

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2025
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday November 17, 2025, at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

Mayor Threadford called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM immediately following the council work session that began at 6:00PM to discuss items on the agenda and other matters.

Pastor Wright lead those in attendance in the invocation. Interim Fire Patrick Bennett, lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Mayor Threadford asked for a roll call. The following officials were present during the roll call:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Absent:
None

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the November 3, 2025 regularly scheduled council meetings were presented for review and approval. After review Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes for November 3, 2025. Councilor McClellan seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:
Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nay:
None

Not voting:
None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve the minutes for November 3, 2025 was agreed and the minutes were approved.

There were communications from the Mayors Office. The Mayor congratulated the Tarrant High Schools own varsity basketball coach. Coach Groom was being awarded the Jefferson County Emmanuel Bell Coach of the Year. The Mayor also congratulated the Tarrant School system with the recognized increase in annual report card scores with the state at 60 to 76 and the federal at 67 to 74. Another congratulations was extended to the youth football teams Tarrant 12U and 6U City Ducs as EYFL champions of their division. Other announcements included the past weekends second annual turkey and thanksgiving box giveaway with a serving of 329 family which went up from 200 the previous year. Vulcan Materials, and We R Smart LLC were the sponsors for making the event possible. Point of Life Resource Center also provided baby food for the event. Pastor and First Lady Wright, Emily Rico, the ladies of Club Infiniti Diamonds,

David Lucas, Councilor Cooper, Councilor McClelland, Councilor Matthews, Chief Major, and Officers Spender, Gordon Smith and Muwwakil served at the event and much appreciated. The Mayor also announced that the Christmas parade would be on December 6, 2025 at 4:30 pm.

The Mayor announced that there are no Committee Reports but that Committees were assigned.

There was no Old Business.

The Mayor moved on to New Business.

Mayor Threadford announced that the clerk will report the first time on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the first item on the agenda, Ordinance No. 1169. Ordinance 1169, an Ordinance Adopting and Establishing the Rules of Operation & Procedure for all Meetings of the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama *first reading*. Councilor Johnson moved to table Ordinance No. 1169. Councilor McClellan seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nay:

Mayor Tracie B. Threadford

Abstain:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Not voting:

None

The yeas being four (4), the nays being one (1), the abstains being one (1) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to table Ordinance No. 1169 was approved and the Ordinance was tabled.

Mayor Threadford asked the Clerk to report the next item on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 9350. Resolution No. 9350, A Resolution on the Procedure for Issuing Mayoral Proclamations. Councilor McClellan moved to approve Resolution No. 9350. Councilor Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nay:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9350 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Threadford asked the Clerk to report the next item on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 9351. Resolution No. 9351, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the City of Tarrant to Enter into a Textile Rental Agreement with ALSCO Linen Services. There was unreadiness on the contract fees. Mayor

Threadford moved to table Resolution No. 9351. Councilor McClellan seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nay:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to table Resolution No. 9351 was agreed and the Resolution was tabled.

Mayor Threadford asked the Clerk to report the next item on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 9352. Resolution No. 9352, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Tarrant City Council to Enter into Agreement with Employee Assistance Program Services. Councilor Cooper moved to approve Resolution No. 9352. Councilor McClellan seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nay:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9352 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Threadford asked the Clerk to report the next item on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 9353. Resolution No. 9353, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute A Service Agreement Between the City of Tarrant and Avenu Insights and Analytics, LLC for the Renewal of Tax Revenue Administration Services. Mayor Threadford asked how long the renewal would be and the City Clerk responded that it would be one year instead of three and that there is a ninety-day clause in the renewal. Councilor McClellan moved to approve Resolution No. 9353. Councilor Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nay:

None

Not voting:
None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9353 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Threadford asked the Clerk to report the next item on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 9354. Resolution No. 9354, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Agreement with the Storm Shelter Grant Program. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9354. Councilor McClellan seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:
Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nays:
None

Not voting:
None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9354 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Threadford asked the Clerk to report the next item on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 9355. Resolution No. 9355, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Payment of \$243.75 for Additional Costs Regarding the City of Tarrant Runoff Elections 2025. Councilor McClellan moved to approve Resolution No. 9355. Councilor McClellan seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:
Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nays:
None

Not voting:
None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9355 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Threadford asked the Clerk to report the next item on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 9356. Resolution No. 9356, A Resolution Reappointing Wendell W. Major as the Chief of Police of the City of Tarrant, Alabama Pursuant to City Ordinances and Alabama Code Code §§ 11-43-5, 11-43-55, AND 11-43-81. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9356. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nays:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Councilor Valarie McClellan

Abstain:

Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Not voting:

None

The yeas being two (2), the nays being three (3), the abstains being one (1), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9356 was not agreed and the Resolution was not approved.

