

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH**

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-FEBRUARY 24, 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 Jeff Prince. 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 the regular Council meeting of February 10, 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. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
2. Mayor Taylor presented the following personnel changes:
 - Accept the resignation of Michael Cline, Recreation Dept. effective Thursday, February 13, 2025.
 - Accept the resignation of Tony Williams, Police Officer, effective Thursday, March 6, 2025.
 - Promote Vinny Dupree and James Martin from Firefighter/Paramedic to Lieutenant/Paramedic effective Friday, February 28, 2025.
 - Hire Michael Thomas as an uncertified Police Officer effective Friday, March 7, 2025.
 - Hire Benjamin Sanders as an uncertified Police Officer effective Friday, February 28, 2025.Clark Hopper made a motion to accept the personnel changes. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
4. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to reappoint Randy Vice to the Etowah County Mega Sports Complex Authority for a 2-year appointment. His term will expire November 10, 2024. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. Randy Vice-Abstain. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
5. Mayor Taylor presented a request for Retail Beer-050 (Off-premises only) and Retail Wine-070 (Off-premises only) license for Express Mart 50 located at 3500 Rainbow Drive. The new owner is Ahmed GH LLC. Jeff Prince made a motion to approve the request. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
6. Anita Bedwell made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the Beverage Agreement with Coca-Cola Bottling Company United-Central, LLC effective for a period of three (3) years through January 23, 2028 and can be extended for two (2) additional years. 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 purchase a Kubota RTV-X1100 for the VLMSC (Recreation Dept.) from Alabama Tractor for \$21,816.22. This is a Sourcewell (buying cooperative) product (Contract# 112624-KBA). Mayor Taylor stated this was a budgeted item. Anita Bedwell 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. 25-05 – Amended Rules for Recreation Department Reimbursement. The rental fee for the Scout Building and the Community Room at Fire Station II will be \$125/day beginning March 1, 2025. If a cancellation is made within in 2 weeks of a scheduled reservation for the Community Center then the city will retain \$100 of the reservation fee for the auditorium and \$50 will be retained for the Kern Silvey Room. Jeff Prince made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-05.

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 Ordinance No. 600 – Rezone Lots 21 & 22 located at 3525 Greenview Avenue (PPIN 40847) from Highway Commercial (HC) to Manufacturing District (M-1). Scott Skipper petitioned the Planning Commission on behalf of property owner David Cummans on December 17, 2024 to add two (2) office buildings to the front part of the property with the back lots (21 & 22) to have storage buildings. Mayor Taylor stated this was a time for a Public Hearing. Robert Handy (3517 Greenview Avenue) spoke against the rezoning stating concerns about the manufacturing zoning. Bart Fuhrman (3503 Greenview) had concerns about property value. Jane Handy (3517 Greenview) spoke about people working on vehicles at the storage buildings at night. Dave Cummans spoke in favor of the rezoning stating his intentions for metal storage buildings and he had complied completely with the city in this rezoning process. Discussion followed. Jeff Prince made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Jameson Jenkins 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

Jameson Jenkins moved and Jeff Prince seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 600. 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 a donation request – Pinwheels for Prevention – James M. Barrie Center for Children, Inc. Jeff Prince made a motion to be a Pinwheel Garden sponsor for \$100.00. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
11. Mayor Taylor presented a sponsorship request – Talk Derby to Me to benefit the Family Success Center on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Seraphim Grace in Wellington. Anita Bedwell made a motion to be a Grand Stand sponsor for \$650.00. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

Announcements

- Monday, March 10, 2025 – No Council Meeting – National League of Cities. Council meeting will be rescheduled for Monday, March 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 5, 2025 – Lions Club Pancake Day - \$7.00/ea.

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

Joe Taylor, Mayor