

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-FEBRUARY 12, 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 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 January 22, 2024 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. Clark Hopper made a motion to purchase a 2024 Ford F150 Supercrew 4x4 Pickup from Stivers Ford for \$48,683.00 from the State Bid List Contract T191. Truck will be used in the Building Dept. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
3. Mayor Taylor presented the following personnel changes:
 - Hire Donna Noah as part-time in the Community Center effective Friday, January 25, 2024.
 - Victoria Wallace, Animal Shelter, last day worked was February 5, 2024
 - Promote Police Sgt. Richard Roberts and Sgt. Blake Brown to Patrol Lt. effective Friday, February 23, 2024.
 - Promote Police Sgt. Jacob Works from Patrol to Detective effective Friday, February 16, 2024.
 - Promote Jordan McCartney from Detective to SRO Lieutenant effective Friday, February 23, 2024.
 - Promote Officer Nick Mueller to Detective effective date pending patrol staffing levels.

Anita Bedwell made a motion to approve the personnel changes. 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 Ordinance No. 584 – Rezone 110 East Grand Avenue (PPIN 047577) from Highway Commercial District (HC) to Highway Commercial-L General Purpose Liquor Sales District (HC-L). Mayor Taylor asked if anyone present wished to speak for or against this proposed rezoning. No one was present to speak for or against the proposed rezoning. Anita Bedwell made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Jeff Prince moved and Randy Vice 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. Anita Bedwell moved and Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 584. 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.

5. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 24-03 – FY 2024 Rebuild Alabama Act grant – Rainbow City desires to receive the maximum grant amount and match funds of \$150,000.00. The annual paving program is approximately \$500,000.00. Randy Vice made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-03. 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 Proclamation No. 24-03 – Southside High School Lady Panthers Bowling Team won the AHSAA 1A/5A Division State Championship.
7. Mayor Taylor presented Proclamation No. 24-04 – National Parent Leadership Month.
8. Mayor Taylor presented a surplus item in the Library – 2 sets of Checkpoint RF Security Gates (installed in 1998). Mayor Taylor stated that this item would be disposed of as it had no intrinsic value to the public. Jeff Prince made a motion to surplus this item. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
9. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to be a “Strike” sponsor for \$900.00 for the 2024 Bowl for Kids’ Sake to be held at The Alley on March 20, 2024. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
10. Mayor Taylor stated that he and the Council will go into Executive Session to discuss pending real estate transactions. Time: 5:15 p.m. 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

The Council reconvened at 5:32 p.m. Jeff Prince made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor to negotiate the 2 parcels of land discussed in Executive Session. 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 the monthly departmental reports – Animal Control, Building, Community Center, Court, Fire, Library and Police.
12. Anita Bedwell made a motion to purchase a Kubota Utility Cab Tractor for the Recreation Dept. for \$43,546.84. This is a Sourcewell product contract number 031121-KBA. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

13. Mayor Taylor announced that The Chamber recently coordinated a Mayor's Summit at the Rainbow City Community Center attended by approximately 150 people, including Congressman Mike Rogers. Mayor Taylor announced that former Mayor Sue L. Glidewell passed away on January 26, 2024. She served Rainbow City for 37 years (13 as City Clerk and 24 years as Mayor). She was an extraordinary visionary and public servant for Rainbow City.

Announcements:

- **RSVP Free Tax Program will be each Wednesday until April 10, 2024 from 11:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Community Center.**
- **Friday, February 23 – 25, Alabama Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jameson Jenkins made a motion to adjourn. Time Adjourned: 5:53 p.m.

Beth Lee, City Clerk

Joe Taylor, Mayor