

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2025
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday October 6, 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
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 meeting and the September 15, 2025 regularly scheduled council meetings were presented for review and approval. After review Councilor Threadford made a motion to approve the minutes for September 3, 2025 and September 15, 2025. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yea:
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Nay:
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 the minutes for September 3, 2025 and September 15, 2025 was agreed and the motion was approved.

There were communications from the Mayors Office. The Mayor extended a congratulations to all newly elected officials. The Mayor also announced that he received an email on October 2 with confirmation of a New Dollar General Store that will be brought into the City of Tarrant.

Mayor-Elect Tracie Threadford announced that December 6th, 2025 will be the City of Tarrant Christmas Parade, and that November 3rd will be the swearing in ceremony.

Councilor Freeman congratulated Mayor-Elect Tracie Threadford for her newly elected position, and provided a thank you to District 1 for their support in the past years and the 2025 election.

Councilor Anderson thanked District 3 for their support in the 2025 elections, and extended her congratulations to the newly elected officials. Councilor Anderson affirmed that she will continue to hold a supportive and volunteering role in the City of Tarrant.

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.

The Mayor moved on to New Business.

Councilor Freeman introduced Ordinance 1166, Ordinance 1167 and Ordinance 1168. Ordinance No. 1166- An Ordinance Granting a Variance to the City Building Code for the Construction and Placement of a Modular Home at 2317 Wayfarer Drive, Tarrant, Alabama 35217. Ordinance No. 1167 -An Ordinance Regarding Truck Routes Within Residential Neighborhoods of the City of Tarrant, Alabama. And, Ordinance No. 1168 -An Ordinance Designating Commercial Truck Routes Within Residential Neighborhoods of the City of Tarrant, Alabama. Due to unforeseen circumstances Councilor Freeman recommended the said Ordinances be tabled. There was no unreadiness. Councilor Freeman moved to table Ordinance 1166, Ordinance 1167 and Ordinance 1168. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nay:

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 table Ordinance No. 1166, Ordinance No. 1167, and Ordinance No. 1168 was agreed, and the Ordinances were tabled.

Councilor Threadford introduced and read Resolution No. 9335. A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute A Services Agreement Between the City of Tarrant and Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC for the Renewal Business License Administration Services. Upon recommendation to table the Resolution, Councilor Threadford moved to table Resolution No. 9335. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nay:

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. 9335 was agreed and the Resolution was tabled.

Councilor Anderson introduced and read Resolution No. 9336. A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Invoice from the Alabama League of Municipalities. There was no unreadiness. Councilor Anderson moved to approve Resolution No. 9336. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yea:

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 approve Resolution No. 9336 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9337. A Resolution Authorizing the Contract Renewal of Civic Plus for the Services of the City of Tarrant Webpage and Municode Design. There was no unreadiness. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9337. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yea:

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 approve Resolution No. 9337 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9338. A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Payment of \$1706.78 to Specific Tarrant Police Department Vendors. After discussion with Police Chief Wendell Major, Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9338. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yea:

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 approve Resolution No. 9338 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9339. A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a PJ822-VK:Brother Jet Vehicle Kit for the City of Tarrant Police Department. After more discussion with Police Chief Wendell Major, Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9339. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yea:
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 approve Resolution No. 9339 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9340. A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Purchase and Replacement of an HP Laptop for the City Clerk, City of Tarrant, Alabama. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9340. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yea:
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 approve Resolution No. 9340 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, Mayor Newton moved to suspend the rules and add Resolution No. 9341 on to the Agenda. A Resolution Approving the Settlement of a Claim and Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement. Mayor Newton motioned to suspend the rules. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yea:
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 suspend the rules to add Resolution No. 9341 was agreed and the rules were suspended.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9341. A Resolution Approving the Settlement of a Claim and Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement. Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9341. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yea:
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Mayor Wayman Newton

Nays:
None

Not voting:
None

The yeas being six (6) and the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9341 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

There was suggestion for a motion to move back to regular order of the City of Tarrant regular schedule Council meeting. Mayor Newton moved to motion the meeting back to its regular order. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yea:
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 move back to the regular council meeting order was approved and the Council moved back to its regular order.

Mayor Newton left the meeting at 7:18 pm due to unforeseen circumstances.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for City of Tarrant, City Hall week ending October 6, 2025. There was unreadiness on cheque number 55514, vendor ID 3457. Assurance was made to look into the signage of the said cheque. Councilor approve vouchers for week ending October 6, 2025. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor-Pro Tem Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:

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 *October 6, 2025* was agreed and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Next, the City Council moved on to Public Comments.

First, Mr. Winborn. Mr. Winborn questioned the recent payment of Attorney fees for the City of Tarrant political appointee. The Council assured Mr. Winborn that the fees will be looked into. Mr. Winborn also questioned the whereabouts of the old City Hall pictures of past City of Tarrant leaders. The Council assured Mr. Winborn that this will also be looked into. Mr. Winborn ended his public comments by congratulating all the public officials in the City of Tarrant Elections 2025.

Second, Mr. Charlie Williams. Mr. Williams commended the elected Public Service Officials. Mr Williams requested that honor and time be taken for the late Ms. Jennings husband. Mr. Williams ended his public comments by stressing how the children of elected leaders should not be attacked on social media.

After the public comments, Councilor Bryant made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk October 20, 2025
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama



Dr. Laverne Knight

RECD AND APPROVED this the 21st day of October, 2025.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: _____
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR