

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-SEPTEMBER 25, 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 Jameson Jenkins. 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 September 11, 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 stated that no bids were received for a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe, the 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD, the 3-Crown Vic Cages, 8-Charger Seats, or light bars.
3. Mayor Taylor stated that bids were opened in pre-council for the 2013 Dodge Charger VIN# 2422 in Police Dept. One (1) bid was received as follows:

Tony Williams	\$301.00
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No bid was received for the 2013 Ford Taurus VIN# 2422. Anita Bedwell made a motion to award the bid to Tony Williams for the 2013 Dodge Charger for \$301.00. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
4. Dave Tumlin (6851 Lister Ferry Road) spoke on behalf of the Neely Henry Lake Association. He presented information regarding the 2023 Christmas Boat Parade scheduled for Friday, December 8, 2023 to start at 6:00 p.m. Boats will line up between 5:30-5:45 near the Southside Bridge. He also stated that the 2023 Neely Henry Lake drawdown will begin October 25-November 6. The water levels will begin to rise November 6-11. A permit with Alabama Power will be needed to make improvements to waterfront properties, piers, and boathouses.
5. Mayor Taylor presented the following personnel changes:
 - Hire Walker McCarver as a full-time laborer in the Recreation Dept. effective Friday, September 15, 2023.
 - Hire Bryant Self as a full-time laborer in the Recreation Dept. effective Friday, September 29, 2023Clark Hopper made a motion to approve these personnel changes. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
6. Mayor Taylor presented the re-appointment of Andy Dennis to the Utility Board for a one-year extension to expire on September 29, 2024. Jeff Prince made a motion to approve the appointment of Andy Dennis for the one-year extension to the Utility Board. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
7. Mayor Taylor presented the FY2023-2034 budget. The General Fund Budget is \$14,618,000. We have a revenue stream of \$16,243,305 which is a nice budget considering the needs of each department. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve the FY23-24 budget. 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.

8. Clark Hopper made a motion to approve opening four (4) new checking accounts at Exchange Bank and authorize Mayor Taylor, Beth Lee, and Crystal Gazaway as signers. The accounts will be named:

- Regional Narcotics Holding Account
- Regional Narcotics Operating Account
- RBC Narcotics Holding Account
- RBC Narcotics Operating Account

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. 23-25 – Declaration of Appropriate Municipal Officials and Appropriate City Officials. Mike Bolton and Joel Garmon are designated as the appropriate city officials to exercise their authority and perform the duties of Ordinance No. 565 (Nuisance Abatement Ordinance). Randy Vice made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-25. 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. 23-26 – Demolition of a Structure located at 4551 Lister Ferry Road and said this was the time for a public hearing. This structure is unsafe to the extent of becoming a public nuisance and is due to be demolished in compliance with Ordinance No. 565. The cost of the demolition is to be charged against the land on which the building is located and shall constitute a lien on the property. Mayor Taylor asked if anyone was present to speak for or against this Resolution. Robert “Bob” French (308 Alabama Avenue SW Fort Payne, AL) Attorney representing the Executrix (Donna Bottoms) of the estate of Edith Lenora Reeves, spoke in favor of the demolition. Steve Scharfenberg (115 Mountain Breeze Court-Rainbow City) spoke in favor of the demolition. He stated that it has been a nuisance since 1995 and that he has spoken to the Mayor and Council in the past regarding this property. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-26. 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.

11. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 23-27 – Expend Funds from the Opioid Settlement Fund. Jeff Prince made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-27 and approve to pay \$20,000 to Maximizing Mental Health, Inc., \$2,500 to the Police Dept. and \$7,500 to the Fire Dept. for the purchase of PPE and Naloxone to reverse an opioid overdose. 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. 23-28 – Authorize Mayor Taylor to renew the contract and agreement with the Etowah County Commission and the Sheriff of Etowah County to house prisoners. Contract will take effect on October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024. The new contract cost is \$50.00/day/prisoner. Anita Bedwell made a motion to renew the contract and authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the contract. Jameson Jenkins 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 Resolution No. 23-29 – Authorize Mayor Taylor to renew the contract and agreement with the Etowah County Communications District “E911”. The cost will be \$331,101.16 in monthly payment of \$27,591.76 effective October 1, 2023. Contract will be effective 24 months ending on September 30, 2025 and renew for additional one-year periods starting with October 1, 2025. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to renew the contract and authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the contract. 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.

14. Mayor Taylor presented an ad request from The Messenger – Fall Magazine. ¼ color page to be published on November 17, 2023. Cost is \$130.00. Jeff Prince made a motion to purchase the ad for \$130.00. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

15. Mayor Taylor presented the surplus list for the Fire Department. Sealed bids will be opened at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2023. Randy Vice made a motion to surplus these items. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

16. Kenneth Payne announced the Fall Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2023 to begin at 8:00 a.m. He thanked Tim Helms with Etowah County and his crew for their huge contribution to cleaning up our city.

17. Anita Bedwell stated that the Utility Board will open bids for the new infrastructure to supply water to the NEAR mega site on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

18. Jeff Prince made a motion to donate \$500.00 to sponsor a team and a hole at the FCA Annual Golf Tournament to be held on October 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at Twin Bridges. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

19. Randy Vice made a motion to sponsor two (2) tables at the Etowah County Patriots Association at \$200.00 per table to allow local veterans to attend for free. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

Announcements:

- Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.
- Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – Library Board meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 3, 2023 – Board of Adjustment meeting at 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 28, 2023 – Rainboo Fall Festival at VLMSC 5:00-6:30, Food Trucks, Flashlight Candy Hunt, and the movie “ET” starts at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jameson Jenkins made a motion to adjourn. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Time Adjourned: 5:48 p.m.

Beth Lee, City Clerk

Joe Taylor, Mayor

Fire-Surplus

- (3) Rescue Tool Mounts – (Zephyr)
- Hurst Spreader – E2013 Hydraulic
- Hurst Power Unit – E1-002
- Hurst Ram Hydraulic – 000600
- Hurst Ram Hydraulic – N4065
- Hurst Cutters Hydraulic – E2-012
- Hurst Ram 12 inch – N4119
- Hurst Ram Extension Set
- Husqvarna 371 K-12 (City ID – 000558) SN# 968 27 34-01
- Titan Chop Saw – TC14
- Rescue Tech Air Bags & Controller
- Bauer Compressor Cascade System Serial# 76857