

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-JUNE 9, 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 Randy Vice. 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 May 27, 2025 and asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions. There being none, Randy Vice 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. Mayor Taylor presented the following personnel change:
 - Hire Kevin Coley as a Mechanic (Street Dept.) effective Friday, June 13, 2025.Jameson Jenkins made a motion to Hire Kevin Coley. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
3. Mayor Taylor asked for the records to show that the following equipment was sold on GovDeals:
 - John Deere CX15 10' Rotary Cutter – Serial# 6155 - \$4,580.00
 - John Deere MX7 7' Rotary Cutter – Serial# 9682 - \$1,875.00
4. Jeff Prince made a motion to enter into a 60-month agreement with Alabama Power for a camera system (total of 18 cameras) to be located at the intersection of Hwy. 77/411, Park Lane park, pickleball courts, VLMSC parking lots and back entrance to VLMSC from Lumley Road. Alabama Power retains ownership of the camera system and RBC retains ownership of all data collected. All support and maintenance to operate the surveillance systems is included. RBC will have full access to all video at these locations. The estimated monthly cost will be \$1,923.55. Jameson Jenkins 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 enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between RBC and the City of Southside. Each city will divide the cost (\$10,595.75 from each city) for a new storage building to be located at Southside Landing to store rescue boats by both cities. Funds will be paid from the Fire District Fund. Southside will retain sole ownership of the storage building and be responsible for the general upkeep and routine maintenance of the building. MOU shall be for five (5) years commencing on July 1, 2025 and automatically renews for subsequent five (5) year terms. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
6. Mayor Taylor presented the resurfacing project for the VLMSC parking lot, Parks and Recreation parking lot, Old City Church parking lots 1, 2, and 3. Rainbow City will purchase the material through the Etowah County In-Place Plant Mix bid with Vulcan Materials. The cost for materials is \$163,700.00. This will be a Public Works project and RBC will hire 2 additional trucks and our trucks. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve this resurfacing project. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
7. Anita Bedwell made a motion to purchase a 2025 Ford F250 Super Crew 4x4 pickup through Stivers Ford Lincoln for the Street Dept. The price is \$49,078.00. State bid list contract number MA220000003128-22. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

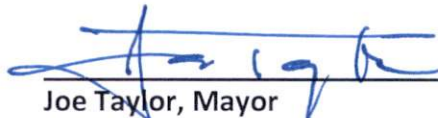
8. Randy Vice made a motion to issue a credit card for Karen Frost, Mayor's Administrative Assistant, with Exchange Bank with a credit card limit of \$2,000.00. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
9. Jeff Prince made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor and the City Clerk to open a new bank account to be named Recreation Improvements with Exchange Bank. Signers will be Mayor Taylor, Beth Lee, and Crystal Gazaway. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
10. Mayor Taylor recognized Traci Pondick representing RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program). Traci thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing the use of the Community Center during the 2024 tax season. This program added an extra day in Rainbow City this year. She reported that a total of 456 federal returns were processed in Rainbow City. This service is available free of charge for senior citizens and low-income residents.
11. Mayor Taylor presented a budget revision – Library – Increases due to grant funds from the Etowah County Library Committee.
 - Repairs & Maint./Building (Acct.# 01-460-265) - \$5,210.00
 - Equipment & Tools (Acct.# 01-460-180) - \$4,420.00
 - Audio/Video (Acct.# 01-460-127) - \$370.00Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve this budget revision. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
12. Jeff Prince made a motion to allow the City Clerk to request sealed bids for two (2) 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe 4 dr. for the Police Dept. Sealed bids will be opened on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
13. Mayor Taylor announced that a Notice of Election will be posted on June 10, 2025. Qualifying will be June 10 – 24, 2025.
14. Anita Bedwell made a motion to sponsor Southside High School FFA for \$1,500.00. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
15. Anita Bedwell made a motion to surplus the following items from the Library on GovDeals:
 - 1-Large Oval Oak Table (144' x 47.5")
 - 14 – Oak Chairs/Gray print
 - 1 – 2 x 2 Oak Table
 - 1 – Oak LecternRandy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
16. Mayor Taylor presented the following department reports: Animal Control, Building, Community Center, Court, Fire, Library and Police.
17. Clark Thompson thanked the Utilities Board, Mayor and Council for the water issues at his home.
18. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to sponsor two (2) golf teams (Police & Fire) for the annual Etowah County Sheriff's Charities Golf tournament at \$220/team to be held on June 20, 2025 at Briarmeade Golf Course. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

Announcements

- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday – RBC Community Market opens from 7:00 a.m. – Noon
- Saturday, June 28, 2025 – Freedom Flight at the VLMSC with 300 drones. Market and food vendors start at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jameson Jenkins made a motion to adjourn. Time Adjourned: 5:35p.m.


Beth Lee, City Clerk


Joe Taylor, Mayor