

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 5, 2025
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday May 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Mayor Newton called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM immediately following the council work session that began at 6:00PM to discuss items on the agenda and other matters.

Reverend Webb lead those in attendance in the invocation. Fire Chief Patrick Bennett, lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, 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 Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Absent:

none

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from April 7, 2025 regularly scheduled council meeting, April 14, 2025 work session meeting and April 28, 2025 special meeting were presented for review and approval. After review Councilor Threadford made a motion to approve the minutes for April 7, 2025, April 14, 2025 and April 28, 2025. 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 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 for April 7, 2025, April 14, 2025 and April 28, 20025 council meetings were agreed and the motion was approved.

Mayor Newton announced that Saturday May 9, from 9 to 3 pm there will be a clean up day. There will be dumpsters located in each District and an extra dumpster at the Tarrant City Hall will be placed until May 16, 2025 to give citizens extra time to throw out their trash.

Councilor Freeman thanked Coca Cola for the donated clean up signs, water and sport drinks.

Councilor Threadford reminded all those in attendance of the food drive at the Tarrant Recreation Centre to be held on Saturday May 10, 2025 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

There were no committee reports.

The Mayor and Council moved on to Old Business.

Due to the interest of time, Mayor Newton withdrew Resolution No. 9248 and Resolution No. 9264. Mayor Newton asked the City Clerk to add Resolution No. 9248 and Resolution No. 9264 to the next City Council regular scheduled meeting.

The Council moved on to New Business.

Council Bryant introduced and read Ordinance No. 1164. An Ordinance regarding the City of Tarrant Electric company distribution and transmission system. First Reading.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9282. A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Replacement Ice Machine for Tarrant Fire Department. The City of Tarrant Council recommended an additional ice machine for the City of Tarrant Public Works Department. It was agreed the Resolution be amended to include the Public Works Department with an ice machine. Mayor Newton made a motion to amend Resolution No. 9282. 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 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 amend Resolution No. 9282 was agreed and the Resolution was amended.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9282. A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Replacement Ice Machine for Tarrant Fire Department *and the Tarrant Public Works Department*. Mayor Newton made a motion to approve Resolution No. 9282 with the amendment. 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 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 No. 9282 with the amendment was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9283. A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Declare Approved Surplus Items Pertaining to Resolution No. 9274 to be Reciprocated. There was unreadiness with Resolution No. 9283 Exhibit. Mayor Newton recommended to table Resolution No. 9283. Mayor Newton made a motion to table Resolution No. 9283. 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 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. 9283, was agreed and the Resolution was tabled.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9284. A Resolution Approving the Purchase of Batteries and Battery Chargers for the Tarrant Fire Department. Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9284. 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 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 No. 9284 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9285. A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Replacement Equipment for Tarrant Public Works Department. Councilor Bryant expressed unreadiness by recommending all the riding lawn mowers to have 61” blades. Mayor Newton made motion to amend Resolution No. 9285. 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 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 amend Resolution No. 9285 was agreed and the Resolution was amended.

Councilor introduced and read the amended Resolution No. 9285. A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Replacement Equipment for Tarrant Public Works Department with the amendment *61” SCAG and respectively for a total of \$38,607.66 for all three lawnmowers.* Councilor Bryant

moved to approve the amended Resolution No. 9285. 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 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 amended Resolution No. 9285 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Bryant introduced Resolution No. 9286. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing Janitorial Services for the Tarrant Recreation Center. Mayor Newton expressed unreadiness by saying a janitor does light cleaning for the City of Tarrant public buildings. There was recommendation to table Resolution No. 9286. Councilor Bryant motioned to table Resolution No. 9286. Mayor Newton seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Next, Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9287. A Resolution Appointing Mr. James A. Bailey to the Tarrant City Board of Education. Mayor Newton recommended the replacement of James A. Bailey to Neil David Kramer. Mayor Newton made motion to amend Resolution No. 9287 by replacing the appointing Mr. James A. Baily with *Neil David Kramer*. There was no seconder. Motion failed.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9287. A Resolution Appointing Mr. James A. Bailey to the Tarrant City Board of Education. There was unreadiness by Mayor Newton. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Abstain:

Councilor Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0), and one (1) abstain with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9287 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9288. A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Cloud Badging Subscription (software) for Name Badges and Desk Plates for the City of Tarrant Police Department. There was unreadiness by Mayor Newton as the City of Tarrant IT/Security provides Name Badges for all City of Tarrant employees. Mayor Newton made recommendation to amend Resolution No. 9288 by removing the Badging Subscription software. 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 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 amend Resolution No. 9288 was agreed and the Resolution was amended.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9288. A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of DeskPlates for the City of Tarrant Police Department. Mayor Newton motioned to approve resolution No. 9288. 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 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 No. 9288 was agreed to and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9289, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of Walk-Through Metal Detectors for the City of Tarrant City Hall Lobby, The City of Tarrant Police Department, the City of Tarrant Recreation Center and the City of Tarrant Public Works Buildings, and Resolution No. 9290, A Resolution Approving of and Requesting the City of Tarrant "City Council" to Create the Position of Security Guard/Police Officer for the City of Tarrant City Hall. Mayor Newton recommended to table Resolution No. 9289 and Resolution No. 9290 due to the unavailability of the Security IT Specialist. Mayor Newton motioned to table Resolutions No. 9289 and Resolution No. 9290. 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 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. 9289 and Resolution No. 9290 was agreed to and the Resolutions were tabled.

Councilor Freeman introduced and read Resolution No. 9292. A Resolution Proclaiming May 2025 as National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month With the City of Tarrant. Councilor Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 9292. Mayor Newton seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:
Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine “Cathy” Anderson
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 No. 9292 was agreed to and the Resolution was approved.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for City of Tarrant, City Hall week ending April 17, 2025 and May 2, 2025. Mayor Newton moved to approve the vouchers for the weeks ending April 17, 2025 and May 2, 2025. 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:
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

Not voting:
Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being four (4), the nays being one (1) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for weeks ending April 17, 2025 and May 2, 2025 were agreed and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

A confidential letter was distributed to the Council. The Council instructed the City Clerk to set a special meeting for Wednesday May 7, 2025 at 5:00 pm regarding the letter.

Next, the City Council moved on to Public Comments.

First, N. Williams provided concerns on the status of the City of Tarrant's state of cleanliness. Ms. Williams also questioned the City of Tarrant Public Works equipment that is used to clean the city.

Second, Rev. Caldwell provided information on an unstable building structure and its relationship with the City of Tarrant Board of Education. Laura Horton retrieved the name and number of the concerned citizen and assured that information will be forwarded.

Third, Laura McCinley informed the Council of an anonymous individual (s) dumping trash near her residence. Ms. McCinley provided the location as an area that's near the Birmingham city side but in Tarrant, and asked for a camera to be installed to identify the individual (s).

After the public comments, Mayor Newton made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk May 19, 2025
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama



ATTEST:


Dr. Laverne Knight

READ AND APPROVED this the 19th day of May, 2025.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: _____
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR