

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2025
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday October 20, 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 Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Mayor Wayman A. Newton
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Mathews

Absent:

Councilor Tracie B. Threadford

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the October 6, 2025 regularly scheduled council meetings were presented for review and approval. After review Councilor Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for October 6, 2025 *with the amendment to change the date on the vouchers to October 6, 2025*. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Not voting:

None

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 approve the minutes for October 6, 2025 with the amendment was agreed and the motion was approved.

There were no communications from the Mayors Office.

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. Mayor Newton motioned to approve Resolution No. 9264. There was no seconder. Motion failed.

Next, Mayor introduced Resolution No. 9335. A resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Service Agreement Between the City of Tarrant and Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC for the Renewal of Business License Administration Services. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9335. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

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 approve Resolution No. 9335 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

The Mayor moved on to New Business.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9342. A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Invoices from the Elections Systems Software, LLC for the City of Tarrant General Municipal Elections and General Run-Off Elections For Year 2025. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9342. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

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 approve Resolution No. 9342 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Freeman introduced and read Resolution No. 9343. A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Placement of a Street Light in the Proximity of 2218 Tole Street and 2249 Tole Street. Councilor Freeman moved to approve Resolution No. 9343. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

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 approve Resolution No. 9343 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, the Council moved on to Resolution No. 9344. A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Expend \$3,000 for the City of Tarrant Swearing-In Ceremony. Councilor Bryant moved to remove Resolution No. 9344 from the Agenda. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

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 remove Resolution No. 9344 from the Agenda was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolution No. 9345. A Resolution Setting Time and Place of the November 3, 2025 City of Tarrant City Council Meeting. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9345. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

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 approve Resolution No. 9345 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Anderson introduced and read Resolution No. 9346. A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Payment of \$5,139.82 to Specific Tarrant Police Department Vendors. Councilor Anderson moved to approve Resolution No. 9346. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
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. 9346 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Anderson introduced and read Resolution No. 9347. A Resolution Authorizing the Expenditures of Grant Funds Upon Receipt of Said Funds for the Purchase of a 20FT Custom Enclosed Trailer & Equipment for Tarrant Fire & Rescue For Use of a Mobile Command and Response Unit. Councilor Anderson moved to approve Resolution No. 9347. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

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 approve Resolution No. 9347 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for City of Tarrant, City Hall week ending October 20, 2025. After review, Councilor Anderson moved to approve the Vouchers and Expenses for week ending October 20, 2025. There was no seconder. Motion failed.

Councilor Anderson suggested the Fire Chief Bennet requested a verbal Resolution to be placed on for discussion and possible approval. Mayor Newton moved to suspend the rules and add Resolution No. 9348 on to the Agenda. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not Voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being (0), with one member not voting, the motion to suspend the rules to add Resolution No. 9348 was agreed and the rules were suspended.

Mayor Newton introduced and verbally said Resolution No. 9348. A Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Grant & Donation Funds for Tarrant Fire & Rescue's Drone Response Project. Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution No. 9348. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

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. 9348 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. Councilor Bryant moved to motion the meeting back to its regular order. 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

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.

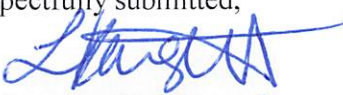
Next, the City Council moved on to Public Comments.


First, Mr. Winborn. Mr. Winborn declined public comments as his question was geared to Councilor Tracie B. Threadford who was absent for the meeting.

Second, Mr. Charlie Waldrep. Council Attorney Mr. Charlie Waldrep provided details of his first day of service with City of Tarrant and commended the Mayor for his service to the City of Tarrant.

After the public comments, Councilor Bryant made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


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

READ AND APPROVED this the  day of November, 2025.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: 

WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

Dr. Laverne Knight