

**TARRANT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2024**

AGENDA

REGULAR SESSION – 7:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PRAYER

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 2, 2024- Regular Meeting

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution No. 9191** – A Resolution Removing Chief Wendell Major from the Office of Chief of Police for the City of Tarrant.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution No. 9244** – A Resolution Approving of and Authorizing the Execution of the Assignment Agreement Among the City of Tarrant, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Electric Board of the City of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, Inc.
- B. **Resolution No. 9245** – A Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of the Remaining American Rescue Plan Act Funds.
- C. **Resolution No. 9246** – A Resolution by the City of Tarrant Recognizing and Celebrating 100 Years of the National League of Cities.
- D. **Resolution No. 9247** – A Resolution Preapproving of and Authorizing Travel for Councilwoman Veronica Freeman to Attend the National League of Cities 2025 Congressional City Conference.
- E. **Resolution No. 9248** – A Resolution Affirming the Termination of the Employment of Jason Rickels from the Office of Fire chief for the City of Tarrant.

X. VOUCHERS AND EXPENSES

Ending December 13, 2024, City of Tarrant City Hall

Ending December 13, 2024, City of Tarrant Electric Department

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XII. ADJOURN

CITY OF TARRANT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2024
TARRANT CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday December 2, 2024, 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.

Pastor Patterson lead those in attendance in the invocation. Tarrant City Attorney, Michael Brymer lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Newton asked for a roll call. The following officials were present during the roll call:

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

Absent:

Councilor Veronica Bandy Freeman

A quorum was determined to be present at the meeting.

The minutes from the November 18, 2024 regularly scheduled council meeting were presented for review and approval. After review, Councilor Threadford moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2024. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman A. Newton

The yeas being four (4) and the nays being zero (0), the motion to approve the minutes for November 18, 2024 council meeting were approved.

The Mayor moved on to communications by acknowledging everyone's Thanksgiving Holiday. The only reminder was an informed announcement that the City of Tarrant Christmas Parade will be held on December 14, 2024 from 3PM to 5PM. More information will be provided and float participants may contact the Mayor Office at 205. 849. 2800. Councilor Anderson asked about a tree lighting. The Mayor affirmed that there will be no tree lighting.

There were no committee reports.

The Mayor and Council moved on to Old Business.

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9191. A Resolution Removing Chief Wendell Major from the Office of Chief of Police for the City of Tarrant. The Mayor did not ask for a

second due to personal prediction that the Council would not second the Resolution. The Mayor asked the City Clerk to include Resolution No. 9191 at the next council meeting.

The Mayor and Council moved on to New Business

Mayor Newton introduced and read Resolution No. 9240, A Resolution Setting Forth the Official Holidays for Employees of the City of Tarrant for the Year 2025. Mayor Newton moved to approve Resolution 9240. 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 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. 9240 was agreed to, and the Resolution was approved.

Councilor Bryant introduced and read Resolutions No. 9241, A Resolution Approving the Renovation of the City's Baseball and Softball Fields in Partnership with the Tarrant City Board of Education, Resolution no. 9242, A Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent of the City of Tarrant Electric Department to Submit a Proposal to the Tennessee Valley Authority in Support of a Resale Rate Reduction for Tarrant Electric Department Customers, and Resolution No. 9243, A Resolution to Appoint the Following Individuals as the Board of Directors of the Electric Board of the City of Tarrant, Alabama. Councilor Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 9241, Resolution No. 9242 and Resolution No. 9243. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton expressed unreadiness by reviewing Resolution No. 9242 and its forecast. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Abstain:

Councilor Matthews for Resolution No. 9241

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newton

During the vote Councilor Matthews noted that she would like to abstain from Resolution 9241, but will vote yes for the remainder of the Resolutions. The yeas being three (3), and the abstains being one (1), the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting the motion to approve Resolution No. 9241 was agreed to, and the yeas being four (4) for Resolution No. 9242 and

Resolution No. 9243, and the nays being zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the Resolutions were approved.

Next, The Council reviewed the vouchers and expenses for the City of Tarrant ending November 25, 2024, and the vouchers for Tarrant Electric ending November 25, 2024. Mayor Newton moved to approve the vouchers and the expenses for Tarrant City Hall and Tarrant Electric. Councilor Threadford seconded the motion. Mayor Newton called for a vote.

