9110. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9124. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

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 Resolution 9120 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

There were no Presentations of Petitions and other communications.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant for March 4, 2024 and Tarrant Electric Department for February 15, 2024. Councilor Threadford moved to approve the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant for March 4, 2024, and the Tarrant Electric Department for February 15, 2024. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

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 vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant for March 4, 2024 and the Tarrant Electric Department for February 5 was agreed to, and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

There were no public comments as they were moved to the pre-council meeting due to time restraints in allowing officials to set up for the upcoming Federal Elections, Super Tuesday.

There being no further comments Mayor Newton made motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk March 18, 2024
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 18th day of March, 2024.



The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: 

 WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



 Dr. Laverne Knight