Mayor Threadford asked the Clerk to report the next item on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 9357. Resolution No. 9357, A Resolution Reappointing Dr. Laverne Knight as the City Clerk of the City of Tarrant, Alabama Pursuant to City Ordinances and Alabama Code §§ 11-43-5.. Councilor McClellan moved to approve Resolution No. 9357. Councilor Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9357 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Threadford asked the Clerk to report the next item on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 9358. Resolution No. 9358, A Resolution Affirming a Professional Services Agreement for City Attorney: Massey, Stotser & Nichols, P.C. Councilor Cooper moved to approve Resolution No. 9357. Councilor McClellan seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9358 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Threadford asked the Clerk to report the next item on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 9359. Resolution No. 9359, A Resolution Naming the Honorable Lee Barnes as Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Tarrant, Alabama. Councilor Cooper moved to approve Resolution No. 9359. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nay:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9359 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Threadford asked the Clerk to report the next item on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 9360. Resolution No. 9360, A Resolution Naming the Honorable A. V. Callins Prosecutor for the City of Tarrant, Alabama. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9360. Councilor Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nay:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9360 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Threadford asked the Clerk to report the next item on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 9361. Resolution No. 9361, A Resolution Naming Chris Muir as the Chief Building Inspector and Official for the City of Tarrant, Alabama. Councilor Cooper moved to approve Resolution No. 9361. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9361 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Threadford asked the Clerk to report the next item on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 9362. Resolution No. 9362, A Resolution Appointing Patrick Bennett Interim Fire Chief for the City of Tarrant Fire Department. There was unreadiness by Councilor Matthews in regard to Interim. Mayor Threadford informed all those in attendance that Interim must be applied as there is current legal action for the position with the earliest outcome being January 2025. Councilor Cooper moved to approve Resolution No. 9362. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor Charles Johnson

Councilor Bruce Cooper

Mayor Tracie B. Threadford

Councilor Valarie McClellan

Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9362 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Threadford asked the Clerk to report the next item on the agenda for council consideration. The City Clerk read the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 9363. Resolution No. 9363, A Resolution Authorizing Designating Signatories on All Banking and Financial Accounts for the City of Tarrant. Councilor McClellan moved to approve Resolution No. 9363. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion. There was unreadiness with Councilor Johnson recommending Councilor McClellan as an authorized designatory signatory. There was no further unreadiness. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor Bruce Cooper

Mayor Tracie B. Threadford

Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nays:

Councilor Charles Johnson

Abstain:

Councilor McClellan

Not voting:

None

The yeas being four (4), the nays being one (1), the abstains being one (1), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9363 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for City of Tarrant, City Hall week ending November 3, 2025. After review, Councilor McClellan moved to approve the Vouchers and Expenses for week ending November 3, 2025. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yea:

Councilor Charles Johnson
Councilor Bruce Cooper
Mayor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Valarie McClellan
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant

Nay:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being six (6), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve the Vouchers and Expenses for week ending November 3, 2025 was agreed and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Next, the City Council moved on to Public Comments.

First, Mr. Willie Demais. Mr. Demais had some concerns of storm water issues from the street that are having an effect on his property. The Mayor instructed the City Clerk to call and coordinate a meeting between SAIN Engineers and the City of Tarrant Public Works Coordinator to repair the damages that are on City of Tarrant property. The Mayor also asked the City Clerk to provide the City of Tarrant Public Works Director Mr. Demais phone number. Ms. Yvett Reed also expressed similar storm water concerns on her property. The City Clerk was instructed to take her phone number as well for the City of Tarrant Public Works Director.

There were no other public comments.

After the public comments, Councilor Bryant made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Threadford seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk, December 1, 2025
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 1st day of December, 2025.



The City of Tarrant, Alabama
APPROVED: 
TRACIE B. THREADFORD, MAYOR

Dr. Laverne Knight