Yeas:

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

Nays:

None

Not voting:

Mayor Wayman Newman

The yeas being four (4) and the nays zero (0) with one (1) member not voting, the motion to approve the vouchers and expenses for the Tarrant City Hall and Tarrant Electric for week ending November 25, 2024 was agreed to, and the vouchers and expenses were approved.

Next, the Council moved to Public Comments.

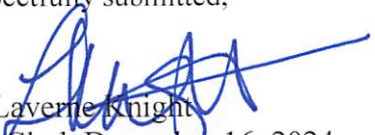
First, Mr. Chuck Winborn acknowledged Resolution No. 9191 by providing historical accounts of Resolution No. 9191 basis. Mr. Winborn also provided his own opinion by stating the Chief was innocent. Mr. Winborn continued his comments by asking why the City of Tarrant spends money on trunk or treat when others City Halls of similar size to Tarrant don't spend any money for the occasion.

Second, City of Tarrant Fire Chief Jason Rickels informed all those in attendance that the Fire Department will be hosting a toy drive for City of Tarrant Christmas 2024. Bag up day will be on December 18th and the toys will be distributed on December 20th for the registered City of Tarrant children. Mr. Rickels also informed the Council that he talked with Andrea Stallworth about his uniform, benefits, salary etc...and to this date no response was provided.

Third, Pastor Patterson spoke on the abuse of the second amendment on the right to bear arms in the City of Tarrant. Pastor Patterson asked the Council to find a solution in diminishing the abuse of the second amendment in the City of Tarrant. Councilor Bryant made recommendation that Pastor Patterson work with the Police Chief in drafting up a solution which could include the already instruments in place that are used to aid in decreasing the abuse of firearms in the City of Tarrant. Councilor Anderson asked the Chief of Police to the podium, and asked how many shot detectors are in the City of Tarrant. The Chief of Police informed the Council that the shot detectors and their locations are confidential but the information can be provided in Executive Session.

There being no further comments from the public Councilor Threadford intervened and made a motion to go into Executive Session followed by an adjournment. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken. Meeting ended at 7:53 pm with meeting not to reconvene after Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,


Dr. Laverne Knight
City Clerk December 16, 2024
City of Tarrant Council Meeting, Alabama

READ AND APPROVED this the 16th day of December, 2024.

The City of Tarrant, Alabama

APPROVED: WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Dr. Laverne Knight

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION NO. 9191

**A RESOLUTION REMOVING CHIEF WENDELL MAJOR FROM
THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF
TARRANT**

WHEREAS, following the findings of an April, 2024 independent investigation into the Office of the Chief of Police of the City of Tarrant, which revealed multiple areas of serious misconduct on the part of Chief Wendell Major, the City Council of the City of Tarrant has continual declined to remove Chief Major from office;

WHEREAS, since that April, 2024 report, said misconduct has continued and/or escalated, exposing law enforcement officers, the citizens and the City of Tarrant to serious harm; and

WHEREAS, this ongoing misconduct includes: (a) continual closing of law enforcement cases preventing and/or obstructing active investigations (including cases which involve domestic and/or gun violence); (b) retaliation in violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; (c) allowing unauthorized personnel unsupervised access to sensitive and confidential areas of the Public Safety Building (including former employees who were terminated for misconduct), (d) hiring personnel outside the rules, policies and procedures as outlined by the Jefferson County Personnel Board and (e) approving contracts, services and/or expenditures without prior authorization

WHEREAS, based on the findings of misconduct from the April, 2024 independent investigation and the current, ongoing misconduct and exposure to harm to law enforcement officers, citizens and the City of Tarrant, Chief Wendell Major is due to be removed from the Office of the Chief of Police of the City of Tarrant for cause.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama while in regular session on Monday, December 16th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Tarrant does hereby immediately remove, for cause, Wendell Major from the Office of the Chief of Police for the City of Tarrant by a majority vote of those elected to the Council.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of December, 2024.

APPROVED: _____
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Laverne Knight, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

STATE OF ALABAMA

JEFFERSON COUNTY)

I, Laverne Knight, the City Clerk of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly and legally adopted by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, on the 16th day of December, 2024 while in regular session on Monday, December 16th, 2024, and the same appears of record in the minute book of said date of said City.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 16th day of December, 2024.

Laverne Knight, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION NO. 9244

A RESOLUTION APPROVING OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF TARRANT, THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY, AND THE ELECTRIC BOARD OF THE CITY OF THE TARRANT, ALABAMA, INC.

