

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 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 6:30 PM at City Hall.

Mayor Threadford called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Chief 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

Absent:

Councilor John T. “Tommy” Bryant

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

Department Heads Present included:

Andrea Stallworth-Public Works Director
Chris Muir-Building Inspector
Tanilya Jackson-Head Magistrate
Jocylyn Cash-Head of Finance
Scott Evans-Sports and Recreation Director
Patrick Bennett-Interim TFD Fire Chief
Wendell Major-TPD Fire Chief
Dedrick Browder- Public Works

Next, the Council moved on to the approval of the meeting agenda. There was no discussion on amending the agenda. Councilor McClellan moved to adopt the approval of the meeting agenda. 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

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 meeting agenda for December 15, 2025 was agreed and the agenda was approved.

The minutes from the December 1, 2025 regularly scheduled council meetings were presented for review and approval. After review Councilor McClellan made a motion to approve the minutes for 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

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 minutes for December 1, 2025 was agreed and the minutes were approved.

There were communications from the Mayors Office. The Mayor announced that Blanks Finley and Wite will be doing the audits for years 2023, 2024 and 2025. The bulk routes for trash pick up during Christmas week will be the normal Monday and Tuesday routes. The City Town Hall will be closed on December 24 and 25th and services will resume on Friday December 26, 2025. The Tarrant toy drive will begin on Friday December 19th and participants can up toys and food at the Tarrant Fire Department beginning 8:00 am. The Mayor thanked all volunteers who put in their services for the Tarrant Christmas parade and informed all those present that the City Hall luncheon was a success. Councilor Matthews thanked the anonymous City of Tarrant employee for dropping off a lunch plate of food at her work. The Mayor also thanked the public works staff for the work that they do and reminded all that the work is noticeable.

The Mayor continued on to Department Head reports with Finance, Court, Public Works and Building Inspections being done at the pre council 6:00 pm meeting. Mr. Scott Evans, Director of Sports and Rec reported that grant funding providers are currently being researched and that the sports revenues are up to date. Police Chief Major provided statistics on the criminal activity accounts during the past month of November. Interim Fire Chief Patrick Bennet provided an update on the current grants received and upcoming potentials.

Next, Mayor Threadford introduced the consent agenda which was the next item. The consent agenda included:

Resolution No. 9372, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Quote and Services from Peach State-Birmingham Freightliners for the City of Tarrant Fire Department.

Resolution No. 9373, A Resolution Approving the Reimbursement of Certain Expenses Related to State Mandated Training for Elected Officials.

Mayor Threadford moved to approve the consent agenda. 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

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 consent agenda was agreed and the items on the consent agenda were approved.

There were no public hearings.

Next the Council moved on to unfinished or old business.

Mayor Threadford introduced 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 with Councilor Cooper. Councilor Cooper asked for detailed information regarding the 5% increase with the decrease of matts sizing pricing. Finance Director Joycelyn Cash informed the Council that the 5% increase will be looked into. Mayor Threadford moved to table Resolution No. 9351. Council 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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being five (5), 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.

The Council moved to new business.

Mayor Threadford introduced Ordinance No. 1170. An Ordinance Amending Section 11 of Ordinance No. 1149 Which Granted a Natural Gas Franchise to Spire Alabama Inc., first reading. There was unreadiness due to the new laws becoming into effect in January 2026 providing the residents to hold a referendum on opting for utility franchise, Tarrant resident concerns on pricing. Councilor McClellan made a motion to withdraw the first reading of Ordinance 1170. 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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

None

The yeas being five (5), the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to withdraw the first reading of Ordinance 1170 was agreed and the first reading was withdrawn.

Mayor Threadford introduced Ordinance No. 1170. An Ordinance Amending Section 11 of Ordinance No. 1149 Which Granted a Natural Gas Franchise to Spire Alabama Inc. Mayor Threadford moved to approve Ordinance 1149. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Threadford called for a vote.

Yeas:

None

Nays:

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

Not voting:

None

The yeas being zero (0), the nays being five (5), with zero (0) member not voting, the motion to approve 1170 failed.

Next, the City Council moved on to Public Comments.

First, Mr. Tommy Weaver. Mr. Weaver a Tarrant property owner described the public sidewalk damage in front of his property possibly resulting from the storm water run-off. Mr. Weaver asked the City look into it, and to fix the issue. The Mayor asked Mr. Browder of the Public Safety Department to look into the sidewalk, and reassured Mr. Weaver that it will be addressed.

Second, Ms. Clements. Mr. Clements commended the Mayor and Council for the work using a displayed, ‘Make Tarrant Great Again.’ Mr. Clement also asked the Council to re-appoint the Chief of Police, Wendell Major.

Third, Veronica Freeman. Ms. Freeman spoke on Wendell Major support. Ms. Freeman also read a petition document listing names who are in support of Wendell Major.

Fourth, Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith also spoke in support of Chief Major and thanked the Tarrant Police Chief Wendell Major for his time and work with the Tarrant Police Department.

Fifth, Ms. Sandra Matthews. Ms. Matthews continued to express support for Chief Major. Ms. Matthews spoke on past incidents with previous Police Chiefs. Ms. Matthews referenced Mr. Majors professional background.

There were no other public comments.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for City of Tarrant, City Hall week ending December 15, 2025. After review, Councilor McClellan moved to approve the Vouchers and Expenses for week ending December 15, 2025. 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

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 December 15, 2025 was agreed and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

After the vouchers and expenses were discussed, Mayor Threadford made a motion to adjourn. Councilor McClellan seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.



Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk, January 5, 2026
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

8th
READ AND APPROVED this the 8th day of January, 2026.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: 
TRACIE B. THREADFORD, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

Dr. Laverne Knight