

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH**

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-JANUARY 8, 2024

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, Jameson Jenkins, and Mayor Taylor. Jeff Prince and Clark Hopper-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 December 11, 2023 and asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions. There being none, Jameson Jenkins 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 presented the resignation of Police Sgt. Garrett Pentecost effective Friday, January 5, 2024. Anita Bedwell made a motion to accept the resignation and to post for a certified or non-certified police officer for ten (10) days to end on Friday, January 19, 2024. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
3. Mayor Taylor asked that the records reflect that Mary Fox, Community Center Director, last day was Friday, January 5, 2024. Randy Vice made a motion to post two (2) part-time positions at the Community Center for ten (10) days to end on Friday, January 19, 2024. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
4. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to adopt the 2024 Organization Restructure Plan for the Police Department recommended by Chief Yancey. 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 Proclamation No. 24-01 – Human Trafficking Month. Patricia Falcon and Robyn Phillips representing the Barrie Center along with Katie Bohannon and Emma Clapp representing the Family Success Center were present to receive the proclamation.
6. Anita Bedwell made a motion to allow Mayor Taylor to sign the Alabama Power easement to place distribution lines underground in St. Clair County. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
7. Anita Bedwell made a motion to purchase three (3) mobile digital speed limit signs and one (1) stationary speed limit sign for our school zones from K&K Systems for \$16,734.96. The Police Dept. received a grant in the amount of \$14,891.00 from Norfolk Southern Safety Grant. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
8. Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 582 – Comcast Franchise Agreement. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Randy Vice moved and Jameson Jenkins 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	Absent
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Absent
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Jameson Jenkins moved and Randy Vice seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 582. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

Anita Bedwell	Yes
Randy Vice	Yes
Jeff Prince	Absent
Jameson Jenkins	Yes
Clark Hopper	Absent
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

9. Mayor Taylor presented the FY23 Annual Expenditure Report for the Rebuild Alabama Act Fund. Anita Bedwell moved and Randy Vice seconded the motion to approve the report as presented. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

10. Mayor Taylor presented a budget revision – Library – Increase to reflect a Community Service Grant by Mack Butler, \$500 donation from the Rainbow City Coin Club, \$500 donation by Carol Tate in memory of Elanor Womack for the purchase of large print books.

- Repairs & Maintenance-Building (Acct.# 01-460-265) - \$7,500.00
- Audio/Visual (Acct.# 01-460-127) - \$500.00
- Books (Acct.# 01-450-135) - \$500.00

Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve the budget revision for the Library. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

11. Mayor Taylor presented a sponsorship request – Talk Derby to Me to benefit the Family Success Center on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at Seraphim Grace in Wellington. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to be a Triple Crown Sponsor for \$1,200.00. 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 a sponsorship request – United Way Success by 6, 17th Annual Girlfriend Gala. Anita Bedwell made a motion to be a Silver Sister Sponsor for \$1,500.00. 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 a sponsorship request – The Chamber 111th annual meeting and awards luncheon on Friday, January 26, 2024 at the 210 at the Tracks from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to be a Gold Sponsor at \$500.00. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

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

15. Chief Yancey addressed the Mayor and Council thanking them for supporting the organizational restructure plan.

16. Mayor Taylor thanked Etowah County Commissioners Tim Ramsey and Craig Inzer for the donation of two (2) AEDs at the KIA Plex.

Announcements:

- **Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – Planning Commission meeting at 3:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday, January 11, 2024 – Ribbon Cutting – Long Furniture 45th Anniversary 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
- **Monday, January 15, 2024 – City Hall will be closed in observance of MLK day. Garbage will be on schedule. Monday – Friday.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jameson Jenkins made a motion to adjourn. Time Adjourned: 5:35 p.m.

Beth Lee, City Clerk

Joe Taylor, Mayor