**STATE OF ALABAMA**

**COUNTY OF ETOWAH**

**CITY OF RAINBOW CITY-COUNCIL MEETING-JANUARY 8, 2018**

**The City Council of the City of Rainbow City, Alabama, met in regular session at City Hall at 5:00 p.m., and upon roll call by the City Clerk, Barbara T. Wester, the following members answered present: Mayor: Terry John Calhoun; Council members: Anita Bedwell, Bobby McCartney, Tim Ramsey, Larry Keenum, and Rick Hill. The same constituting a quorum of the City Council, the following business was transacted. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Calhoun. Invocation was given by Bobby McCartney. Mayor Calhoun led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.**

1. **Mayor Calhoun presented the minutes of December 11, 2017, and Special Meeting of January 3, 2018 for review, and asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions. There being none, Anita Bedwell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tim Ramsey seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**
2. **Chief Horton requests the following: Promote Acting Sergeant Shayne Thompson to Sergeant: Pay increase from $15.50 to $15.87, effective Friday, January 12, 2018, and promote Acting Lieutenant Philip Braswell to Lieutenant. Pay increase from $17.10 to $17.71, effective Friday, January 12, 2018. Rick Hill made a motion to this effect. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**
3. **Chief Horton requests posting one sergeant position within the department for 10 days, to fill the position of Sgt. Nick Gaskin, who is resigning effective, February 1, 2018. Rick Hill made a motion to accept Nick’s resignation and to post the position. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**
4. **Chief Horton said the position of certified or non-certified police officer was posted January 2, 2018, to close January 12, 2018, and he would like to post an additional police officer position, January 9, 2018, to close January 19, 2018. One position is to replace the previous resignation of Officer Joseph Johnson, one to replace Sgt. Nick Gaskin, and one to replace Lt. George Morris. Rick Hill made a motion to approve this request. Larry Keenum seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**
5. **Chief Horton requests surplusing two (2) Smith and Wesson Police Bicycles to the highest bidder on Govdeals.com with no reserve for 10 days, beginning on January 9, 2018, until January 19, 2018. Also, he is surplusing a Unimog utility vehicle on Govdeals. Com with a reserve of $7500.00 for 10 days, from January 9, 2018, until January 19, 2018, VIN #1334, make: Freightliner, model: 1989, mileage: 3547. Rick Hill made a motion to this effect. Tim Ramsey seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**
6. **Mayor Calhoun presented Resolution No. 17-08, incorporation of the Commercial Development Authority. Anita Bedwell made a motion to approve the resolution. Rick Hill seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**
7. **Mayor Calhoun presented a request from the Greater Etowah 310 board for an annual donation of $l200.00. Rick Hill made a motion to approve the request. Tim Ramsey seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**
8. **Mayor Calhoun presented a request from the Chamber of Commerce for their Chairman’s Gala and Annual Meeting January 26, 2018, for a table of eight. Died for lack of a motion.**
9. **Mayor Calhoun presented the following monthly departmental reports: Fire, Library, Building, Animal Control, Police, Court and Community Center. He asked for comments. There being none, he asked that the records show the reports were presented.**
10. **Mayor Calhoun made the following announcements:**
11. **Rainbow City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018 in observance of**

**Martin Luther King Day. Garbage will be on schedule.**

**2. He also said he would like to thank Marlene DiGangi and Kim Wideman for doing a great job organizing Toys under the Rainbow for our children in Rainbow City, so they can have a better Christmas.**

**3. He announced that the Memory Bench for Chris Daniel was delivered to City Hall on Friday, December 15, 2017.**

**4. Ribbon Cutting/Re-Opening will be Tuesday, January 9th at Coosa Insurance in the Publix complex beginning at 11:00. Ribbon Cutting at 12:00.**

1. **Mayor Calhoun said he met with Mr. Josh Kell concerning the 83.3 plus/minus acres of land the City will be purchasing close to the Sports Authority property. The City will pay $5,000.00 per acre. Mayor Calhoun will need to sign the contract to purchase the property. Anita Bedwell made a motion to purchase the property and to give the Mayor the authority to sign the contract. Tim Ramsey seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**
2. **Mayor Calhoun said Chuck Chitwood, of CDG Engineers is getting a proposal for the Horton Creek Project, for the purchase of the right-of-ways of four (4) property owners, and it will be around $11,000.00. He is also doing the engineering work for the road to the new project and entrance on Hwy 77 and property description for the new property purchased. Anita Bedwell made a motion to approve this. Larry Keenum seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**
3. **Tim Ramsey made a motion to appoint Jeff Boyd, Lee Harrison, Jerry Weaver, James Ford and Braydon Hawk to the Commercial Development Authority. Rick Hill seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**
4. **Rick Hill made a motion to hire a part-time animal control officer because of the overload in the department. The salary will be $11.25 per hour. Tim Ramsey seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**
5. **Mayor Calhoun announced that Barbara T. Wester, City Clerk/Treasurer will be retiring effective March l, 2018.**
6. **Anita Bedwell thanked Barbara for her twenty-five (25) years of service.**
7. **Anita Bedwell thanked the Fire Department for the small fire at her business recently.**

**There being no further business to come before the Council, Bobby McCartney made a**

**motion to adjourn.**

**Time adjourned: 5:30 p.m.**

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**Barbara T. Wester, City Clerk/Treasurer**

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**Terry John Calhoun, Mayor**