

CITY OF TARRANT  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 17, 2024  
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday April 17, 2024, at 7:00PM at City Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Threadford called the meeting to order at 7:00PM following the council work session that began at 6:00PM to discuss items on the agenda and other matters.

Fire Chief Patrick Bennett lead those in attendance in the invocation. City Attorney Michael Brymer lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Threadford asked for a roll call. The following officials were present during the roll call:

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

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant was absent.  
Mayor Wayman A. Newton was absent.

All were present.

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the April 1, 2024 regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. After review, Councilor Freeman moved to approve the minutes from April 1, 2024. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Mayor Pro Tem Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve the minutes were adopted, and the minutes for April 17, 2024, council meeting were approved.

First, Mayor Pro Tem announced that the Mayor did not leave any announcements; however, Mayor Pro Tem Threadford informed all in attendance that there will be a city wide cleanup day on May 4, 2024 from 9am to 11am coordinated by Mayor Pro Tem Threadford, Mr. Bruce Cooper and Mr. CJ Harris. Mayor Pro Tem provided a brief description as to how the cleanup day will be organized. The Mayor Pro Tem asked for assistance to come out, including teenagers. Further, individuals in need of community service hours are invited to participate.

Next, the May Pro Tem asked if there were any Committee reports. There were no Committee reports.

The Mayor Pro Tem confirmed there was no old business.

The City of Tarrant then moved on to New Business.

Councilor moved to Anderson moved to suspend the rules for the official readings of Ordinance No. 1161, An Ordinance Adopting NFPA 1582 Health and Safety Standards for Tarrant Fire Department, FIRST READING. Mayor Pro Tem Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Thradford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Mayor Pro Tem Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve the suspension of the official readings of Ordinance No. 1161 was agreed to, and the suspension of the official readings was approved.

Next, Councilor Anderson read and introduced Ordinance No. 1161, An Ordinance Adopting NFPA 1582 Health and Safety Standards for Tarrant Fire Department. Councilor Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1161. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. The Mayor Pro Tem opened the floor for discussion. Councilor Anderson also produced the public Ordinance for review to all in attendance. There was no discussion or request for review of the Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Thradford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Mayor Pro Tem Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Ordinance No. 1161 was agreed to, and the Ordinance was approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Threadford introduced Resolution No. 9132, A Resolution Approving the City of Tarrant 2024 Neighborhood Cleanup Initiative. Mayor Pro Tem moved to adopt Resolution No. 9132. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Mayor Pro Tem Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9132 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Threadford introduced and read Resolution No. 9133, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of a Non-Over Center Aerial Device with Material Handling (Insulated) Bucket Lift Truck (As Modified) for Use by the City of Tarrant Electric Department. Mayor Pro Tem Threadford moved to approve and amend Resolution No. 9133 to include a winch and a cab guard to be financed with Altec. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem asked for discussion. There was no discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Mayor Pro Tem Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve and amend Resolution No. 9133 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved with amendments.

Councilor Freeman introduced and read Resolution No. 9134, A Resolution By the City of Tarrant Proclaiming May 2024 as National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month. Councilor Freeman moved to approve Resolution No. 9134. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Mayor Pro Tem Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9134 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Matthews introduced and read Resolution No. 9135, A Resolution to Contract with the Greater Birmingham Humane Society for Animal Control and Pound Services. Councilor Matthews moved to approve Resolution No. 9135 for adoption. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem asked for discussion. There was no discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Mayor Pro Tem Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve and adopt Resolution No. 9135 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved and adopted.

Councilor Matthews introduced and read Resolution No. 9136, A Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation to Clalstran for Fiscal Year 2024. Councilor Matthews moved to approve Resolution No. 9136 for adoption. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Mayor Pro Tem Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve and adopt Resolution No. 9136 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved and adopted.

Mayor Pro Tem Threadford introduced Resolution No. 9137, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Tarrant to Join the North Jefferson Chamber of Commerce. The Mayor Pro Tem moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 9137. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem asked for discussion. There was no discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Mayor Pro Tem Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve and adopt Resolution No. 9137 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved and adopted.

Councilor Freeman introduced and read Resolution No. 9138, A Resolution Naming the City of Tarrant’s Voting Delegate And Alternating Voting Delegate for the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention. Councilor Freeman moved to adopt Resolution No. 9138. Mayor Pro Tem Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

Mayor Pro Tem Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to adopted Resolution No. 9138 was agreed to, and the Resolution was adopted.

The Council moved on to presentation of petitions and other communications. Mayor Pro Tem Threadford extended a verbal thank you from Mr. Allen Bailey for moving the Council meeting to Wednesday April 17, 2024 for the preparation of elections on Monday April 15, 2024.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant and Tarrant Electric Department for April 12, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Threadford moved to approve the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant and Tarrant Electric Department for April 12, 2024. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem asked for readiness. There was no readiness. Mayor Pro Tem Threadford called for a vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Tracie B. Threadford  
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson  
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman  
Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being four (4), and the nays being zero (0) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for April 12, 2024 was agreed to, and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Public Comments was next on the Agenda.

First, Ms. Boyken introduced herself and provided a brief professional history of her background. Ms. Boyken expressed City of Tarrant concern regarding the street roads on her community. There was discussion in the Council Chambers resulting in affirmation that the filling used for the repairing of the street holes is not resistant to rain causing the holes to return. Ms. Boyken asked for a detailed update on the current litigations within the City of Tarrant. City Attorney declared and affirmed the current litigations not be conversed.

With no formal public speakers on the official signup sheet, Mayor Pro Tem confirmed all interested public speakers by asked all those in attendance if anyone would like to speak. Ms. Dill started the discussion that continued in the chambers regarding current events and issues.

Mayor Pro Tem concluded the meeting by announcing and reading an invitation to the Spring Open House at North Hill Nursing and Rehabilitaiton Center on Thursday April 18, 2024 from 4pm to 7pm. Location of the Open House was 200 N Pine Hill Rd., Birmingham, Alabama 35217.

Ms. Boyken continued further recommendations and comments regarding public representatives participation for the City of Tarrant.

Mayor Pro Tem Theadford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52PM. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem asked for a verbal vote.

Yeas:

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

None

Nays:

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to adjourn the meeting for April 17, 2024 was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Laverne Knight  
City Clerk, May 6, 2024  
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 6th day of May, 2024.



The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED:   
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Dr. Laverne Knight