

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH**

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-MARCH 13, 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 Anita Bedwell. 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 February 27, 2023 and asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions. There being none, Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
2. Jeff Prince made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor and the City Clerk to open a new bank account for the Opioid Class Action Settlement at Exchange Bank. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
3. Anita Bedwell made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the contract for services for The Jones Group, LLC for governmental affairs and strategic communication effective March 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023. Price is \$2,500.00/mo. not to exceed \$15,000.00. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
4. Mayor Taylor presented a request to issue Joel Garmon, Building Official, a credit card through Exchange Bank for travel and education. Credit limit - \$2,000.00. Randy Vice made a motion to apply for the credit card. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
5. Mayor Taylor presented the resignation of Kinsleigh Hamrick, Police Officer, effective March 1, 2023. Jeff Prince made a motion to accept the resignation and to post for two (2) Certified/Non-Certified Police Officers for ten (10) days to end on Friday, March 24, 2023. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
6. Mayor Taylor presented request to promote Sgt. Andrew Willis to Police Detective effective Friday, March 17, 2023. Clark Hopper made a motion to promote Sgt. Willis. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
7. Mayor Taylor presented a request to hire Molly Page as a full-time Library Assistant effective Friday, March 24, 2023. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to hire Molly Page. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
8. Jeff Prince made a motion to authorize the City Clerk to request sealed bids for a used Ford transit van to be used by Jim Steward, Electrician. Sealed bids will be opened on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Special Called Council Meeting. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

9. Mayor Taylor presented a sponsorship request for Big Brothers Big Sisters of NE Alabama Bowl for Kids' Sake to be held on March 22, 2023 at The Alley. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to be a Strike-\$600.00 sponsor. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
10. Mayor Taylor presented a sponsorship request for the Family Success Center "Talk Derby To Me". Died for lack of a motion.
11. Anita Bedwell made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the Southside High School Quiz Bowl Team to attend the State Championship Tournament. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. Randy Vice-Abstain. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
12. Mayor Taylor presented the monthly departmental reports – Animal Control, Building, Community Center, Court, Fire, Library and Police.
13. Anita Bedwell made a motion to amend the Police Dept. surplus list (Ref. CM 1/23/23 Item #10) to add an additional 1-Portable Military light diesel generator. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
14. Kenneth Payne wanted to thank Allison Heald, FAA Advisor at Southside High School and her students helping with the Recycling Program.
15. Etowah County Commissioner Tim Ramsey spoke to the Mayor and Council asking them to reconsider the sponsorship request from the Family Success Center as they assist with the food banks in the county.

Announcements:

- Thursday, March 23, 2023 – Special Called Council Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 27, 2023 – Council meeting has been cancelled due to the Mayor and Council attending the NLC in Washington, D.C.
- RSVP Free Tax Service – Community Center starting each Wednesday – April 12th from 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 1, 2023 – Lions Club Pancake Day 6 a.m. – Noon at the Rainbow City Community Center
- Saturday, May 6, 2023 – Rainbow City Clean Up Day

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jeff Prince made a motion to adjourn. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Time Adjourned: 5:32 p.m.

Beth Lee, City Clerk

Joe Taylor, Mayor