WHEREAS, on or about February 19, 2024, the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, ("City Council") approved by Resolution 9116 an application to incorporate the Electric Board of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, ("Electric Board") pursuant Act 1951-175 which is codified in Article 9 of Chapter 50 in Title 11 of the Code of Alabama (1975); and

WHEREAS, following the application for incorporation, The Electric Board of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, Inc., was formed and incorporated on or about Oct. 7, 2024, with the Alabama Secretary of State's office, as a domestic non-profit corporation, the documents of which were subsequently recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama, as Instrument Number 2024096748 on or about October 10, 2024 ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tarrant, Alabama ("City") has previously contracted with the Tennessee Valley Authority ("TVA") to provide and distribute commercial and residential electric service to customers within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having previously approved of and formed the Electric Board for the express purpose of shifting the provided electric service from the City to this public corporation formed for this purpose, it necessary to assign the City's duties and obligations under the relevant contracts by approving the Assignment Agreement which is attached as Exhibit "A" to this Resolution and included as if fully set out herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, at a regular meeting on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 7:00pm a quorum being present as follows:

Section 1. The above-stated preamble is hereby adopted and incorporated as if fully set out herein.

Section 2. The City Council hereby approves and ratifies the Assignment Agreement Among the City of Tarrant, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Electric Board of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, Inc. The City Council further authorizes the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and one designated city councilor to execute the attached Assignment Agreement on behalf of the City.

Section 3. The Mayor Pro Tem is hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall send certified copies of this Resolution and a signed copy of the Assignment Agreement to TVA and the secretary of the Electric Board.

Section 5. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and passage.

Adopted this the 16th day of December, 2024.

Signed: Trace B. Threaltford
By: Trace B. Threaltford
Its: Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: L Knight
Laverne Knight, Ph.D.
City Clerk

Signed: John Bryant
By: John Bryant
Its: city council



EXHIBIT "A"

ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

TV-55357A, Supp. No. ____

This Agreement is among the CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA ("City"), an Alabama municipal corporation, THE ELECTRIC BOARD OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA, INC. ("Assignee"), an Alabama nonprofit corporation; and TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY ("TVA"), a corporate agency and instrumentality of the United States of America, created and existing under and by virtue of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, as amended.

City owns and operates an electric distribution system ("Electric System"), and purchases all of its power requirements from TVA for resale under contract number TV-55357A, effective October 1, 1980, as amended ("Power Contract").

Assignee plans to operate the Electric System of City pursuant to Chapter 50, Article 9, Title 11 of the Code of Alabama (1975), as amended.

City has requested TVA's consent to assign the Power Contract and related agreements from City to Assignee, and TVA is willing to consent to the assignment, subject to the terms and conditions below.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1 - CONTRACT ASSIGNMENT

1.1 - Effective Date and Term

As of January 1, 2025 ("Effective Date"), City hereby assigns to Assignee the Power Contract and all effective amendments to the Power Contract, including all rights and obligations included therein. This Agreement will be effective throughout the term of the Power Contract.

1.2 - Terms of TVA's Consent

TVA hereby consents to such assignment in accordance with the provisions of section 12 of the Power Contract; however, such consent is granted subject to the following terms to which City and Assignee agree under this Agreement:

(a) Assignee shall assume all the duties, liabilities, disabilities, and obligations of the City under the Power Contract and all the listed agreements provided for in subsection 1.3 below;

(b) City will not be released from, and shall perform or cause to be performed, any obligation to TVA which has accrued and is owing or unperformed as of the Effective Date of this Agreement;

(c) City will be entitled to receive from the revenues of the Electric System after the transfer thereof to Assignee only payments in lieu of taxes in accordance with, and subject to the limitations contained in, the Power Contract, and City must not impose, at any time, any other charge or tax upon Assignee's Electric System, the Electric System property or operations, or the sale, purchase, use, or consumption of electric energy supplied by Assignee; however, in the event of any such charge or tax, such tax equivalent which City would otherwise be entitled to under the Power Contract will be reduced each year by the aggregate amount of the charge or tax so imposed without prejudice to TVA's right to enforce the provisions of this condition 1.2(c) or any provision of the Power Contract which may be violated by the imposition of said charge or tax;

(d) All arrangements relating to the transfer of the City's Electric System to Assignee must be consistent in all respects with the Power Contract; and

(e) In the event that Assignee ceases to exist for any reason, all rights and obligations of Assignee under the Power Contract will become the rights and obligations of the City, without further action by City, Assignee, or TVA.

