

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2025
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday December 1, 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. City Attorney Michael Brymer, 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.

Department Heads Present included:

Chris Smoke-Information Technology/Security
Andrea Stallworth-Public Works Director
Chris Muir-Building Inspector
Tanilya Jackson-Head Magistrate
Jocelyn Cash-Head of Finance
Patrick Coleman-Library Director
Scott Evans-Sports and Recreation Director
Justin Crockett-Revenue Examiner/Business License
Patrick Bennett-Interim TFD Fire Chief
Wendell Major-TPD Fire Chief
Dedrick Browder- Public Works
Michael Brymer-City Attorney

The minutes from the November 17, 2025 regularly scheduled council meetings were presented for review and approval. After review Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes for November 17, 2025. Councilor Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:
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:

The yeas being five (5), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve the minutes for December 1, 2025 was agreed and the minutes were approved.

There were communications from the Mayors Office. The Mayor announced that the Christmas parade would be on December 6, 2025 at 4:30 pm, this Saturday. Tarrant Fire Department will be taking names for the toy drive give away. Social security card and birth certificates must be presented. If yards not cleaned before December 31s then tickets will begin to be cited.

There were no Committee Reports.

The Mayor moved on to Old Business.

Mayor Threadford announced the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 1169. The City Clerk read the introductory of Ordinance No. 1169, second reading. There was unreadiness by Councilor Johnson. Mayor Threadford asked the City Attorney to provide details on the unreadiness expressed by Councilor Johnson. City Attorney outlined the recommendations of the City Council regular meetings to begin at 6:30pm rather than 7:00 pm, and the holiday substitution day meetings to be scheduled for the following Tuesday rather than the following Wednesday. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Ordinance No. 1169. Mayor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Councilor Charles Johnson

Abstains:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being five (5), the nays being one (1), the abstains being zero (0) with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Ordinance No. 1169 was approved and the Ordinance was approved.

The Mayor moved on to New Business.

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. 9364. Resolution No. 9364, A Resolution Designating Mayor Pro Tem Bryant as the Contact With the Personnel Board of Jefferson County for Certain Positions Where the City Council is Recognized Appointing Authority. There was unreadiness by Councilor McClellan by recommending Councilor Cooper to be replaced by Councilor Bryant. An explanation was provided that the appointed positions would continue to be brought to the Councilor for approval. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9364. Mayor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

Councilor Charles Johnson

Not voting:

None

The yeas being five (5), the nays being one (1), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9364 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. 9365. Resolution No. 9365, A Resolution Regarding Notice of Claim Dated April 16, 2024. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9365. Mayor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

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. 9365 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. 9366. Resolution No. 9366, A Resolution Naming the Honorable Charlie Waldrep of the Firm Waldrep, Stewart, and Kindrick, LLP as the Public Defender of the City of Tarrant, Alabama. The Mayor affirmed it was at a rate of \$1200 per month. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9366. Councilor Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

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. 9366 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. 9367. Resolution No. 9367, A Resolution On the Community Grant Program. Re: Senior Center. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9367. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

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. 9367 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. 9368. Resolution No. 9368, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Quote and Services from Industrial Inspection & Analysis for the City of Tarrant Fire Department. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9354. Councilor Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:
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. 9368 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. 9369. Resolution No. 9369, A Resolution Authorizing Random Drug Screening and Physicals for City of Tarrant Employees. Interim Fire Chief Patrick Bennett was asked to present at the podium and provide specifics on the Resolution. Interim Fire Chief Patrick Bennett provided and explained a one year option and a three year option. The Council agreed on the three year option. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9369. Councilor McClellan seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:
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. 9369 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. 9370. Resolution No. 9370, A Resolution Naming the Rev. Leon Wright as Chaplain for the City of Tarrant, Alabama. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9370. Councilor Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

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. 9370 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, there was recommendation to suspend the rules and add Resolution No. 9371 to the agenda. Resolution No. 9371, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Quote and Services from Birmingham Freightliners for the City of Tarrant Fire Department. Councilor Bryant moved to approve the suspension of rules for the addition. Councilor Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

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 suspend the rules to add Resolution No. 9371 was agreed and the Resolution was added.

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. 9371. Resolution No. 9371, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Quote and Services from Birmingham Freightliner for the City of Tarrant Fire Department. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9371. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

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), the abstains being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9371 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for City of Tarrant, City Hall week ending December 1, 2025. After review, Councilor Bryant moved to approve the Vouchers and Expenses for week ending December 1, 2025. Councilor Cooper seconded the motion Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

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 five (5), 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. David Guin. David, a business owner of Tarrant had some concerns regarding the Tarrant Police Department and their calls regarding some break and enters into their private business.

Second, Ms. Escott. Ms. Escott asked about the increments household salary regarding the exemption and discounts of trash pick-ups. The Mayor re-assured Ms. Escott by affirming that she would call Ms. Sadler to get specific details.

Third, Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith thanked the Tarrant Police Chief Wendell Major for his time and work with the Tarrant Police Department. Mr. Smith referenced Mr. Majors professional background.

Fourth, Mr. Scott Morro asked the Council to support and re-appoint Tarrant Police Chief Wendell Major. Mr. Morro asked to reconsider and rescind the Resolution No. 9356.


Fifth, Ms. Sandra Matthews. Ms. Matthews also expressed support for Chief Major. Ms. Matthews asked the City of Tarrant Mayor and Council to reconsider the re-appointment of the Chief.

Sixth, the Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Birmingham Ms. Noland expressed concerns of Resolution No. 9366 and asked to reconsider and negotiate the services. Ms. Noland reminded the Mayor and Council of the 25 year relationship.

There were no other public comments.

After the public comments, Councilor Bryant made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.


Respectfully submitted,


Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk, December 15, 2025
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 15th day of December, 2025.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: 
TRACIE B. THREADFORD, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
Dr. Laverne Knight