

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-MARCH 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 Clark Hopper. 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, Jameson Jenkins, Clark Hopper, and Mayor Taylor. Jeff Prince-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 March 17, 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. 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 Conner Barnard, Laborer-Recreation Dept. effective Friday, March 28, 2025.
 - Hire Brian Bartlett, Laborer-Recreation Dept., effective Friday, March 28, 2025.Randy Vice made a motion to approve the personnel changes. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
4. Anita Bedwell made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the contract with Techline Sports Lighting for \$529,000.00. Techline will provide lighting at the VLMSC Phase II. This is a Sourcewell (buying cooperative) Contract (#041123-TCE). \$52,900.00 will be due in 30 days upon invoice. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
5. Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 602 – Preliminarily Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Warrant, Series 2025, within certain Parameters and Validation Proceedings in Connection Therewith. Mayor Taylor stated that this was a time for a Public Hearing (Notice was published in *The Messenger* and posed on March 14, 2025). David Ringelstein, Bond Counsel, Maynard Nexsen PC, explained that this was the preliminary ordinance for Rainbow City to apply for a tax-exempt loan for capital improvements. The proceeds of the loan will be used to finance certain utility improvements and recreational facilities improvements relying upon the city’s ability to borrow funds for economic development under Section 94.01 of the Alabama Constitution. Rainbow City wishes to go through the bond validation process available through §§6-6-750 of the Code of Alabama. No one spoke against the ordinance. Jameson Jenkins moved and Randy Vice seconded the motion to introduce the ordinance. Clark Hopper moved and Anita Bedwell 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	Absent
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Randy Vice moved and Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 602. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

Anita Bedwell	Yes
Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Absent
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Yes

Mayor Taylor Yes
Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

6. Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 603 – Selling Unneeded Real Property Lots 9-22 (80 acres) in the Lumley Road Research and Industrial Park to SMD Steel, LLC for \$241,800.00. Jameson Jenkins moved and Anita Bedwell seconded the motion to introduce the ordinance. Randy Vice 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	Absent
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Anita Bedwell moved and Clark Hopper seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 603. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

Anita Bedwell	Yes
Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Absent
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

7. Chief Yancey submitted a recommendation to add two (2) street lights on existing poles at the entrance of Barone’s Pizza on Hwy. 77 for traffic safety. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve the installation of two (2) street lights at Barone’s Pizza. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
8. Mayor Taylor recognized Robyn Phillips, Community Outreach Advocate, Reagan Lowry, Forensic Interviewer, and Kim Long, Board Member, with the James M. Barrie Center for Children, Inc. They presented the pinwheels to Rainbow City and the Community Impact Report for 2024.

Announcements

- Saturday, April 5, 2025 – Lions Club Pancake Day - \$7.00/ea. 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$7.00 each and can be purchased in the Revenue Office.
- Thursday, April 10, 2025 – Ribbon Cutting – Absolute Respiratory Care 11:00 a.m. – 545 Steele Station Road.
- Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – Pinwheel Ceremony for the James M. Barrie Center to be held in the multi-purpose room in the Sheriff’s office at 1:30 p.m.

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

Beth Lee, City Clerk

Joe Taylor, Mayor