

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH**

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-AUGUST 25, 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 Rev. Gary Cardwell. 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 a roll call by City Clerk, Beth Lee, the following members answered present: Anita Bedwell, Randy Vice, Jeff Prince, Jameson Jenkins, and 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 the regular Council meeting of August 11, 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. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
2. Anita Bedwell made a motion to correct the minutes from June 9, 2025, item #3, John Deere CX15 10' Rotary Cutter – Serial #6155-sold for \$4,850.00. (Minutes show \$4,580.00). Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
3. Mayor Taylor presented the following personnel change:
 - Accept the resignation of Conner Barnard effective Monday, August 18, 2025.Jeff Prince made the motion to accept the resignation of Conner Barnard. 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 for Retail Beer-050 (Off-premises only) and Retail Wine-070 (Off-premises only) license for Sutton Bridge Store and Storage located at 279 Sutton Bridge Road. The new owner is Sushant Singh/Dilip Lama. Mayor Taylor stated this was a time for a public hearing. No one spoke against or in favor of the license. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve the request. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
5. Randy Vice made a motion to purchase 22-Remington R24417 12-gauge shotguns, 22-OverMolded shotguns with Forend Kit-Less Lethal shotguns for the Police Dept. from Ed's Public Safety, Inc. for \$15,380.40. \$14,000.00 will be paid from the 2023 Block Grant and 1,380.40 will be paid from Equip/Tools (Acct.# 01-430-180). 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 purchase the Verkada camera system for the new Recreation Center on Lumley Road from LEK Technology Group, LLC for \$107,639.18. This is purchased through OMNIA Partners (buying cooperative) contract #R250206. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
7. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 25-19 - Expend funds from the Opioid Settlement Account to Maximizing Mental Health, Inc. This is an approved use of funds (mental health). Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve \$25,000.00 to Maximizing Mental Health, Inc. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
8. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 25-20 – Adopting Transportation Plan pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act (2019-2). Anita Bedwell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-20. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

9. Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 609 – An ordinance to regulate the sale and distribution of consumable vapor products within the City of Rainbow City; to provide a license tax thereof; to enforce the provisions thereof; to provide penalties for the violation thereof and to provide for the use thereof. The tax will be effective October 1, 2026. Mayor Taylor stated this was a time for a public hearing. Heather Hill, Revenue Team Leader, explained the tax in more detail supporting the tax. No one spoke against the tax. Jeff Prince made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Randy Vice 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 Anita Bedwell seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 609. 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.

10. Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 610 – Authorizing the Exchange of Real Property with SMD Steel, LLC in the Lumley Road Research and Industrial Park and the Establishment and Vacation of Easements. Jeff Prince made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Anita Bedwell 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. Jameson Jenkins and Jeff Prince seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 610. 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 recognized Marcus Wood, Police Chief from the City of Jacksonville, AL. Chief Marcus presented the Certificate of Accreditation to Police Chief Camp Yancey and the Rainbow City Police Dept.

12. Mayor Taylor presented a sponsorship request – 2025 Advancing Women to the Top Conference. Anita Bedwell made a motion to be a platinum sponsor for \$1,000.00. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

Announcements

- Tuesday, August 26, 2025 – Municipal Election. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Community Center and Riddles Bend Fire Station.
- Monday, September 1, 2025 – City Hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day. Garbage will not be serviced on Monday. Pick up will be Tuesday – Saturday.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jeff Prince made a motion to adjourn.
Time Adjourned: 5:31 p.m.

Beth Lee, City Clerk

Joe Taylor, Mayor