

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA – COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD –
MARCH 12, 2019

The Commercial Development Board of the City of Rainbow City, Alabama met in a regular session at 4:30 P.M. The following people were present:

Present:
Jeff Boyd, Chairman
Elizabeth Barnett
James Ford
Lee Harrison
Tim Ramsey

Absent:
Braydon Hawk
Bob Klein

Also present:
Dana Rice, City Attorney

1. Chairman Jeff Boyd declared a quorum of the Industrial/Commercial Development Board was present. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. and the following business was discussed/transacted.
2. The minutes from the February 12, 2019 meeting were presented. Elizabeth Barnett moved to approve the minutes as presented. Lee Harrison seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Jeff stated that Retail Strategies would be in Rainbow City next month doing a site survey. He is going to give them the date of the meeting in April and see if they can come that day and meet with the Board.
4. Tim stated that he feels he should be replaced as a Board member. He said he would still like to come to the meetings, but he feels that as a County Commissioner, he shouldn't be voting on anything that might be a conflict of interest or cause problems for the City and/or the County. Discussion involving who might take Tim's place and two (2) names were mentioned. Jeff Boyd will contact each person and see if they are willing to serve before giving the names to the Mayor and Council.
5. Jeff stated that he had not been able to meet with David Dyar or Kerry Walls. Hopes to do this in the near future.
6. Discussion followed concerning updating the Comprehensive Plan for the City. Dana stated that Auburn University has a program that allows students to work with Cities in developing and updating their comprehensive plan. The University doesn't charge because it's a learning opportunity for the students. Lee stated that he has had contact with Ted Clem who is the Director of Business Development with the Alabama Department of Commerce. Lee is going to contact Mr. Clem and see if he has suggestions, ideas, etc. for the City on ways to update the Comprehensive Plan.
7. The Board also discussed the gas tax increase over the next three (3) years. Discussion involved how the City could benefit from the tax increase.
8. The next meeting will be April 9, 2019 at 4:30 P.M.
9. There being no further business to discuss, Elizabeth Barnett moved to adjourn. Lee Harrison seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hill,
Secretary
Commercial/Industrial Development Board