

**STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF ETOWAH**

**CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-JUNE 12, 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: 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 May 22, 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. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
2. Jeff Prince made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending real estate transactions. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Jeff Prince asked for a roll call as follows:

Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Yes
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Mayor Taylor stated that the Council will reconvene in about 10 minutes. Time 5:01 p.m.

The Council returned at 5:08 p.m. Jeff Prince made a motion to reconvene. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call vote as follows:

Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Yes
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Jeff Prince made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor to act on the pending real estate transaction. 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:
  - Jerry Haney, declined job offer – Street Dept.
  - Accept the resignation of Police Officer Jesse Smith effective Tuesday, May 30, 2023.
  - Hire Jacob Garmon – Street Dept. effective Friday, June 2, 2023.
  - Hire Jimmy Medley – Street Dept. effective Friday, June 2, 2023.
  - Post a Firefighter/Paramedic position for ten (10) days to end on Friday, June 23, 2023.
  - Post the Planning Coordinator position internally for ten (10) days to end on Friday, June 23, 2023.
  - Post for two (2) certified Police officers for ten (10) days to end on Friday, June 23, 2023.

Clark Hopper made a motion to approve the personnel changes as presented. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

4. Mayor Taylor presented a request to purchase a 2023 Polaris (R23CDA57A1) Ranger Crew 570 for \$17,557.00 from Greenville Equipment Center. Sourcewell Contract (buying cooperative) contract #122220-PSI. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to purchase the Polaris for the Police Dept. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
5. Jeff Prince made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the Consulting Agreement between Jason Harper and Rainbow City for \$3,000.00 per month for advocacy work. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
6. Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 577 – Provide immediate emergency access for emergency service personnel using a secure rapid entry system. Jeff Prince made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Randy Vice made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

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. 577. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Yes
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

7. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 23-12 – Proposal for the Challenger STEM Learning Center in Rainbow City. Randy Vice made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-12. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Yes
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

8. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 23-13 – Purchase lot 6A at the Deerfoot Industrial Park from Supermarket Design & Maintenance, Inc. for \$34,720.00 consisting of 4.34 acres. Rainbow City is exercising the recapture of unused land due to failure to begin construction of a building in the Restrictive Covenants. Jeff Prince made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-13. Jameson Jenkins 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. 23-14 – Nepotism Policy which will become a part of the employee handbook Section 4.13. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to

adopt Resolution No. 23-14. Clark Hopper 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. 23-15 – Expend funds from the Opioid Settlement Account to Maximizing Mental Health, Inc. This is an approved use of funds (mental health). Jeff Prince made a motion to approve \$15,000.00 to Maximizing Mental Health, Inc. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

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 Resolution No. 23-16 – Expend funds from the Opioid Settlement Account to Clinic 5 Addiction Recovery, LLC. This is an approved use of funds (addiction recovery). Jeff Prince made a motion to approve \$15,000.00 to Clinic 5 Addiction Recovery, LLC. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Yes
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

12. Clark Hopper made a motion to reappoint Tina Hill to the Library Board for a 4-year term. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

13. Mayor Taylor presented a budget revision – Library – Increase to reflect grant funds received from the Etowah County Library Committee. Funds will be used to purchase 5 computers, 1 laptop, seating system for the children’s area, storage cart, and Playaway Launchpad guided learning tablets for children.

- Equipment & Tools (Acct.# 01-460-180) - \$10,000.00

Jeff Prince made a motion to approve the budget revision. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

14. Mayor Taylor presented a budget revision – Police – Increase due to grant funds received, sex offender registration, accident reports, wrecker fees and auction of surplus items.

- Clothing/Uniform – (Acct.# 01-430-150) - \$590.20
- Miscellaneous – (Acct.# 01-430-230) - \$383.17
- Fees on Fines – (Acct.# 01-430-185) - \$24,020.00

Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve the budget revisions. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

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15. Mayor Taylor presented a sponsorship request for the 2023-2023 United Way Campaign. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to be a Silver Sponsor for \$1,500.00. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
16. Mayor Taylor presented the departmental reports were received from Animal Control, Building, Community Center, Court, Fire, and Library.
17. Jeff Boyd – 132 Lakeshore Drive - spoke in support of and on behalf of the Challenger Center Task Force.
18. Mayor Taylor presented a request from the YMCA for the Parkinson’s Fitness Group to utilize our Recreation Center at no cost to the YMCA. Jeff Prince made a motion to approve the request. Clark Hopper seconded the request. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
19. Mayor Taylor stated he had an incredible opportunity to attend the Medal of Honor recipient Ola Lee Mize ceremony to reveal the new headstone placed in his honor at Crestwood Cemetery.
20. Mayor Taylor also commented on the sudden death of PIXIS creative director, Maria Booker and how she served in working with at-risk youth in Colorado.
21. Clark Hopper stated that Rainbow City had two (2) new Eagle Scouts. They are Hayden Rice and Ryan McDill.

**Announcements:**

- Monday and Wednesday’s – Farmer’s Market at City Hall from 7:00 a.m. – Noon
- Monday, June 26, 2023 – American Red Cross Blood Drive – Council Chambers 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jeff Prince made a motion to adjourn. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Time Adjourned: 5:40 p.m.

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Beth Lee, City Clerk

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Joe Taylor, Mayor