

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-NOVEMBER 13, 2023

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 October 23, 2023 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 contract for recycling services between Rainbow City and the City of Southside. The contract expires October 31, 2024. Randy Vice made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the contract. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
3. Anita Bedwell made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the proposal from SAIN Associates for the City Center Due Diligence and Planning. Total estimated budget is \$121,000.00. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
4. Mayor Taylor stated that bids were opened in pre-council for the Covered Bridge Estates Bridge Repair Project. One bid was received as follows:

Sloan Utility Contracting, Inc. - \$58,365.00 using .500 wall
\$62,010.00 using .625 wall

Jeff Prince made the motion to accept the bid for \$62,010.00 using .625 wall. Anita Bedwell 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. 579 – Granting a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Crown Castle Fiber LLC, for the Purpose of Constructing and Maintaining a Fiber Network within Certain Public Rights-of-Way within the City of Rainbow City. Clark Hopper made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 579. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Jeff Prince moved and Clark Hopper 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	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. 579. 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

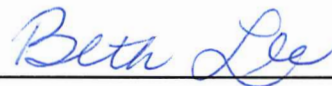
Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Darryl Forster, Network Permitting Manager for Crown Castle spoke to the Mayor and Council in support of this ordinance.

6. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 23-30 – Authorizing Conveyance of Surplus Police Equipment to Police Officers. Six (6) Colt AR-15 upper receivers will be surplus to the issuing officers for \$100.00 each. Jeff Prince made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-30. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
7. Fire Chief Tim McKee spoke on the correspondence he received from Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford thanking our Fire Department for the support during storms in Gadsden in August. Gadsden Fire Chief Wil Reed thanked our Fire Department for helping with the recovery of a body in the river in September.
8. Mayor Taylor stated that 215 Palace Avenue has been determined by our Nuisance Abatement Officer, Mike Bolton, to be an unsafe structure and to ask Alabama Power to cut off power to this structure. Jameson Jenkins moved and Jeff Prince seconded the motion to this effect. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
9. Mayor Taylor presented the 2024 Holiday Schedule for Rainbow City. Randy Vice made a motion to approve the Holiday Schedule. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
10. Mayor Taylor presented a budget revision – Police Dept. – Increase due to calendar sales. These funds will be used for the public safety banquet and community outreach.
 - Miscellaneous – (Acct. 01-430-230) - \$6,284.45Randy Vice made a motion to approve the budget revision. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
11. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to be a \$500.00 sponsor for Mocs on the Rocks benefitting two (2) students in each school during Christmas. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
12. Mayor Taylor presented the following department reports: Animal Control, Building, Community Center, Court, Fire, Library and Police.
13. Matt Skelton addressed the Mayor, Council, and attendees that he is a candidate for the Etowah County District Judge as a Republican. The primary is March 5, 2024.
14. Mayor Taylor announced that Jeff Prince had achieved his Certified Municipal Officer-Advanced designation and Beth Lee, City Clerk, received her Master of Municipal Clerk designation.

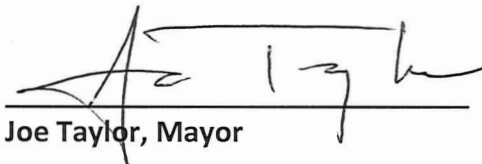
Announcements:

- November 2023 – Open enrollment for BCBS and Southland Vision for all full-time employees.
- City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday (November 23-24) in observance of Thanksgiving. Garbage will not be serviced on Thanksgiving Day. Pickup Friday and Saturday.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jeff Prince made a motion to adjourn. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Time Adjourned: 5:38 p.m.



Beth Lee, City Clerk



Joe Taylor, Mayor

2024 Holiday Schedule

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Observed</u>	<u>Day of the Week</u>
New Year's Day (2024)	January 1, 2024	Monday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 15, 2024	Monday
Memorial Day	May 27, 2024	Monday
Independence Day	July 4, 2024	Thursday
Labor Day	September 2, 2024	Monday
Veterans Day	November 11, 2024	Monday
Thanksgiving	November 28, 2024	Thursday
Thanksgiving	November 29, 2024	Friday
Christmas Eve	December 24, 2024	Tuesday
Christmas Day	December 25, 2024	Wednesday
New Year's Day (2025)	January 1, 2025	Wednesday

