

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH**

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-JUNE 26, 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 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, 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 June 12, 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. Mayor Taylor presented a surplus list for the Library. Sealed bids will be opened on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
 - 1 Child size round oak table
 - 4 Child size oak chairs
 - 1 Oak stuffed animal stand
 - 2 pictures in oak frames (24"x28")Anita Bedwell made a motion to surplus these items. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. Randy Vice-Abstain. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
3. Mayor Taylor recognized Traci Pondick, Director of RSVP. Traci thanked the Mayor and Council for the use of the Community Center during the RSVP Free Tax Service Program. They prepared 364 tax returns for a total of \$2.3 million in refunds.
4. Chief Yancey made a recommendation for a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Ann Street and Seville Lane. Clark Hopper made a motion to approve the stop sign. Randy Vice 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 to hire Alex Perez as a certified Firefighter/Paramedic effective, Friday, June 30, 2023. Jameson Jenkins moved to hire Alex Perez. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
6. Mayor Taylor recommended the in-house transfer of John Jayroe from the Street Dept. to Deputy Building Inspector effective Friday, June 30, 2023. Jeff Prince made a motion to approve the transfer of John Jayroe. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
7. Mayor Taylor presented a request to repost for a certified Police Officer for ten (10) days to end on Thursday, July 6, 2023. Jeff Prince made a motion to approve the job posting. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
8. Mayor Taylor recommended pay raises for employees to be effective Friday, June 30, 2023.
 - \$1.50/hr. increase to police personnel including Animal Shelter employees
 - .50/hr. increase night differential for police officers assigned to night shift
 - 2 step increase for all other employees

Randy Vice made a motion to approve the pay raises. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

9. Jeff Prince made a motion to allow the City Clerk to solicit sealed bids for a 19' walk-thru Christmas Ornament and open sealed bids on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. 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. 23-17 – Economic Development Agreement – Bar1LLC (dba) Barone’s Pizza and Arcade to be located on E. Grand Avenue. Mayor Taylor stated that a Public Hearing is available for anyone wishing to speak for or against this proposal. The public hearing notice was posted on June 13, 2023 and published in The Gadsden Times on June 16, 2023. Patrick Barone – 161 Oakland Drive – spoke in favor of this economic development agreement stating they would appreciate any help from Rainbow City. This new business will provide a safe place to eat and have birthday parties. The City proposes a 2.5% city sales tax rebate for five (5) years not to exceed \$150,000.00. Mayor Taylor stated this agreement is valid through the 772 amendment. Jeff Prince made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-17. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. 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.

11. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 23-18 – An agreement with the State of Alabama through ALDOT to widen SR-25 (US-411) to add a two-way left turn from Lumley Road to Hwy. 77 (Project# NH-0025). Anita Bedwell made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the preliminary engineering and construction agreement. Estimated cost for preliminary engineering is \$100,000 (\$80,000 – Federal National Highway funds and \$20,000 – Rainbow City funds). Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
12. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 23-19 – Cybersecurity Policies – Randy Vice made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-19. 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 an ad request for The Messenger – Celebrate July 4th – 2x2 color ad to be published June 30, 2023. Jeff Prince made a motion to purchase the ad for \$25.00. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
14. Mayor Taylor presented a sponsorship request – FCA Victory Banquet to be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at The Venue at 6:00 p.m. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to be a Table Sponsor for \$250.00. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
15. Mayor Taylor recognized the Rainbow City Beautification Board Chairperson, Kenneth Payne to present this year’s Beautification Award recipients.
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| Marvin & Pamela Gann | Jack & Rhonda Crosson |
| 112 Saint Martin Drive | 130 Saint Martin Drive |

Barrett Johnson
4200 Rainbow Drive

David McFarland
965 Guy Lee Lake Road

Jerry & Priscilla McCain
645 Guy Lee Lake Road

Mike & Kathy Johnson
172 Rainbow Haven

White Springs Baptist Church
4411 Rainbow Drive

Smith & Bailey Dental
3343 Rainbow Drive

16. Clark Hopper reported that former Etowah County Revenue Commissioner, Judy Pitts, passed away today.
17. Jeff Prince reported that the Challenger Center was going to be located in Rainbow City and thanked all those involved in securing Rainbow City as the location. He also stated that this would impact approximately 9 regional counties.
18. Mayor Taylor stated that Police Captain Scott Holderfield was sworn in as President of the Alabama Police Officers Association. Police Chief Camp Yancey was elected Vice-President. Former Council member Rick Hill performed the swearing in. Mayor Taylor also reported the recent death of former Council member, Brenda Wimpee. She was a pillar in Rainbow City and asked that we keep her family members in our thoughts and prayers. Mayor Taylor also commended the Challenger Center board members for selecting Rainbow City and appreciated the support from local governments as the Center is for 5th – 12th graders.

Announcements:

- Monday and Wednesday's – Farmer's Market at City Hall from 7:00 a.m. – Noon
- Wednesday, June 28, 2023 – Ribbon Cutting – Youthful Elixir Aesthetics Spa, LLC – 12:00 p.m. 109 Hollingsworth Avenue
- Friday, June 30, 2023 – Freedom Flight Drone Show at the Vivian Lee Maddox Sports Complex at 5:30 p.m. Live music and food trucks.
- Tuesday, July 4, 2023 – City Hall will be closed in observance of Independence Day. Garbage will not run on Tuesday, July 4th. Pick up Wednesday-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: 5:46 p.m.

Beth Lee, City Clerk

Joe Taylor, Mayor