1.3 - Other Contracts Assigned by City

City also assigns to Assignee the following agreements, including all rights and obligations of the City included therein:

- (a) Energy Right Solutions® for the Home eScore Program Agreement – Turnkey/Hybrid, Contract No. 31585957, effective July 1, 2015.
- (b) Commercial and Industrial Efficiency Advise and incentive Agreement, Contract No. 4983, effective August 1, 2011.
- (c) Generation Partners Green Power Providers Reimbursement Agreement, Contract No. 596749, effective November 5, 2013.
- (d) General Delivery Point Agreement, Contract No. TV22141A, Supp. No. 11, effective May 29, 1980, as amended.
- (e) Emergency Operation Contract, Contract No. TV35394A, effective August 3, 1971.
- (f) Major Equipment Repair Agreement, Contract No. TV98091U, effective January 17, 1995.
- (g) Comprehensive Services Program Agreement, Contract No. TV99118U, effective July 1, 1995.

TVA consents to such assignment of the above agreements.

1.4 - Power Contract Performance

Assignee, by virtue of this Agreement, becomes bound for the full performance of the Power Contract and the listed agreements provided for in subsection 1.3 above. Upon any future assignment duly consented to by TVA and consistent with the Power Contract, such assigns by acceptance of such transfer or assignment will likewise become bound for the full performance of the Power Contract and the listed agreements provided for in subsection 1.3 above until the expiration of the Power Contract and the listed agreements.

SECTION 2 - REFERENCES

The Power Contract and the agreements listed in subsection 1.3 above are amended in the respects necessary to make all references to City refer to Assignee; provided, however, that subsection 6(a)(4) of the Power Contract, the third sentence of section 1 of the Power Contract, and section 2 of the Schedule of Terms and Conditions of the Power Contract will continue to refer to the City of Tarrant, Alabama for the purposes of payments in lieu of taxes.

SECTION 3 - RATIFICATION OF POWER CONTRACT

The parties hereby ratify and confirm that the Power Contract and the related agreements listed in subsection 1.3 above, as supplemented and amended by this Agreement, are the continuing obligations of Assignee and TVA.

The parties are signing this Agreement to be effective on the Effective Date specified in subsection 1.1 above.

CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA

By Isaac B. Shredford
Title: Mayor Pro Tem
Date: 12/18/24

THE ELECTRIC BOARD OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA, INC.

By Tracy Wright
Title: Chair Person
Date: 12/10/24

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Reitz, John
By David II
Director
Power Customer Contracts

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CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

I, Laverne Knight, City Clerk of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly and legally adopted by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama on this the 16th day of December, 2024, while in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2024, and the same appears of record in the minute book of said date of said City.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the 16th day of December, 2024.





Laverne Knight, Ph.D.
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION NO. 9245

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINING
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS.

WHEREAS, on or about August 19, 2024, the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, ("City Council") adopted Resolution No. 9186 declaring funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") as lost revenue pursuant to 35 C.F.R. § 35; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously expended certain amounts of the funds for various permitted purposes under ARPA, but a balance of ARPA funds remains; and

WHEREAS, ARPA requires all funds to be obligated on or before December 31, 2024, and fully expended before December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, having considered the same and the most appropriate use of the remaining ARPA funds balance under the circumstances, the City Council finds it in the best interest of its citizens to expend funds to pay salaries of public safety and city employees to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the funds ordinarily used to pay those salaries shall be made available for future use by the City as appropriate by the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, while in regular session a quorum duly assembled on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. as follows:

Section 1. The above-stated preamble is hereby adopted and incorporated as if fully set out herein.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes and directs that the entire remaining balance of funds appropriate by the U.S. Dept. of Treasury to the City of Tarrant ("City") be applied to the payroll of public safety and city employees to the greatest extent possible. Any difference in the amount of the remaining ARPA funds and the total cost of public safety and city employee salaries shall be withdrawn as normal.

Section 3. Once expended the amount that ordinarily goes toward employee salaries shall be set aside and made available for future allocation and use by the City as directed by the City Council.

Section 4. The City's Principal Accountant shall be responsible for complying with the terms of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Adopted this the 16th day of December, 2024.

Approved: _____
Wayman Newton, Mayor

Attest: _____
Laverne Knight, PhD., City Clerk

Certification of City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA)

JEFFERSON COUNTY)

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Witness my hand and seal of office this the ____ day of December, 2024.

