

**STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF ETOWAH**

**CITY OF RAINBOW CITY-COUNCIL MEETING-FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

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. 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 January 25, 2021 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 presented the resignation of Recreation Dept. employee Dalton Hannah. His last day will be Thursday, February 11, 2021. Anita Bedwell made a motion to accept the resignation. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
3. Randy Vice made a motion to post three (3) laborer positions in the Recreation Dept. for ten (10) days to end on Friday, February 19, 2021. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
4. Mayor Taylor made a recommendation to hire Sydney Griffith as part-time in the Animal Control at \$11.25/hr. Her start date was January 29, 2021. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve hiring Sydney Griffith. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
5. Mayor Taylor made a recommendation to hire Theresa Casteel as part-time in the Library at \$11.00/hr. to start Friday, February 12, 2021. Jeff Prince made the motion to hire Theresa Casteel. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
6. Mayor Taylor made a recommendation to hire Cindy Huff as a full-time Non-Certified Dispatcher at \$11.00/hr. with family coverage insurance. Her start date is contingent on a two-week notice with her current employer. Jameson Jenkins made the motion to hire Cindy Huff. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
7. Mayor Taylor made a recommendation to make the following changes in the Street Dept. personnel as follows:
  - Hire Tyler Craven effective Friday, February 26, 2021 at \$14.00/hr. with family coverage insurance.
  - Bradford Hilyer-increase to \$14.50/hr. effective Friday, February 12, 2021.
  - John Jayroe-transfer from the Recreation Dept. to Street Dept. effective Friday, February 12, 2021 at \$13.00/hr.

Clark Hopper made a motion to approve these Street Dept. changes. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

8. Mayor Taylor had a recommendation from Chief McKee to rescind the Promotional Procedures for the Fire Dept. adopted on April 23, 2018 Item #2. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to rescind these Promotion Procedures. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
9. Mayor Taylor made the recommendation to hire Luke Palacios as firefighter/EMT at \$14.00/hr. with family coverage insurance to start Friday, February 26, 2021. Jameson Jenkins made the motion to hire Luke Palacios. 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 the following promotions in the Fire Dept. effective Friday, February 12, 2021 as follows:
  - Slade Wilson to Assistant Fire Chief at \$19.25/hr.
  - Philip Bowlin to Captain at \$17.50/hr.
  - Jason Green to Lt. at \$16.00/hr.

Randy Vice made a motion to approve these promotions. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

11. Anita Bedwell made a motion to surplus the 2008 Ford Taurus (Administration) VIN# 9467 and to accept sealed bids to be turned in to the City Clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2021. There will be a \$1,200.00 reserve. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
12. Mayor Taylor stated that no action will be taken at this time on EARPDC preparing a Recreational Trails Program grant for Rainbow City.
13. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 21-01 – Extend the Emergency Paid Sick Leave for Employee Quarantine and/or Positive COVID-19 Test to end on March 31, 2021. Jeff Prince made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-01. Randy Vice 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 declared the motion carried.

14. Mayor Taylor stated that no action would be taken at this time on the Messenger Progress 2021 ad request.
15. Mayor Taylor presented the monthly department reports from Animal Control, Building, Court, Community Center, Fire, Library and Police.
16. Dr. Phil Baxter addressed the Mayor and Council with the following concerns: Drainage at Park Lane and parking, friendly lighting, recycled mulch, rendering plant, trash and the Police Dept. issuing tickets to those caught littering, signage (political

and commercial), underground utilities, and loose roaming animals. Discussion followed.

**Announcements:**

- **Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday-February 26-28, 2021**
- **Council Work Session-Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.**
- **Planning Board Meeting-Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.**
- **May 19, 2021-Employee Wellness Screening 8:00 – 12:00**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jeff Prince made a motion to adjourn. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Time Adjourned: 5:43 p.m.

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**Beth Lee, City Clerk/Treasurer**

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**Joe Taylor, Mayor**