

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 7, 2025
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday June 16, 2025, 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.

Chris Patterson 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 the June 16, 2025 regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. After review Councilor Threadford made a motion to approve the minutes for June 16, 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 four (4) and the nays being zero (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the minutes for June 16, 2025 council meeting was agreed and the motion was approved.

There were no communications from the Mayors Office. The mayor asked the Council if they had any communications. Councilor Threadford reminding everyone of the Candidate public forum to be held at the City of Tarrant Recreation on Saturday, July 12th from 2pm to 4pm. Councilor Freeman informed all those in attendance that documentation was filed to the Director of Public Works, Andrea Stallworth in regards to the hazardous and dangers terrain in District 1 that could lead to flooding. Councilor Freeman thanked Mayor Pro Tem Tracie Threadford for accompanying her tour of District 1 over the weekend, with acknowledgement to the terrain problems. Councilor Freeman provided a list of specific addresses. Councilor Anderson also provided an address that needs attending to in regards to grass and liens, and Councilor Threadford reminded the Mayor of speed bumps needed in City of Tarrant locations.

There were no Committee Reports.

The Mayor and Council moved on to Old Business.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9248 by announcing it will not be read due to the upcoming hearing, and asked the City Clerk to deferred the Resolution to the special called meeting set for July 10, 2025 @ 5:00 pm.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9264. A Resolution removing Chief Wendell Major from the Office of Chief of Police for the City of Tarrant. After reading the Resolution, Mayor Newton suspended the Resolution due to the interest of time and asked the City Clerk to defer it to the next regular City Council meeting.

The Council moved on to New Business.

Councilor Threadford introduced Resolution No. 9315. A Resolution Approving the Repair Estimate for A 2023 Dodge Charger Police Vehicle. After question and discussion on the purpose of repair verses insurance, it was recommended that the Resolution be tabled. Councilor Threadford made a motion to table Resolution No. 9315 until there is feedback from the insurance company. Councilor Byant 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:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Not voting:

None

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being one (1), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to table Resolution No. 9315 was agreed and the Resolution was tabled.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9316. A Resolution Directing A \$500 Donation to the Pillar of Hope Community Development Corporation. Mayor Newton made a motion to approve Resolution No. 9316. 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
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Not voting:

None

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being one (1), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9316 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for City of Tarrant, City Hall week ending July 7, 2025. Councilor Threadford moved to approve the vouchers for the week ending June 16, 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 Deborah “Debbie” Matthews

Nays:

Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being one (1) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for week ending July 7, 2025 was agreed and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Next, the City Council moved on to Public Comments.


First, Jackie Beltaine. With her upcoming move from Tarrant, Jackie Beltaine expressed how much she learned from the City of Tarrant Mayor and Council through the past several years.

Second, Valarie McLellan. Valarie McLellan provided some traffic safety issues that could lead to storm water issues and flooding in the City of Tarrant.

Third, Charlie Williams. Charlie Williams expressed concerns regarding demolitions and public hearings, the litter, clogging and debris around the five mile creek.

Fourth. Tanyika Fields. Tanyika Fields provided several recommendations to the Mayor and Council on how to build a new community.

After the public comments, Councilor Threadford made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk July 21, 2025
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama



READ AND APPROVED this the 21st day of July, 2025.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: _____
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Dr. Laverne Knight