

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2025
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday August 18, 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.

Fire Chief Patrick Bennett lead those in attendance in the invocation. City Attorney Michael Brymer, 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
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Absent:

Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the July 21, 2025 and the August 4, 2025 minutes were presented for review and approval. The City Clerk noted to the Council that she is still waiting for resolution 9323a from the Mayor that was read and approved at the July 21, 2025 meeting. Mayor affirmed that the Resolution will be forwarded to the City Clerk. After review Councilor Threadford made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2025 and the August 4, 2025 regular scheduled meetings. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Bryant
Councilor Threadford
Councilor Anderson

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2025 and the August 4, 2025 council meetings minutes was agreed and the motion was approved.

There were communications from the Mayors Office. The mayor reminded all those in attendance of the upcoming elections on August 26, 2025 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. The Mayor provided the City Clerk a list of items that some of the candidates requested. There was discussion on the formal and informal expectations of August 26, 2025 municipal elections in Tarrant. The mayor also reminded of the reunions occurring September 19th to the 21st, 2025. Interested donators may contact Reverand Boyd at 205.527.4003. 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 read the Resolution due but due to the interest of time and personal prediction of no seconder, the Mayor ask the City Clerk to defer the Resolution to the next regular scheduled council meeting.

Next, there was discussion on Resolution No. 9323 that was originally to be added to old business for the August 18, 2025 meeting. 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. Councilor Bryant made a motion to add Resolution No. 9323 on to old business for the August 18, 2025 meeting. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor Bryant
Councilor Threadford
Councilor Anderson

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to add Resolution No. 9323 was approved.

Councilor 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. 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

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9323 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

The Council moved on to New Business.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9327. A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance. 1012 Forrest St., 1241 Forrest St., 1245 Forrest St., 1326 Thomason Ave., and 1426 Thomason Ave. Mayor Newton made a motion to amend Resolution No. 9327 to remove addresses 1326 Thomason Ave., and 1426 Thomason Ave. as they were corrected and requested to be removed by the owners. 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

Nays:
None

Not voting:
None

The yeas being three (3), the nays being zero (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to extract addresses 1326 Thomason Ave., and 1426 Thomason Ave. from Resolution 9327 as an amendment was agreed and the motion was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9327. A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance. 1012 Forrest St., 1241 Forrest St., and 1245 Forrest St. 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. 9327. 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

Nays:
None

Not voting:
None

The yeas being three (3), the nays being zero (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9327 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 18, 2025. Councilor Threadford moved to approve the vouchers for the week ending August 18, 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

Not voting:
Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for week ending August 18, 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 reviewed past school board conflicting discussions, City of Tarrant Recreation Director issues regarding the care of public grounds.

Second, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harris provided concerns regarding their son and a local City of Tarrant business owned that could be conflicting with City of Tarrant ordinances and zonings. Mr. Harris introduced concerns to the City of Tarrant Council ranging from looting and destruction to his locally owned business that is temporarily closed. Mayor

Newton recommended that Mr. Harris lawyer contact the City of Tarrant. Mr. and Mrs. Harris provided a list of concerns.

Third, Vickie Drew. Ms. Drew presented personal problems regarding the Tarrant Police Department and a recent case. The Police Chief summarized and provided as much information as possible to the case.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk September 3, 2025
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 5th day of September, 2025.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: _____
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
Dr. Laverne Knight 