

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-OCTOBER 28, 2024

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, 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 14, 2024 and asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions. There being none, Jeff Prince made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Randy Vice 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:
 - Kaye Farley, Court Clerk, last day worked was Tuesday, October 15, 2024.
 - John Doster, Police Officer, last day worked was Tuesday, October 15, 2024.
 - Mike Prater, SRO, move from a seasonal SRO to full time SRO effective October 22, 2024.
 - Post for a certified/non-certified police officer for ten (10) days to end on Friday, November 8, 2024.

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

3. Mayor Taylor presented a one-step across the board raise for employees effective Friday, November 1, 2024. Randy Vice made a motion to approve the one-step raise. Clark Hopper 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. 24-23 – Authorize Mayor Taylor to renew the contract agreement with the Etowah County Commission and the Sheriff of Etowah County to house prisoners. The contract will take effect on October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025. The new contract cost to house prisoners is \$35.00/day. Jeff Prince made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-23. 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. 598 – Granting a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Farmers Telecommunications Corporation to construct, install, maintain, operate and control a middle-mile fiber optic infrastructure network within certain public rights-of-way within the City of Rainbow City. Anita Bedwell made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Clark Hopper moved and Jeff Prince 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. Jeff Prince moved and Anita Bedwell seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 598. 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.

6. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 24-24 – Notice of Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Lis Pendens on property located at 569 Becky Allen Circle. Mayor Taylor stated that this was a time for a public hearing and asked if anyone was present that wished to speak for or against this resolution. No one spoke in favor or against the resolution. Anita Bedwell moved and Clark Hopper seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 24-24. 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.


7. Mayor Taylor recognized Darlene Harcrow and Craig Scott, organizers for the Community Thanksgiving to be held at The Venue on Thursday, November 28, 2024. They stated that they need volunteers and have a \$45,000 budget and the need to raise \$29,000. 10,566 people were served in 2023. Anita Bedwell made a motion to donate \$2,500.00 to the Community Thanksgiving. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
8. Mayor Taylor presented Proclamation No. 24-07 – Charles “Charlie” Daniel Walker 100th Birthday Proclamation.

Announcements

- Wednesday, October 30, 2024 – Last day for the Etowah County Tag Office at City Hall. Will reopen Monday, January 6, 2025.
- Sunday, November 3, 2024 – Daylight Savings Time ends
- Tuesday, November 5, 2024 – General Election. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 6, 2024 – Patriots Hall of Honor luncheon at The Venue at 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, November 6, 2024 – Ribbon Cutting for ACE Hospice located at 2901 B Rainbow Drive at 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 11, 2024 – City Hall will be closed in observance of Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 14, 2024 – Ribbon Cutting for Home Instead located at 607 W. Grand Ave. at 11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, December 14, 2024 – Wreaths Across America at Old Harmony Cemetery

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


Beth Lee, City Clerk


Joe Taylor, Mayor