Laverne Knight, Ph.D., City Clerk

Withdrawn 12.16.24

RESOLUTION NO. 9246

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF TARRANT RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING
100 YEARS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES.**

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities was founded in 1924 in Lawrence, Kansas, as the American Municipal Association by state municipal leagues seeking more coordination and national representation as cities, towns, and villages expanded rapidly;

WHEREAS, December 12, 2024, officially marks the National League of Cities 100th birthday;

WHEREAS, the nonpartisan National League of Cities is the oldest and largest organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States, representing the interests of more than 19,000 cities, towns, and villages across the country;

WHEREAS TODAY, the National League of Cities works in partnership with 49 state municipal leagues across the country to strengthen local leadership, drive innovation, and influence the federal policies that impact local programs and operations;

WHEREAS, as the voice of cities, towns, and villages in Washington, DC, the National League of Cities has successfully championed federal legislative solutions that support municipalities and has worked closely with Congress and the Executive Branch to educate policymakers on the realities of local implementation;

WHEREAS, Tarrant is a proud member of the National League of Cities, and has benefited from the organization's research, technical expertise, federal advocacy and opportunities to learn from other local governments;

WHEREAS, local governments are the bedrock of American democracy, providing 336 million residents with the most accountable, responsive, inclusive, ethical, and transparent government in the world;

WHEREAS, from the nation's smallest villages to its largest cities, America's local governments have been essential in transforming the United States of America into the greatest, most influential nation in world history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, while in regular session a quorum duly assembled on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 7:00pm the following:

Section 1. The above stated preamble is hereby approved and ratified as if fully set out herein.


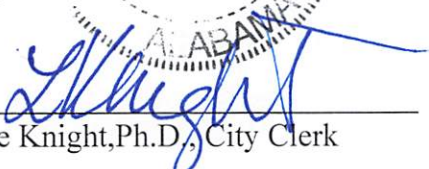
Section 2. The City of Tarrant hereby recognizes and celebrates December 12, 2024, as the 100th year of the National League of Cities.

Section 3. The City of Tarrant expresses its appreciation and partnership with the National League of Cities in assisting it in growth and development.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Adopted this the 16th day of December, 2024.

Attest:



Laverne Knight, Ph.D., City Clerk

Wayman Newton, Mayor.

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

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Witness my hand and seal of office this the 16th day of December, 2024.



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Laverne Knight, Ph.D., City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 9247

A RESOLUTION PREAPPROVING OF AND AUTHORIZING TRAVEL FOR *MAYOR WAYMAN NEWTON AND COUNCILWOMAN VERONICA FREEMAN* TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES 2025 CONGRESSIONAL CITY CONFERENCE.

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities (“NLC”) is an organization comprised of city, town, and village leaders that are focused on improving the quality of life for their current and future constituents formed over ninety (90) years ago with more than 2,000 cities across the nation as members; and

WHEREAS, the NLC is hosting the Congressional City Conference (the “Conference”) March 8 through March 13, 2025, in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it in the best interests of the City that Councilwoman Veronica Freeman attend the Conference and pay the discounted conference attendance rate of \$670.00;

WHEREAS, in addition to the conference registration fee, the City authorizes the payment to Councilwoman Freeman in advance of the Conference an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for all expenses in attended the Conference, which includes but is not limited to, roundtrip airfare in the amount not to exceed \$682.00; the costs for one single occupancy room March 8 - March 13 in the amount of \$349.00 per night plus applicable tax for in a total amount of \$2,023.33; a per diem of \$50.00 per day while at the conference; and reimbursement for costs of transportation from the airport to the hotel in an amount not to exceed \$100.00 for a total reimbursement of an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 (with all other remaining costs to be paid by Councilwoman Veronica Freeman); and

WHEREAS, all receipts for items paid for above shall be submitted upon return from the conference in accordance with § 2-221 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tarrant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, at its regular meeting on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 7:00PM, duly assembled, a quorum being present as follows:

Section 1. The City Council deems it in the best interests of the City that *Mayor Wayman Newton and Councilwoman Veronica Freeman* attend the Conference, and that the City authorizes the registration fee in the amount of \$670.00 *for each* to attend the conference.

