## STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

## CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-JANUARY 13, 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 roll call by City Clerk, Beth Lee, the following members answered present: Randy Vice, Jeff Prince, Jameson Jenkins, Clark Hopper and Mayor Taylor. Anita Bedwell-Absent. 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 December 23, 2024 and asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions. There being none, Clark Hopper 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 Proclamation No. 25-01 Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Jeff Prince made a motion to adopt Proclamation No. 25-01. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
- 3. Jeff Prince made a motion to authorize Police Chief Camp Yancey to sign the MOU between OUR Rescue and the Rainbow City Police Dept. to purchase a digital forensic computer station to investigate cases involving human trafficking and child exploitation. This is a cost share MOU stating that the city will pay \$1,900 for the computer station and OUR Rescue will pay up to \$6,000. 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 Resolution No. 25-01 Authorize Application of the FY25 RAA (Rebuild Alabama Act) Grant for \$350,000. The city is requesting to commit \$100,000 as matching funds to provide funding for the annual street resurfacing program. The city's planned annual paving for FY25 is approximately \$600,000. Jeff Prince made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-01. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
- 6. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 25-02 Authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement between the State and the City of Rainbow City. Clark Hopper made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-02. 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 budget revision Recreation Increase due to a repayment from the Neely Henry Lake Association for decking boards on the pier at Rainbow Landing.
  - Repairs & Maintenance (Acct. 01-470-265) \$394.77
    Jeff Prince made a motion to approve the budget revision. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
- 8. Mayor Taylor presented a donation request for Liberty Learning Foundation. Clark Hopper made a motion to be a Super Citizen Program sponsor (3 classrooms) for \$2,500.00. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
- 9. Randy Vice made a motion to sponsor the Southside Competition Cheerleading Squad for \$500.00 to compete at the UCA National High School Cheerleader Championship in Orlando in February. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
- 10. Jeff Prince made a motion to be a Gold sponsor for \$500.00 for The Chamber 112<sup>th</sup> Annual

Meeting & Awards Luncheon on Friday, January 24, 2025 at The Venue at 11:30 a.m. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

11. Mayor Taylor presented the monthly departmental reports from Animal Control, Building, Community Center, Court, Fire, Library and Police.

## **Announcements**

- Monday, January 20, 2025 City Hall will be closed in observance of MLK Day.
  Garbage will be on schedule. Monday Friday.
- Wednesday, January 29, 2025 RSVP Free Tax Service will begin at the Community Center each Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30 3:30 (Thursday's have been added for 2025). The last day will be April 9, 2025.
- Etowah County Tag Office in City Hall will be open Monday Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jeff Prince made a motion to adjourn. Time Adjourned: 5:26 p.m.

Beth Lee, City Clerk

loe Taylor, Mayor