

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday September 15, 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. Lt. James Hill, 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
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Absent:

None

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the September 3, 2025 mtg were deferred to the October 6, 2025 meeting as they were unavailable.

There were communications from the Mayors Office. The mayor reminded all those in attendance of the upcoming run-off elections on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Mayor Newton encouraged all the public to vote for the run-off elections. Councilor Freeman provided an update on her role with the Standing Committee group of Legislatures and her role in the Human Development Sector.

There were no Committee Reports.

The Mayor and Council moved on to Old Business.

Mayor Newton introduced and read 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, Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9331. A Resolution Authorizing the Reimbursement of All Costs Associated with the Retention of Council for And Ongoing Defense of Lisa Baker as An Employee of the City of Tarrant. After discussion Mayor moved to approve Resolution No. 9331. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Mayor Wayman Newton
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford

Abstains:
Councilor Bandy Freeman

Not voting:
None

The yeas being three (3), the nays being two (2), the abstains being one (1) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9331 was agreed, and the motion was approved.

The Council moved on to New Business.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9332a. A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance at Specified Addresses in the City of Tarrant: 1405 Elizabeth Ave., 1428 Elizabeth Ave., 913 Overton Ave., and 1821 Wharton 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. 9332a. 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

Abstain:
None

Not voting:
None

The yeas being five (5), the nays being zero (0), and the abstains being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9332a was agreed, and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9333. A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Payment of \$2781.30 to Specific Vendors. After discussion, Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9333. 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:
None

Not voting:
Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to table Resolution No. 9333 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for City of Tarrant, City Hall week ending September 15, 2025. Councilor Threadford moved to approve the vouchers for the week ending September 15, 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

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being five (5) and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for week ending September 15, 2025 was agreed and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Next, the City Council moved on to Public Comments.

First, Mr. Charles Johnson. Mr. Johnson provided an update on the Brummitt Heights Community in District 1.

Second, Mr. Chris Patterson. Mr. Patterson described an incident on Sloan Avenue and expressed the need for cameras. Mr. Sloan also informed the Council of tree branches that needed trimming and an update on the City of Tarrant Electric \$75 dollar payments. Councilor Bryant referred Mr. Patterson to the Electric Board as they are an incorporated entity from the City of Tarrant Council.

Third, Ms. Richardson. Ms. Richardson asked how much the fee was for the Brumitt Heights Park. Mayor Newton assured Ms. Richardson that the fee would be waived for her event.

Fifth, Waynette Bonham. Ms. Bonham expressed concerns over the security during the August 26, 2025 elections. The City Clerk assured Ms. Bonham that the run-off elections security will be updated.

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 October 6, 2025
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 6th day of October, 2025.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: _____
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Dr. Laverne Knight