Section 2. ~~The City Council further authorizes payment to Councilwoman Freeman in advance of the Conference an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 which shall be used to offset the total costs of airfare, lodging, per diem, and transportation costs. All other remaining costs are to be paid by Councilwoman Veronica Freeman. The City only pay for \$670 each in advance, cost of transportation to and from airport, air travel, accommodations and per diems to be reimbursed upon receipts in accordance to section 2-221 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tarrant and that the total cost of the trip for each City Official will not exceed \$2,500.00.~~

Section 3. Upon return from the Conference, Councilor Freeman shall submit all receipts from the above-listed items to the City as required by § 2-221 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tarrant.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of December, 2024





THE CITY OF TARRANT , ALABAMA

By: _____
Its: _____

ATTEST:



LAVERNE KNIGHT, CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT A

Supporting Documentation for NLC Conference

10:30



Mar 8-13

MODIFY ▾

LOG IN



MAIN



COMFORT+®



FIRST



11:40am



5:20pm



BHM



ATL 1h 55m



DCA

Main (M)

From \$682

Round Trip

Details

Seats



FREE WI-FI FOR SKYMILES MEMBERS

DL2162, DL380

4h 10m

5:28am



10:38am



BHM



ATL 1h 21m



DCA

Main (B)

From \$832

Round Trip

Details

Seats



DL3164, DL950

5h 46m

11:40am



6:26pm

10:15



*You will need your badge number from

City Summit to unlock the "Attend Menu" ☰

City Summit 2024" discount

Attended CS24 Discount*

Nov 15 - Jan 1, 2025

\$670

NLC Member

\$745

SML Member

\$885

Nonmember

Early Bird

Nov 15 - Feb 19, 2025

\$780

NLC Member

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Amount Applied to Housing:

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Amount Applied to All Fees:

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Phone: 202-824-
9200

Fax: 202-824-5501

Category:
RUN OF
HOUSE

Daily Rate:
\$349.00

Room Tax:
15.95%

**Estimated
Charges:**
\$2,023.33


CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

I, Laverne Knight, City Clerk of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly and legally adopted by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, Alabama, on the 16th day of December, 2024, while in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2024, and the same appears of record in the minute book of said date of said City.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the 16th day of December, 2024.





Laverne Knight, Ph.D.
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TARRANT, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION NO. 9248

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE TERMINATION OF THE
EMPLOYMENT OF JASON RICKELS FROM THE OFFICE OF
FIRE CHIEF FOR THE CITY OF TARRANT**

WHEREAS, I, Chris Patterson, resident and citizen of the City of Tarrant, present the following Resolution Affirming the Termination of the Employment of Jason Rickels From the Office of Fire Chief for the City of Tarrant, and request immediate action from the City Council of the City of Tarrant; and

WHEREAS, Jason Rickels ("Rickels") was appointed to the position of Fire Chief for the City of Tarrant in April, 2015 and remained in that position until his termination by Mayor Wayman Newton in April, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in March, 2021, Rickels was arrested in Roswell, Georgia for illegally holding a female African-American Realtor and a male African American Photographer at gun point and violently destroying professional photography equipment, following an unfounded accusation of burglary at his \$925,000 Georgia home; and

WHEREAS, according to witnesses, even though the victims had a pre-arranged appointment at the property through the First Multiple Listing Service, they were actively complying with a request to leave the property when Rickels arrived at the property, pulled a handgun and pursued them to their cars before a physical altercation took place; and

WHEREAS, the victims had received the request to leave the property less than 10 minutes prior to Rickels' arriving on scene; and

WHEREAS, prior to and following this incident, Rickels has a history of demeaning behavior and the use of verbally abusive language, particularly toward women and minorities; and

WHEREAS, due to the behavior of Rickels and his subsequent arrest, Mayor Wayman Newton terminated the employment of Jason Rickels in April, 2021 for Commission of a Criminal Offense and Conduct Unbecoming an Officer; and

~~**WHEREAS**, following Rickels' termination by Mayor Wayman Newton, the City Council of the City of Tarrant were negligent in their duties and ignored their obligation to affirm his termination, instead choosing to put their personal motives and~~

~~political hatred of the Mayor over the safety and wellbeing of the citizens they represent;~~
and

WHEREAS, approximately two years after his arrest Jason Rickels chose to settle the Georgia incident with a monetary payout rather than face further criminal action; and

WHEREAS, currently the City of Council has before them a second opportunity to affirm the original termination of Jason Rickels' and reaffirm their commitment to protecting the citizens of Tarrant; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tarrant should not have to live in fear of a racist and misogynist Public Official that is tasked with, in this case, saving their lives and the lives of their children; and

WHEREAS, it is requested that the City Council of the City of Tarrant take immediate action reaffirming the original termination of Jason Rickels due to his conduct unbecoming an officer of the City of Tarrant.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tarrant, ~~Alabama~~ while in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Tarrant does hereby immediately affirm the original termination of Jason Rickels from the position of Fire Chief of the City of Tarrant, for conduct unbecoming an officer of the City of Tarrant. Any and all claims for payment of backpay, vacation, sick time, etc. are hereby forfeited.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of December, 2024.

