

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-MAY 12, 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 April 28, 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. Chief Camp Yancey gave the Oath of Office to Police Officer Eoin Hammonds.
3. Mayor Taylor presented the following personnel change:
 - Hire Tommy Yates, Street Dept. effective Friday, May 23, 2025.Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve the hiring of Tommy Yates. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
4. Mayor Taylor stated no bids were received for the surplus items in the Library.
5. Randy Vice made a motion to purchase a 15' heavy duty rotary cutter for the Street Dept. with option from Land Pride for \$24,012.72. This is a Sourcewell contract item (Contract #062117-LP). Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
6. Mayor Taylor asked for the records to show that the following vehicles were sold on GovDeals:
 - 2004 Ford F150 VIN# 9503 - \$1,290.00
 - 2007 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 VIN# 9999 - \$3,550.00
7. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to replace the current software (Zortec) with NextGen software from Local Government Corporation to include purchasing, payroll, and general ledger. The application software (Multi-User) is \$15,911.10 and the Annual Use and Support Fee is \$13,861.86. The Online Pay info feature allows employees to view their paycheck, deduction, leave balances, and W-2 online. The annual use and support fee for this feature will be \$721.86 per year based on 106 employees (\$6.81/employee/year). Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
8. Jeff Prince made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the agreement for professional services between Rainbow City and Volkert, Inc. to perform a Speed Study and Roadway Segment Operational Evaluation. This study will evaluate lowering the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph ½ mile to the west of the VLMSC entrance and residential area (US Hwy. 411). This study anticipates the elements of a planned ATRIP application by Rainbow City in October 2025. The proposed scope is to install EB LT turn lane and WB RT turn lane. The cost for this study is \$28,500.00 and should take 3-4 months for the completion of the study. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

9. Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 606 – Prohibits Parking in a Fire Lane or Obstructing Fire Hydrants. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Jeff Prince moved and Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call vote as follows:

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

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Jeff Prince moved and Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 606. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call vote as follows:

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

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

10. Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 607 – Authorizing the Issuance of a \$7,500.000 maximum principal amount of a General Obligation Warrant, Series 2025. Jeff Prince moved and Clark Hopper seconded the motion to introduce the ordinance. Randy Vice moved and Jeff Prince seconded the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call vote as follows:

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

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Jameson Jenkins moved and Jeff Prince seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 607. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call vote as follows:

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

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

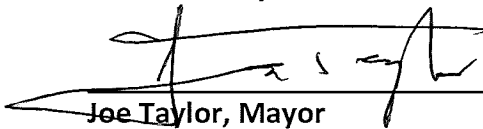
11. Mayor Taylor presented Proclamation No. 25-03 – Southside High School Boys Soccer Team 2025 AHSAA Class 6A State Champions.
12. Randy Vice made a motion to be a \$1,000 sponsor to the Etowah Baptist Mission Center Fundraising Auction on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at White Springs Baptist Church. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
13. Mayor Taylor presented departmental reports from Animal Control, Building, Community Center, Court, Fire, Library and Police.

Announcements

- Monday, May 26, 2025 – City Hall will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Council Meeting will not be held on Monday but rescheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2025. Garbage will not be serviced on Monday. Pick up will be Tuesday-Saturday.
- Saturday, May 17, 2025 – Kayak Launch at Rainbow Landing at 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday – RBC Community Market opens from 7:00 a.m. - Noon

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jameson Jenkins made a motion to adjourn. Time Adjourned: 5:33p.m.


Beth Lee, City Clerk


Joe Taylor, Mayor

