

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 21, 2025
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday July 21, 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.

Tanikya Fields 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
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Absent:
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the July 7, 2025 regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. After review Councilor Threadford made a motion to approve the minutes for July 7, 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

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 July 7, 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 Bryant asked for an update on the approved May 5, 2025 Resolution 9285 regarding the riding lawn mowers for the Public Works Department and the Recreation Department. Mayor Newton informed Councilor Bryant that the loan just got finalized. Councilor Bryant also acknowledged that a driveway past the nursing home is caving in and needs attending to. Mayor assured public works will go out to check this issue. Councilor Threadford shared a past video of the 'red carpet welcome' for the City of Tarrant Back to School. Councilor Threadford informed all those in attendance that the next 'red carpet welcome' is dated for August 6, 2025 with an invitation to all. Councilor Freeman informed all those in attendance of a dangerous property address.

There were no Committee Reports.

The Mayor and Council moved on to Old Business.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9264. A Resolution removing Chief Wendell Major from the Office of Chief of Police for the City of Tarrant. 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.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9318. A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to File on Behalf of the City of Tarrant A Renewal Loan with Peoples Bank of Alabama. With the Resolution recognized as an annual payment, Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9318. 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

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 Resolution No. 9318 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Anderson introduced and read Resolution No. 9319. A Resolution Directing A \$500.00 Donation to the Tarrant Cheer Leading Team, and a \$500 Donation to the Pillar of Hope Community Development Corporation and \$500 to *The Tarrant Bible Methodist Church*. Councilor Anderson moved to approve Resolution No. 9319. 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

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 Resolution No. 9319 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9320. A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance. 1032 Linthicum St., 1177 Hall St., 1508 Wharton Ave., 152 Bell St., 1608 Burgin Ave., and 201 Springdale Ave. Mayor Newton opened a public hearing for each property. After reading the property address, Mayor Newton asked if there was anyone present to speak on behalf of any of the said properties. No one present spoke on the properties. Upon closing the public hearing for the said properties Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9320. 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

Nays:
None

Abstain:
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

Not voting:
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3), the nays being zero (0), and the abstains being one (1) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9320 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9321. A Resolution Ascertaining, Fixing, and Determining the Amount of Assessment to be Charged as a Lien on Specific Properties Identified with Addresses and their Tax Parcel ID Numbers, In the City of Tarrant, Alabama, as a Result of the Nuisance Abatement Ordered Under Specified Resolutions. Resolution 9301 1100 Birmingham St., Resolution 9305 1936 Day Ave., Resolution 9310 2052 East Lake Blvd., Resolution 9305 1249 Maple St., Resolution 9305 1253 Maple St., Resolution 9310 1811 McCaskill St., Resolution 9310 1858 McDavid St., Resolution 9301 1719 Mountain Dr., Resolution 9301 1723 Mountain Dr., Resolution 9305 1275 Park Ave., Resolution 9301 320 Pleasant Valley Dr., Resolution 9301 1009 Waverly St., and Resolution 9301 1016 Waverly St. Mayor Newton opened a public hearing for the properties. After reading the property address, Mayor Newton asked if there was anyone present to speak on behalf of any of the said properties. No one present spoke on the properties. Upon closing the public hearing for the said properties Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9321. 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

Nays:
None

Abstain:
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

Not voting:
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3), the nays being zero (0), and the abstains being one (1) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9321 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9322. A Resolution Ordering the Immediate Demolition of Buildings or Structures as Attached Hereto Located in Tarrant, Alabama. There was discussion on 1275 Park Avenue and recommendation to table the addresses until the September 8, 2025. Mayor Newton moved to amend Resolution 9322 in recognition of the recommendation of tabling the said address. 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

Nays:
None

Abstain:
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

Not voting:
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3), the nays being zero (0), and the abstains being one (1) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to amend Resolution No. 9322 was agreed and the Resolution was amended.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9322. A Resolution Ordering the Immediate Demolition of Buildings or Structures as Attached Hereto Located in Tarrant, Alabama. 1159 Hall St., 1013 Overton Ave., 1258 Park Ave., 1400 Sloan Ave., 1128 Wharton Ave., and 1120 Sloan Ave. Mayor Newton opened a public hearing for each of the said properties. After reading each property address, Mayor Newton asked if there was anyone present to speak on behalf of any of the said properties. No one present spoke on the properties. Upon closing the public hearing for the said properties Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9322. 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

Nays:
None

Abstain:
Veronica Bandy Freeman

Not voting:
None

The yeas being three (3), the nays being zero (0), and the abstains being one (1) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9321 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 21, 2025. Councilor Threadford moved to approve the vouchers for the week ending July 21, 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

Nays:
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

Not voting:
Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being one (1) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for week ending July 21, 2025 was agreed and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Nays:
None

Abstain:
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

Not voting:
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3), the nays being zero (0), and the abstains being one (1) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to amend Resolution No. 9322 was agreed and the Resolution was amended.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9322. A Resolution Ordering the Immediate Demolition of Buildings or Structures as Attached Hereto Located in Tarrant, Alabama. 1159 Hall St., 1013 Overton Ave., 1258 Park Ave., 1400 Sloan Ave., 1128 Wharton Ave., and 1120 Sloan Ave. Mayor Newton opened a public hearing for each of the said properties. After reading each property address, Mayor Newton asked if there was anyone present to speak on behalf of any of the said properties. No one present spoke on the properties. Upon closing the public hearing for the said properties Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9322. 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

Nays:
None

Abstain:
Veronica Bandy Freeman

Not voting:
None

The yeas being three (3), the nays being zero (0), and the abstains being one (1) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9321 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

Nays:
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

Not voting:
Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being one (1) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for week ending July 21, 2025 was agreed and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Mayor Newton requested a motion be made to suspend the rules to add Resolution No. 9323a. A Resolution Authorizing Donations to Local Churches in Support of Youth Programs. Mayor Newton moved to approve the temporary suspension of rules request 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

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being four (4), the nays being zero (0), and the abstains being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to suspend the rules to add Resolution No. 9323a was agreed and the motion was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9323a. A Resolution Authorizing Donations to Local Churches in Support of Youth Programs. Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution 9323a. 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
Mayor Wayman A. Newton
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being five (5), the nays being zero (0), and the abstains being zero (0) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9323a was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, the City Council moved on to Public Comments.

First, Mr. Chuck Winborn. Mr. Winborn expressed concerns of lack of support from the Mayors Office to the City of Tarrant Police Department. Mr. Winborn also expressed ethical concerns regarding the Mayor, and false accusations towards his personal character. The Mayor offered a public lunch with Mr. Winborn. Mr. Winborn accepted the invitation with caution.


Second, Jayla and Samuel White. Mr. and Mrs. White requested trailer approval in the City of Tarrant. Building Inspector affirmed that the trailer request was in a high density residential zone. Councilor Freeman mediated by stating that she would look into the request as it was in her district.

Third, Novalee Williams. Ms. Williams requested a financial update and comparison of the exact amount of dollars were in the General fund beginning with the new administration in 2020 to today’s amount. Ms. Williams requested the financial update be posted in the City of Tarrant website.

Fourth, Chris Patterson. Mr. Patterson expressed concerns regarding the City of Tarrant Police Department and the candidate running for the City of Tarrant Mayors Office 2025, Tracie Threadford.

After the public comments, Councilor Threadford made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Newton seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk August 18, 2025
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 18th day of August, 2025.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: _____
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR


ATTEST: 
Dr. Laverne Knight