

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-APRIL 10, 2023

The City Council of the City of Rainbow City, Alabama, met in regular session at City Hall at 5:00 p.m. Invocation was given by Jeff Prince. 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, Jeff Prince, Jameson Jenkins, Clark Hopper, and Mayor Taylor. Randy Vice-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 13, 2023 and special called meeting of March 23, 2023 and asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions. There being none, Jameson Jenkins 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. Mayor Taylor stated sealed bids were opened in pre-council for the 2023 Spring Resurfacing Project. The bids were as follows:

Wiregrass Construction, LLC	\$421,634.00
Vulcan Materials Asphalt, Inc.	\$444,722.00
James E. Watts & Sons	\$442,189.56
Whitaker Contracting Corp.	\$311,750.00
Massey Asphalt Paving	\$344,344.00
Alabama Grading & Excavation	\$376,031.50

The following bid was for the 2023 Spring Micro-Surfacing Project:

Whitaker Contracting Corp.	\$1,039,820.00
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Anita Bedwell made a motion to postpone the bid award indefinitely so bids can be reviewed. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

3. Mayor Taylor presented the following personnel changes:
  - Accept the resignation of Michelle Bridges, Animal Control, effective Monday, March 20, 2023. Post for a part-time position in Animal Control for ten (10) days to end on Friday, April 21, 2023.
  - Autumn Floyd, Animal Control, from part-time to full-time effective Friday, March 24, 2023.
  - Accept the resignation of Bradford Hilyer, Street Dept., effective Thursday, March 30, 2023. Post for a Street Dept. worker for ten (10) days to end on Friday, April 21, 2023.
  - Hire Adam King as a Certified Police Officer, effective Friday, April 21, 2023.

Clark Hopper made a motion to approve these 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 a Memorandum of Understanding for the Etowah County Mega Sports Authority and the City of Rainbow City. Jameson Jenkins moved to authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the MOU. 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 a request for new signature cards on three (3) checking accounts at Exchange Bank to allow Mayor Taylor, Beth Lee, and Crystal Gazaway as signers: The accounts are as follows:

1¢ Sales Tax  
2023 Bond Account  
Opioid Settlement Account

Jeff Prince made a motion to allow new signature cards on the above accounts. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

6. Mayor Taylor stated that 205 Hayden Avenue nuisance abatement lien has been paid in full in the amount of \$247.50. (Reference Resolution No. 15-08). Anita Bedwell made a motion to remove the lien. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

7. Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 575 – Amend Zoning Ordinance No. 360 – Section 61. Highway Commercial District Commercial Uses-remove mini-warehouses as permitted. Mayor Taylor asked if there was anyone present that wished to speak for or against this Ordinance. There was no one. Jeff Prince made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Anita Bedwell 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	Absent
Jeff Prince	Yes
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Clark Hopper moved and Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 575. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

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

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

8. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 23-06 – An agreement with the State of Alabama for access management on SR-77 from Church Street to Sherwood Dr., including a new traffic signal, resurface Church St. from US-411 to SR-77 (Project ATRP2-28-2023-418). Anita Bedwell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-06. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

9. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 23-07 – An agreement with SAIN Associates for surveying and engineering services for the ATRIP II – Improvements on US-411/AL-77/Church Street. Jeff Prince made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-07 and authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the agreement. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
10. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 23-08 – Nuisance Abatement on 113 East Grand Avenue. This resolution authorizes Rainbow City employees to demolish and remove debris. Owner to reimburse Rainbow City not to exceed \$4,000.00. Jameson Jenkins moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-08. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
11. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 23-09 – Nuisance Abatement on 117 East Grand Avenue. This resolution authorizes Rainbow City employees to demolish and remove debris. Owner to reimburse Rainbow City not to exceed \$6,000.00. Jameson Jenkins moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-09. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
12. Mayor Taylor presented an ad request – The Messenger – 2023 Senior Tribute Magazine. Jeff Prince made a motion to purchase a ¼ pg. color horizontal ad for \$150.00. 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 the surplus items in Administration and open sealed bids on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Jeff Prince made a motion to surplus the items. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
14. Mayor Taylor presented the monthly departmental reports – Animal Control, Building, Community Center, Court, Fire, Library and Police.
15. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to donate \$200.00 to Ryan McDill for his Eagle Scout project. Ryan is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at RMS and will use the funds to build shelving in the band room at RMS. He is with Troop 151. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
16. Kenneth Payne gave a report on the Lions Club Pancake Day stating that 470-500 people were served on Saturday and they had 60 volunteers.
17. Mayor Taylor announced that Rainbow City helped Sardis who had tornado damage by sending 3 trucks, skid steer, and employees. He commended Police Sgt. Jacob Works for being at a call and putting out a fire with his fire extinguisher. He also reported on the recent trip to Washington, D.C. and Rainbow City being a strategic city for economic development.

Announcements:

- RSVP Free Tax Service – Community Center starting each Wednesday – April 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 6, 2023 – Rainbow City Clean Up Day

**There being no further business to come before the Council, Jeff Prince made a motion to adjourn. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Time Adjourned: 5:27 p.m.**

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**Beth Lee, City Clerk**

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**Joe Taylor, Mayor**

**Surplus – Administration**

**4-Miscellaneous Chairs (1-brown, 1-navy, 2-burgundy)**

**3-Calculators (not working)**

**Box of misc. desk organizers**

**1-battery back up**

**1-ViewSonic monitor 0027**