

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2024
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday December 2, 2024, at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

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

Pastor Patterson lead those in attendance in the invocation. Tarrant City Attorney, Michael Brymer 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
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Absent:

Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the November 18, 2024 regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. After review, Councilor Threadford moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2024. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0), the motion to approve the minutes for November 18, 2024 council meeting were approved.

The Mayor moved on to communications by acknowledging everyone's Thanksgiving Holiday. The only reminder was an informed announcement that the City of Tarrant Christmas Parade will be held on December 14, 2024 from 3PM to 5PM. More information will be provided and float participants may contact the Mayor Office at 205. 849. 2800. Councilor Anderson asked about a tree lighting. The Mayor affirmed that there will be no tree lighting.

There were no committee reports.

The Mayor and Council moved on to Old Business.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9191. A Resolution Removing Chief Wendell Major from the Office of Chief of Police for the City of Tarrant. The Mayor did not ask for a

second due to personal prediction that the Council would not second the Resolution. The Mayor asked the City Clerk to include Resolution No. 9191 at the next council meeting.

The Mayor and Council moved on to New Business

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9240, A Resolution Setting Forth the Official Holidays for Employees of the City of Tarrant for the Year 2025. Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution 9240. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9240 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolutions No. 9241, A Resolution Approving the Renovation of the City's Baseball and Softball Fields in Partnership with the Tarrant City Board of Education, Resolution no. 9242, A Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent of the City of Tarrant Electric Department to Submit a Proposal to the Tennessee Valley Authority in Support of a Resale Rate Reduction for Tarrant Electric Department Customers, and Resolution No. 9243, A Resolution to Appoint the Following Individuals as the Board of Directors of the Electric Board of the City of Tarrant, Alabama. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9241, Resolution No. 9242 and Resolution No. 9243. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton expressed unreadiness by reviewing Resolution No. 9242 and its forecast. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Abstain:

Councilor Matthews for Resolution No. 9241

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

During the vote Councilor Matthews noted that she would like to abstain from Resolution 9241, but will vote yes for the remainder of the Resolutions. The yeas being three (3), and the abstains being one (1), the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting the motion to approve Resolution No. 9241 was agreed to, and the yeas being four (4) for Resolution No. 9242 and

Resolution No. 9243, and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the Resolutions were approved.

Next, The Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant ending November 25, 2024, and the vouchers for Tarrant Electric ending November 25, 2024. Mayor Newton moved to approve the vouchers and the expenses for Tarrant City Hall and Tarrant Electric. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newman

The yeas being four (4) and the nays zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for the Tarrant City Hall and Tarrant Electric for week ending November 25, 2024 was agreed to, and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Next, the Council moved to Public Comments.

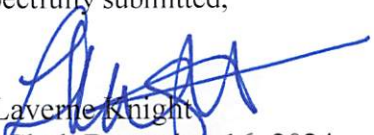
First, Mr. Chuck Winborn acknowledged Resolution No. 9191 by providing historical accounts of Resolution No. 9191 basis. Mr. Winborn also provided his own opinion by stating the Chief was innocent. Mr. Winborn continued his comments by asking why the City of Tarrant spends money on trunk or treat when others City Halls of similar size to Tarrant don't spend any money for the occasion.

Second, City of Tarrant Fire Chief Jason Rickels informed all those in attendance that the Fire Department will be hosting a toy drive for City of Tarrant Christmas 2024. Bag up day will be on December 18th and the toys will be distributed on December 20th for the registered City of Tarrant children. Mr. Rickels also informed the Council that he talked with Andrea Stallworth about his uniform, benefits, salary etc...and to this date no response was provided.

Third, Pastor Patterson spoke on the abuse of the second amendment on the right to bear arms in the City of Tarrant. Pastor Patterson asked the Council to find a solution in diminishing the abuse of the second amendment in the City of Tarrant. Councilor Bryant made recommendation that Pastor Patterson work with the Police Chief in drafting up a solution which could include the already instruments in place that are used to aid in decreasing the abuse of firearms in the City of Tarrant. Councilor Anderson asked the Chief of Police to the podium, and asked how many shot detectors are in the City of Tarrant. The Chief of Police informed the Council that the shot detectors and their locations are confidential but the information can be provided in Executive Session.

There being no further comments from the public Councilor Threadford intervened and made a motion to go into Executive Session followed by an adjournment. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken. Meeting ended at 7:53 pm with meeting not to reconvene after Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,


Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk December 16, 2024
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 16th day of December, 2024.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: _____
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Dr. Laverne Knight