

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-JANUARY 9, 2023

The City Council of the City of Rainbow City, Alabama, met in regular session at City Hall at 5:00 p.m. Invocation was given by Randy Vice. Mayor Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor and upon roll call by City Clerk, Beth Lee, the following members answered present: Anita Bedwell, Randy Vice, Jeff Prince, Jameson Jenkins, Clark Hopper and Mayor Taylor. The same constituting a quorum of the City Council, the following business was transacted.

1. Mayor Taylor presented the minutes of regular Council meeting of December 12, 2022 and asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions. There being none, Jeff Prince made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

2. Mayor Taylor stated that bids were opened in Pre-Council for the 2-Fairway Mowers for the Recreation Department. Two (2) bids were received as follows:

- Jerry Pate Company \$72,790.00
- Greenville Turf & Tractor \$45,000.00

Anita Bedwell made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Greenville Turf & Tractor at \$45,000.00 after review. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

3. Mayor Taylor stated that no bids were received on the Massey Ferguson 5460 Tractor and recommended extending the bid for two (2) more weeks (January 23, 2023). Jeff Prince made a motion to extend the bid for two (2) more weeks. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
4. Mayor Taylor administered the Oath of Office to Jessica Gattis, Magistrate.
5. Mayor Taylor presented the proposal from S&ME for environmental consulting services related to implementation of the Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Program (IDDE) at a cost of \$12,900.00. Clark Hopper made a motion to accept the proposal from S&ME for \$12,900.00. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
6. Jeff Prince made a motion to hire Lana Haynie as part-time at the Community Center effective Friday, December 30, 2022. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
7. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to hire Kaelan Cleveland as a firefighter/paramedic effective Friday, January 13, 2023. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
8. Mayor Taylor had a request for Retail Beer (Off-premises only) and Retail Wine (Off-premises only) from Fuel Depot located at 3101 Rainbow Drive. New owner is Shezad Keshwani. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve this request. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
9. Mayor Taylor made a recommendation to become an associate member of Alabama 811 which notifies our Building Official when construction/excavation activities have

been approved for underground facilities. Jeff Prince made a motion to approve Alabama 811. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

10. Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 572 – Adopting a New Code of Ordinances Consisting of Chapters 1-40. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Anita Bedwell moved and Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

Anita Bedwell	Yes
Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Yes
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

Jeff Prince moved and Anita Bedwell seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 572. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

Anita Bedwell	Yes
Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Yes
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

11. Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 573 – Issuance of \$15,015,000 General Obligation Warrants, Series 2023. Jeff Prince made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Lee Garrison with Frazer Lanier and Chandler Combest with Bradley Arant spoke in support of this bond issue. Jameson Jenkins moved and Jeff Prince seconded the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

Anita Bedwell	Yes
Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Yes
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

Jeff Prince moved and Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 573. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

Anita Bedwell	Yes
Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Yes
Jameson Jenkins	Yes

Clark Hopper	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

12. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 23-01 – Interstate Access Request Study for the NE Alabama Regional (NEAR) Mega Site. Rainbow City’s cost will be \$120,000.00. Etowah County Commissioners Craig Inzer, Jr. and Tim Ramsey spoke in support of this partnership with the Etowah County Commission who will be responsible for \$120,000.00. Anita Bedwell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-01. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

Anita Bedwell	Yes
Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Yes
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

13. Mayor Taylor presented Proclamation No. 23-01 – Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

14. Mayor Taylor presented a budget revision – Library – Increase is to reflect a donation made by the Rainbow City Coin Club.

- Audio/Visual (Acct.# 01-460-127) - \$500.00

Jeff Prince made a motion to approve the budget revision. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

15. Mayor Taylor presented a sponsorship request for The Chamber 2022 Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 210 at the Tracks. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to be a Premier sponsor at \$500.00. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

16. Mayor Taylor presented a sponsorship request for the Etowah County Water Festival to be held on February 24, 2023 at Wallace Hall. This is an educational workshop for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and their teachers. Jeff Prince made a motion to be a Silver sponsor at \$250.00. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

17. Mayor Taylor presented the monthly departmental reports from Animal Control, Building, Community Center, Court, Fire, Library and Police.

18. Jeff Prince made a motion to give Mayor Taylor the authority to negotiate for property near the Rainbow City Recreation Center. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

19. Jeff Prince announced the proposed Northeast Alabama Challenger Center which is a non-profit program for 5-7<sup>th</sup> graders to see actual simulators. More information at a later date.
20. Randy Vice made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor to join with neighboring communities with the Gadsden/Etowah Industrial Development Authority. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

Anita Bedwell	Yes
Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Yes
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

21. Randy Vice announced that there will be a “soft opening” at the Etowah County Mega Sports Complex as the first soccer game will be played on Saturday, January 21, 2023.
22. Mayor Taylor thanked Allison Heald, FFA teacher at SHS and her students for cleaning up Rainbow Landing on Saturday.
23. Robert “Bobby” McCartney, Jr. a former Council member for 16 years in Rainbow City passed away on January 6, 2023. Mayor Taylor and all the current Council members spoke in gratitude and remembrance for such a fine and well-respected public servant and friend to all.

Announcements:

- Monday, January 16, 2023 – City Hall will be closed in observance of MLK Day. Garbage will be on schedule. Monday-Friday.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jeff Prince made a motion to adjourn. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Time Adjourned: 6:07 p.m.

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Beth Lee, City Clerk

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Joe Taylor, Mayor