APPROVED: _____
WAYMAN NEWTON, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

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Laverne Knight, City Clerk

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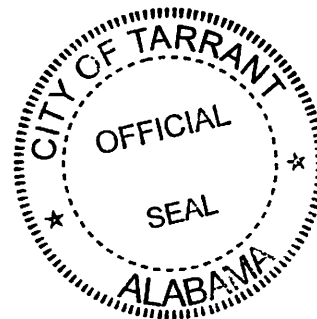
CITY OF TARRANT
VOUCHER LIST
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 , 2024

GENERAL FUND

54405	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE RUN	\$	322.91
5070-5071	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE RUN	\$	3,128.70
54406-54449	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE RUN	\$	83,142.82
54374-54404	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE RUN	\$	32,141.65

NET PAYROLL

12/6/2024	PAY PERIOD 11/16/2024-11/29/2024	\$	154,825.57
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General Fund		0017572649				
<u>Payment Number</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Vendor ID</u>	<u>Pymt Grp.</u>	<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
54374	CHK	Aaa Environmental Services	4		12/05/2024	\$1,184.44
54375	CHK	Affordable Counseling Therapy & Emplc	28		12/05/2024	\$260.00
54376	CHK	Alabama Child Support	37		12/05/2024	\$1,779.13
54377	CHK	AlSCO - Birmingham	1438		12/05/2024	\$315.32
54378	CHK	Atkins & Goolsby	1996		12/05/2024	\$1,984.07
54379	CHK	Avenu	1773		12/05/2024	\$1,358.95
54380	CHK	Birmingham Water Works	16		12/05/2024	\$56.50
54381	CHK	Bradford W. Caraway	2121		12/05/2024	\$237.50
54382	CHK	Carl Harris	2124		12/05/2024	\$150.33
54383	CHK	Chorus Smartsecure	2079		12/05/2024	\$300.00
54384	CHK	Christopher Muir	3270		12/05/2024	\$69.68
54385	CHK	City Of Tarrant	32		12/05/2024	\$1,123.44
54386	CHK	Deli Financial Services	975		12/05/2024	\$318.65
54387	CHK	Dolphin Pest Control	62		12/05/2024	\$324.00
54388	CHK	ETA	3160		12/05/2024	\$850.00
54389	CHK	Express Oil Change Lic	66		12/05/2024	\$1,197.90
54390	CHK	Genesis Tire	1291		12/05/2024	\$83.99
54391	CHK	Jacqueline Anderson Smith	1851		12/05/2024	\$414.06
54392	CHK	Keith The Plumber	1817		12/05/2024	\$397.89
54393	CHK	Mcperson Oil Products	96		12/05/2024	\$1,505.82
54394	CHK	Quality Petroleum	1132		12/05/2024	\$6,876.48
54395	CHK	Quill	76		12/05/2024	\$214.97
54396	CHK	Rent One Lic	2020		12/05/2024	\$226.93
54397	CHK	Republic Services Mt Olive Msw	2033		12/05/2024	\$1,091.82
54398	CHK	Robert J Young Company	1681		12/05/2024	\$768.46
54399	CHK	Scout Sport Floors, LLC	3284		12/05/2024	\$2,950.00
54400	CHK	State Of Alabama Department	883		12/05/2024	\$115.55
54401	CHK	Stericycle, Inc.	97		12/05/2024	\$217.57
54402	CHK	United Way Of Central Alabama	241		12/05/2024	\$20.00
54403	CHK	We R Smart Lic	1887		12/05/2024	\$5,290.00
54404	CHK	Wells Fargo Vendor Fin Serv	1605		12/05/2024	\$458.20
Bank Total:						\$32,141.65
Bank Payment Count:						31

