

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-JULY 24, 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 Anita Bedwell. 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 July 10, 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. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
2. Mayor Taylor stated that sealed bids were opened in pre-council for the 2011 Ford Econoline Van VIN# 8462. Two (2) bids were received as follows:

Kaye Farley	\$505.00
Ringwood Motors	\$800.00

Jeff Prince made a motion to award the bid to Ringwood Motors for \$800.00. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

3. Mayor Taylor stated that the FY 2022 audit is complete. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to accept the audit 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 quote from Brothers Sealcoating for \$30,525.00 to sealcoat and stripe the parking lots at City Hall, Library, and Community Center (Public Works Project). Jameson Jenkins made a motion to accept the quote for \$30,525.00. 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 retail beer (off-premises only) and retail wine (off-premises only) license for Bahati, LLC/Rainbow Food and Fuel located at 3101 Rainbow Drive. Randy Vice made a motion to approve the license application. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
6. Mayor Taylor presented a budget revision – Police Dept. – Increase due to an insurance payment for a totaled police vehicle.
  - Fees on Fines – (Acct.# 01-430-185) - \$16,184.00

Jeff Prince 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.

7. Mayor Taylor presented a request to hire Alissa Russell and John Doster as non-certified police officers effective Friday, August 11, 2023 pending mental evaluations and drug tests. The police academy starts in September 2023. Randy Vice made a motion to hire Alissa Russell and John Doster. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes.

8. Mayor Taylor presented a request to purchase 60 armor plates for the Police Dept. with .37" thickness, 1.5 lbs. each from Dayton Armor for \$30,600.00. Dayton Armor is the sole source manufacturer for these specific plates, purchase load bearing vests for \$5,000.00, and Tactical Carrier - \$2,890.00. The Police Dept. received a grant for \$23,000.00, private donation - \$5,000.00, estimated cost to Rainbow City is \$10,490.00. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve these purchases. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
9. Mayor Taylor presented a Memorandum of Understanding for the Alabama Drug Enforcement Task Force. Chief Yancey explained that signing this agreement will remove Rainbow City from the Etowah County Drug Task Force and partner with ALEA. Rainbow City was the top pick from ALEA to join forces. Jeff Prince made a motion to authorize Chief Yancey to sign the MOU. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
10. Anita Bedwell made a motion to post for a Narcotics Detective Supervisor for ten (10) days to end on Friday, August 4, 2023. Jeff Prince 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 re-appoint Bobbie Keenum to the Etowah County Board of Equalization for a four-year term to expire October 1, 2027. 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 Resolution No. 23-20 – Thrasher Investment Group, LLC – Economic Incentive Agreement which approves a one-time donation of chert not to exceed \$14,000.00 for a new building foundation to be located at 1151 Deerfoot Industrial Park. Mayor Taylor stated that the meeting was open for a public hearing. A public notice was posted on July 12, 2023 and published in The Messenger on July 14, 2023. Trent Thrasher (1186 Lake Forrest – Southside) spoke in favor of the Economic Incentive Agreement as the owner stating that this is his fourth business to be located in Rainbow City and he wanted this new business to be located near his offices in the Deerfoot Industrial Park. He is making a \$2,100,000.00 investment in this new building. No one spoke in opposition. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-20. Jeff Prince 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.

13. Mayor Taylor presented an ad request for The Messenger – Football Preview. Anita Bedwell made a motion to purchase a ½ pg. ad for \$400.00. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

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**14. Randy Vice announced that two (2) new soccer teams relocated at the Mega Sports Complex.**

**15. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to SHS FFA for expenditures at the FFA Nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. Randy Vice-Abstain. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.**

**16. Mayor Taylor stated that Rainbow City had a huge paving project underway and asked everyone to have patience during this time. Mayor Taylor stated that the FY22 Audit was complete and was proud to report that Rainbow City was fully funded on the employee pension with no liability.**

**Announcements:**

- **Monday and Wednesday's – Farmer's Market at City Hall from 7:00 a.m. – Noon**

**There being no further business to come before the Council, Jameson Jenkins 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**