

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2025
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday August 4, 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
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Absent:

Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the July 21, 2025 regularly scheduled council meeting were deferred to the August 18, 2025 meeting for review and approval.

There were no communications from the Mayors Office. The mayor asked the Council if they had any communications. There were no communications from the Councilors.

There were no Committee Reports.

The Mayor and Council moved on to Old Business.

Mayor Newton introduced and 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 projection of no seconder. The Mayor asked the City Clerk to defer Resolution No. 9264 to the next regular City Council meeting.

The Council moved on to New Business.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9323. A Resolution Approving the Purchase of RMS Annual Support Historical Purposes Only And CAD Annual Support Historical Purposes Only for the City of Tarrant Police Department. Due to the absence of the Police Chief there was recommendation that the Resolution be tabled to the next regular scheduled meeting. Mayor Newton motioned to table Resolution No. 9323. 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

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 table Resolution No. 9323 was agreed and the Resolution was tabled.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9324. A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Side UTV for Tarrant Fire & Rescue Department. Mayor Newton motioned to approve Resolution 9324. 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 four (4) and the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9324 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9325. A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance. 129 Ketona Rd., 92 Long St., 700 Pinehill Rd., 703 Pinehill Rd., 704 Pinehill Rd., 709 Pinehill Rd., 717 Pinehill Rd., 216 Springdale Rd., 229 Springdale Rd., 92 Rose St., and 93 Rose St. 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. Mr. Payne come forward and requested 704 Pinehill Rd. be taken off due to grass already cut. Mr. Renfrow also came forward on behalf of 717 Pinehill Rd. and stated the letter was sent to deceased daughter. After discussion Mayor Newton moved to extract addresses 704 Pinehill Rd., and 717 Pinehill Rd. from Resolution 9325 and table to August 18, 2025 regular scheduled Council meeting. 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:

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 extract addresses 704 Pinehill Rd., and 717 Pinehill Rd. from Resolution 9325 and table to August 18, 2025 regular Council meeting was agreed.

Next Mayor Newton re-introduced and re-read Resolution No. 9325. A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance. 129 Ketona Rd., 92 Long St., 700 Pinehill Rd., 703 Pinehill Rd., 709 Pinehill Rd., 216 Springdale Rd., 229 Springdale Rd., 92 Rose St., and 93 Rose St. 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. 9325. 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:

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. 9325 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9326. A Resolution Ordering the Immediate Demolition of Buildings or Structures as Attached Hereto Located in Tarrant, Alabama. 1190 Birmingham St., 1615 Brewton St., 1129 Forest St., 1125 Forest St., 1137 Linthicum St., 1723 Mountain Dr., 720 Pinehill Rd., 705 Pinehill Rd., and 2037 Woodrow Dr. There was discussion on 1190 Birmingham St. and 720 Pinehill Rd. and recommendation to table the two addresses to allow the two owners to apply for performance bonds. After discussion Mayor Newton moved to extract addresses 1190 Birmingham St. and 720 Pinehill Rd. from Resolution 9326 and table to August 18, 2025 regular scheduled Council meeting. 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 extract addresses 1190 Birmingham St. and 720 Pinehill Rd. Pinehill Rd. from Resolution 9326 and table to August 18, 2025 regular Council meeting was agreed.

Mayor Newton re-introduced and re-read Resolution No. 9326. A Resolution Ordering the Immediate Demolition of Buildings or Structures as Attached Hereto Located in Tarrant, Alabama. 1615 Brewton St., 1129 Forest St., 1125 Forest St., 1137 Linthicum St., 1723 Mountain Dr., 705 Pine Hill Rd., and 203 Woodrow Dr. Mayor Newton re-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. 9326. 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. 9326 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for City of Tarrant, City Hall week ending August 4, 2025. Councilor Threadford moved to approve the vouchers for the week ending August 4, 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 August 4, 2025 was agreed and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Next, the City Council moved on to Public Comments.

First, Mr. Chuck Winborn. Mr. Winborn commended a new City of Tarrant police commissioner. This was followed by Mr. Winborn expressing a thank you to the Mayor for a luncheon invitation that needed to be declined due to caution and set ideas.

Second, Jack Evans. Mr. Evans announced the death of his mother and expressed his appreciation for all of Tarrant citizens in their condolences. Mr. Evans also thanked the Mayor for his donation.

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

Fourth, Chris Patterson. Mr. Patterson requested a cross guard for the Elementary school, and cameras for his district. Discussion arose regarding bussing and a verbal school board meeting invitation was extended to all in attendance from a present school board member.

Fifth, Debra Anderson. Ms. Anderson referenced and compared the City of Tarrant's past manicured outdoor spaces and properties to its present lack of care state. Ms. Anderson also informed the Mayor and Council of the unacceptable and continuous loud music in her neighborhood with repeated calls to the local police department.

Sixth, Ms. Drew. Ms. Drew also provided the Mayor and Council with information regarding neighbors who are non-compliant with grass/weed and animal ordinances. Discussion arose on the Birmingham Human Societies role in the City of Tarrant regarding the animal ordinances.

After the public comments, Councilor Threadford made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Newton seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 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 