

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH**

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-DECEMBER 11, 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, and 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 November 27, 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. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
2. Rainbow City Municipal Judge, Elizabeth P. Haney, recognized the Court employees for the great work they do in our Court office. They are Kaye Farley, Court Clerk, Vanessa Thompson, Magistrate, Bri Kelley, Magistrate, and Jessica Roberts, Probation.
3. Mayor Taylor recognized Bryan Newell, Republican candidate for the 3rd Congressional District.
4. Mayor Taylor recognized Harold Jennings from Oneonta and Frank Thomas from Altoona who are members of the Rainbow City Coin Club. The coin club has a membership of 147 and they have four (4) shows a year with proceeds going to different organizations. They presented checks for \$500 for the Rainbow City Library, \$1,500 for Rainbow Middle School, \$1,500 for John S. Jones Elementary School, and \$2,000 for Toys Under the Rainbow.
5. Anita Bedwell made a motion for a one-time pay increase in the amount of \$150.00 for full-time employees and \$100.00 for part-time employees to be paid on December 22, 2023. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
6. Randy Vice made a motion to hire Carla Phillips, Revenue Clerk, from part-time to full-time effective Friday, January 5, 2024. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
7. Jeff Prince made a motion to purchase a Casper 3X from Sur Tec, Inc. for Law Enforcement Intelligence for \$2,963.00. ADECA will reimburse Rainbow City from grant funds. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
8. Anita Bedwell made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor to purchase a vehicle from Cahaba Valley Fire Dept. for \$105,000.00. Purchase to be paid from the Fire Tax Fund. 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 Ordinance No. 580 – An ordinance revoking Ordinances 452 and 465 regarding the Business License Code for the Municipal Year 2024 and each subsequent year. Jeff Prince made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Jeff Prince moved and Anita Bedwell seconded the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. 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. Jameson Jenkins moved and Prince seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 580. 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.

10. Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 581 – Selling Unneeded Real Property described as a 40' x 100' parcel located directly behind 304 Waldrop Road to Billie and Mattie Dodd for \$300.00. Clark Hopper made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Anita Bedwell 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	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. 581. 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. 23-31 – Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Rainbow City and the Etowah County Mega Sports Complex Authority, voiding the payment from the City (\$147,875.00) owed to the Mega Sports Complex Authority for the final land payment and the Mega Sports Complex Authority (\$207,130.99) reimbursing the City for paving the parking lot. Jeff Prince made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-31. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion.

Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Randy Vice-Abstained. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

12. Mayor Taylor presented a donation request – CED Mental Health Center for the Youth Prevention Conference for 10th graders to be held January 24, 2024. Anita Bedwell made a motion to donate \$300.00. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

13. Mayor Taylor presented the monthly departmental reports from Animal Control, Building, Community Center, Court, Fire, Library, and Police.

14. Jamie Grant spoke to the Mayor and Council as the new owner of AMed Ambulance Service as of December 13, 2023. He stated that he is committed to serving Etowah County with the best possible response time. The Mayor and Council showed their support and wished him the best.

Announcements:

- **Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26, 2023 – City Hall will be closed in observance of Christmas. Garbage will run Tuesday-Saturday.**
- **Monday, December 25, 2023 – No Council meeting.**
- **Wednesday, December 27, 2023 – American Red Cross Blood Drive in Council Chambers from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
- **Monday, January 1, 2024 – City Hall will be closed in observance of New Years Day. Garbage will run Tuesday – Saturday.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Anita Bedwell made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Time Adjourned: 5:49 p.m.

Beth Lee, City Clerk

Joe Taylor, Mayor