

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-APRIL 14, 2025

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

1. Jeff Prince presented the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 24, 2025 and asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions. There being none, Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Jeff Prince stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Jeff Prince declared the motion carried.
2. Police Chief Camp Yancey administered the Oath of Office to Ben Sanders, Brent Murray, and Mike Thomas, our new Police Officers.
3. Jeff Prince presented the following personnel change:
 - Post for a full time Laborer in the Street Dept. indefinitely.Anita Bedwell made a motion to approve the personnel change. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Jeff Prince stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Jeff Prince declared the motion carried.
4. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to authorize Chief Yancey to purchase and implement an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) for \$13,681.48. \$13,500.00 will be paid by the Community Development Block Grant (reimbursement grant). This system will be utilized to assist our members on crash scenes, tactical scenes, search and rescue. Chief Yancey commented that our current drone is outdated. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Jeff Prince stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Jeff Prince declared the motion carried.
5. Clark Hopper made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the contract with GameDay Athletic Surfaces, Inc. to convert 8 fields to synthetic turf, stall a paved and rubberized track system on Kinzie Lane (city owned track by RMS) for \$6,181.844.00. This is an Omnia (buying cooperative) approved vendor. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion Jeff Prince stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Jeff Prince declared the motion carried.
- 6 Jeff Prince presented Ordinance No. 601 – Rezone 12.61 acres of property located on Steele Station Road (PPIN 40728 40730) from Highway Commercial District (HC) to Multi-Family Residential District (R-3) with the intent of building apartments. Jeff Prince stated that this was a time for a Public Hearing. Beth Sasser, 1955 Lumley Road, spoke with concerns of increased traffic on Lumley Road and school children’s safety. T.J. Johnson spoke in support of the rezoning stating that site plans have been submitted to the Planning Commission for 82 single story multi-family 2 bedroom/2 bath units which will function like townhomes. Jameson Jenkins moved and Clark Hopper seconded the motion to introduce the ordinance. Jameson Jenkins moved and Clark Hopper seconded the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. Jeff Prince asked for a roll call as follows:

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

Jeff Prince declared the motion carried. Jameson Jenkins moved and Clark Hopper seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 602. Jeff Prince asked for a roll call as follows:

Anita Bedwell	Abstain
Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Yes
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Yes

Jeff Prince declared the motion carried.

6. Jeff Prince presented Resolution No. 25-07 – Economic Incentive Agreement – RBC Auto Auction, LLC. The City is to provide a one-time donation of chert, not to exceed 400 tri-axle loads at their new facility in the Lumley Road Research and Industrial Park. RBC Auto Auction will have a capital investment of \$5,000,000. Jeff Prince stated that this was a time for a Public Hearing. (A notice as published in *The Messenger* and posted on 3/28/25). Jo Jandrich, Owner and CEO of RBC Auto Auction, LLC spoke in favor of the resolution stating that this new facility would create 40 new jobs, visitors, occupation tax, competitive pay and create a positive impact on the community. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-07. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Jeff Prince stated all in favor say aye. Anita Bedwell-Abstain. Jeff Prince declared the motion carried.

7. Jeff Prince stated that sealed bids were opened in Pre-Council. One bid was received from Donohoo Chevrolet for 2-2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD’s for \$49,926.50 each. Anita Bedwell made a motion to accept the only sealed bid from Donohoo Chevrolet for \$49,926.50 each. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Jeff Prince stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Jeff Prince declared the motion carried.

8. Jeff Prince presented Proclamation No. 25-02 – Child Abuse Prevention Month.

9. Jeff Prince presented the surplus items from the Recreation Dept.

- 2002 Chevrolet Silverado VIN# 4370
- 2004 Ford F150 VIN# 9503
- 2007 Chevrolet Silverado VIN# 9999
- Top Dresser Turfco Meter-Matic III (spreader)

Jameson Jenkins made a motion to surplus these items. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Jeff Prince stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Jeff Prince declared the motion carried.

10. Jeff Prince presented an ad request from The Messenger – Senior Tribute Magazine for 2025. Died for lack of a motion.

11. Jeff Prince recognized Craig Patton. Craig addressed the Council regarding the need for cameras at the City Park on Park Lane. Chief Yancey stated that it was under consideration.

12. Eric Sasser addressed the Council regarding the expansion of Lumley Road, drainage on Lumley Road prior to construction (widening) on the road. Discussion followed.

Announcements

- Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – Pinwheel Ceremony for the James M. Barrie Center to be held in the jury assembly room in the Sheriff’s office at 1:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 26, 2025 – Rainbow City Clean Up Day 8:00 – 11: 00. Meet in the Fire Bay at City Hall.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jameson Jenkins made a motion to adjourn. Time Adjourned: 5:55 p.m.

Beth Lee, City Clerk

Jeff Prince, Mayor Pro Tempore