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5070	CHK	At & T	407		12/13/2024	\$381.18
5071	CHK	At & T Mobility	1857		12/13/2024	\$2,747.52
Bank Total:						\$3,128.70
Bank Payment Count:						2
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54407	CHK	Alabama Crime Victims Comp Com	156		12/13/2024	\$20.00
54408	CHK	Alabama Peace Officers Annuity	160		12/13/2024	\$50.00
54409	CHK	Alabama Power	12		12/13/2024	\$492.38
54410	CHK	Alacourt.Com	1688		12/13/2024	\$127.00
54411	CHK	Amazon Capital Services	1902		12/13/2024	\$481.89
54412	CHK	At & T Mobility	1857		12/13/2024	\$1,340.94
54413	CHK	Atkins & Goolsby	1996		12/13/2024	\$1,984.07
54414	CHK	Barnes & Barnes Law Firm, P.C.	3257		12/13/2024	\$2,000.00
54415	CHK	Birmingham Freightliner	146		12/13/2024	\$17,952.73
54416	CHK	Birmingham Water Works	16		12/13/2024	\$6,075.33
54417	CHK	Charter Communications	3398		12/13/2024	\$850.00
54418	CHK	Circuit Clerk Judicial Adm Fund	1305		12/13/2024	\$28.30
54419	CHK	Express Oil Change Llc	66		12/13/2024	\$540.87
54420	CHK	FDR Services, Inc.	1568		12/13/2024	\$183.00
54421	CHK	Finance Department, State	155		12/13/2024	\$654.00
54422	CHK	Full Moon BBQ	3321		12/13/2024	\$776.11
54423	CHK	Greater Birmingham Humane Society	1503		12/13/2024	\$2,559.97
54424	CHK	Hurst Towing	1750		12/13/2024	\$450.00
54425	CHK	Iron City Heating & Air	3399		12/13/2024	\$3,149.00
54426	CHK	Jefferson County District	927		12/13/2024	\$176.00
54427	CHK	Legal Aid Society	152		12/13/2024	\$1,500.00
54428	CHK	Light Bulb Depot 6 Llc	115		12/13/2024	\$81.00
54429	CHK	Lowe's	258		12/13/2024	\$2,504.83
54430	CHK	Mes	1413		12/13/2024	\$722.00
54431	CHK	Municipal And Commercial Uniform And	134		12/13/2024	\$1,176.35
54432	CHK	Nafeco	132		12/13/2024	\$1,416.07
54433	CHK	National Industrial & Safety Supply	3315		12/13/2024	\$299.00
54434	CHK	O'rear Hardware	1855		12/13/2024	\$1,126.19
54435	CHK	O'reilly Auto Parts	315		12/13/2024	\$230.68
54436	CHK	Presiding Circuit Judge Admin	1985		12/13/2024	\$28.30
54437	CHK	Quill	76		12/13/2024	\$448.31
54438	CHK	Regions Bank	984		12/13/2024	\$1,100.00
54439	CHK	Republic Services #802	60		12/13/2024	\$2,138.95
54440	CHK	Sam's Club	3239		12/13/2024	\$110.00
54441	CHK	Sansom Equipment Co., Inc.	59		12/13/2024	\$12,564.84
54442	CHK	State Judicial Admin Fund	1304		12/13/2024	\$113.40
54443	CHK	Tarrant Electric Department	111		12/13/2024	\$39.82
54444	CHK	The C. BURRELL LAW GROUP, LLC	3183		12/13/2024	\$2,508.00
54445	CHK	Thompson Tractor Co, Inc	3209		12/13/2024	\$121.33
54446	CHK	WALDREP STEWART & KENDRICK, LLP	3156		12/13/2024	\$8,776.30
54447	CHK	We R Smart Llc	1887		12/13/2024	\$5,540.00

54448	CHK	West Med Disposal, Inc.	1687	12/13/2024	\$132.00
54449	CHK	White, Curtis	3145	12/13/2024	\$416.67
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Bank Payment Count:					44

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General Fund	0017572649

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TARRANT ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

VOUCHER LIST

December 13, 2024



Batch ID: CHK120524KH

Batch Comment:

Audit Trail Code: PMCHK00001045

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* Voided Checks

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Batch Comment:

Audit Trail Code: FMCHK00001046

Posting Date: 12/9/2024

Checkbook ID: EL02

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043791	12/9/2024	00000000000013948	1391	DOLPHIN PEST CONTROL	\$132.00
043792	12/9/2024	00000000000013949	15700	SOUTHERN CASH SOLUTION	\$240.00
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043801	12/9/2024	00000000000013958	702	RESHONDA MCNEAL	\$233.84
043802	12/9/2024	00000000000013959	7875	JASON HILL	\$140.00
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