

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2025
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday September 3, 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. Sergeant Patrick Howle lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Mayor Newton asked for the Council's preference to appoint a person to take minutes in the interim. Councilor Threadford moved to appoint the City Attorney Daniel J. Wisniewski as interim City Clerk for the purposes of taking minutes at the meeting. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Newton next conducted roll call. The following officials were present during the roll call:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

Absent:

Councilor Catherine "Cathy" Anderson
Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The Council next took up the minutes from the August 18, 2025, regularly scheduled council meeting. Councilor Threadford moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the August 18, 2025, meeting minutes passed.

Mayor Newton made several communications: 1) regarding the City's ADEM permit, the City's annual SWMPP permit will be open for public comment from Thursday, September 4, 2025, to Friday, September 12, 2025, and is located on the City's website under Public Works, Tarrant Stormwater Program, and if you wish to make a comment please go to the website, and 2) the runoff elections will be held Tuesday September 23rd from 7AM to 7PM at City Hall.

The mayor asked the Council if they had any communications. There were no communications from the Councilors.

There were no Committee Reports.

The Mayor and Council moved on to Old Business.

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Mayor Newton announced that he would not introduce Resolution No. 9264 out of respect for the person killed in the City over the labor day holiday. The Mayor offered his condolences to the family, and stated that he knew the victim's brother. The Mayor stated that he recently had a close family member murdered, and that this was a reminder to take the issue of crime seriously in the City.

The Council moved on to New Business.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9328. A Resolution of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, Proclaiming September 2025 as "Workforce Development Month" in the City of Tarrant, Alabama, and Recognizing the 20th Anniversary of this National Observance. Councilor Bryant motioned to approve Resolution No. 9328. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9328 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9329. A Resolution of the City of Tarrant Establishing the Appointment of Additional Poll Workers for the City of Tarrant Run Off Municipal Election 2025. Councilor Bryant motioned to approve Resolution No. 9329. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9329 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9330. A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Six (6) Thermal Rated Radios for Tarrant Fire Department. Mayor Newton motioned to approve Resolution No. 9330. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:

None

Not voting:
Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9330 was agreed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Newton introduced Resolution No. 9331. A Resolution Authorizing the Reimbursement of All Costs Associated with the Retention of Counsel for an Ongoing Defense of Lisa Baker as An Employee of the City of Tarrant. Mayor Newton motioned to approve Resolution No. 9331.

Councilor Bryant moved to table Resolution No. 9331. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion to table the resolution.

Mayor Newton stated as a point of order that the motion to approve Resolution No. 9331 was already pending and required a vote. Mayor Newton called for a second, and receiving none, stated that the motion to approve Resolution No. 9331 failed.

Councilor Bryant moved to table Resolution No. 9331. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion to table the resolution.

Mayor Newton stated that Resolution No. 9331 had been tabled for the last eight months, and that this will result in another lawsuit against the City, and that we should be mindful of this risk, and that Council should address the resolution at the next Council meeting.

Yeas:
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford

Nays:
Mayor Waymon A. Newton

Not voting:
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Mayor Newton raised a point of parliamentary inquiry with the City Attorney and asked for the rules in relation to how the votes were cast. The City Attorney stated that the City Council was at an impasse and that although not tabled, the motion fails, and nothing happens with it.

The yeas being two (2) and the nays being one (1), with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve Resolution No. 9331 failed.

Next, the City Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for City of Tarrant, City Hall week ending September 3, 2025. Mayor Newton moved to approve the vouchers for the week ending September 3, 2025. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:
Councilor John T. "Tommy" Bryant
Councilor Tracie B. Threadford
Councilor Deborah "Debbie" Matthews

Nays:
None

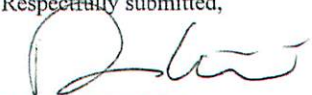
Not voting:
None

The yeas being three (3) and the nays being zero (0), with zero (0) members not voting, the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for week ending September 3, 2025, was agreed and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

The City Council moved on to Public Comments. There were no public comments.


Next, Mayor Newton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel J. Wisniewski
City Attorney/Interim City Clerk, October 6, 2025
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama



 APPROVED this the ____ of October, 2025.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: _____
WAYMON A. NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk