

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-MARCH 17, 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 Jameson Jenkins. 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 24, 2025 and asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions. There being none, Jeff Prince made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Anita Bedwell 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:
  - Hire Michelle Bailey, full-time Animal Control, effective Friday, March 21, 2025.
  - Hire Brent Murray, non-certified Police Officer, effective Friday, March 28, 2025.
  - Accept the resignation of W.A. Riddlespurge, Street Dept. effective Friday, March 14, 2025.

Jameson Jenkins made a motion to accept the personnel changes. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

4. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 25-06 – Economic Development for Choice Fabricators, LLC. Rainbow City proposes to abate all state and local noneducational property taxes and all construction related transaction taxes for a period of 5 years. Choice Fabricators proposes to have a capital investment of \$12,500.000 to upgrade the facility and purchase 2 new automated stamping presses. This project is estimated to be completed by December 31, 2025. Mayor Taylor stated this was a time for a Public Hearing (Public Hearing was posted on 2/28/25 and published in The Messenger 2/28/25). David Chadwick CEO/CFO of Choice Fabricators spoke in favor of the proposed improvements and stated that we will continue to work together and expand opportunities. Anita Bedwell made a motion to approve this Economic Development Agreement with Choice Fabricators. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. 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.

5. Mayor Taylor stated the FY2024 Audit was performed by MDA Associates and is complete.
6. Mayor Taylor stated the transfer of two (2) 2008 Ford F150’s VIN# 8851 & 8852 from the Fire Dept. to the Recreation Dept. Jeff Prince made a motion to approve the transfer of these F150’s to the Recreation Dept. effective March 18, 2025. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
7. Randy Vice made a motion to authorize the City Clerk to receive sealed bids to purchase two (2) 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD’s and open sealed bids on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

8. Mayor Taylor stated he is donating a Yamaha fuel injection golf cart to the Recreation Dept. to be used at the Soccer Complex.
9. Mayor Taylor asked that the records reflect that the Economic Development Agreement with Kidd Family Properties, LLC (The Willow Tree) is complete as of March 3, 2025 (Ref. Resolution No. 22-04).
10. Jeff Prince made a motion to purchase a Toro ProPass 200 Base Model #44701 for the Recreation Dept. from Jerry Pate Turf and Irrigation for \$22,288.96. This is based on Omnia Contract# 2023261 (buying cooperative). Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
11. Jameson Jenkins moved to authorize Mayor Taylor to be the voting delegate at the Alabama League of Municipalities annual convention in May with Jeff Prince as the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate voting delegate and Clark Hopper as 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate voting delegate. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
12. Anita Bedwell moved to be a Strategic Partner Sponsor at the Alabama League of Municipalities/International Council of Shopping Center Conference and Tradeshow to be held in Las Vegas, May 18-20, 2025. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
13. Mayor Taylor presented the monthly department reports from Animal Control, Building, Community Center, Court, Fire, Library and Police.

**Announcements**

- Saturday, April 5, 2025 – Lions Club Pancake Day - \$7.00/ea. 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, April 10, 2025 – Ribbon Cutting – Absolute Respiratory Care 11:00 a.m. – 545 Steele Station Road.
- Monday, April 14, 2025 – Pinwheel Ceremony for the James M. Barrie Center to be held in the multi-purpose room at the Sheriff's office.

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

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Beth Lee, City Clerk

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Joe Taylor, Mayor