

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-JANUARY 22, 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 Randy Vice. 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, Clark Hopper and Mayor Taylor. Jeff Prince-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 January 8, 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. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 24-01 – Ordering the demolition of an unsafe structure located at 215 Palace Avenue (PPIN 47363). Demolition will be performed by the Street Dept. employees. Mayor Taylor asked if anyone was present to speak for or against the demolition. Lance Smith, Attorney, read a summary of the Lis Pendens filed on November 7, 2023 with the Probate Judge’s office. Anita Bedwell moved and Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-01. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

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

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

3. Mayor Taylor made a recommendation to purchase a 2015 Boom truck (Serial# 0300205080) from United Rentals for \$30,000.00 for the Street Dept. Sourcewell Contract # 062320-URI. Clark Hopper moved and Anita Bedwell seconded the motion to purchase the Boom truck. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
4. Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 583 – Rezone property located between West Grand Avenue and LaSalle Street (PPIN 73004) from Highway Commercial District (HC) to Multi-Family Residential District (R-3). Mayor Taylor asked if anyone present wished to speak for or against this proposed rezoning. Stacy Windom-506 LaSalle St. spoke with the following concerns: cul-de-sac needed for a turnaround for fire trucks, school buses, and garbage trucks, water retention, and road width. Vashtie Gilliland-527 LaSalle St. spoke with concerns of speed breakers and increase in traffic. Alesha Isbell stated the number of school children on LaSalle St. Trent Thrasher stated he was aware that a cul-de-sac was needed, and he would reach out to his civil engineer regarding drainage. He had spoken with ALDOT regarding the entrance from Hwy. 77. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Clark Hopper 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	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Jameson Jenkins moved and Randy Vice seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 583. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

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

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

5. Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 585 – An ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance No. 360 to add to Page 8, Section 28. Minimum Standard for All Dwellings. (1) *Minimum Dwelling Unit Gross Floor Area*: (b) One-bedroom apartments may have a minimum of seven hundred (700) square feet. Mayor Taylor asked if anyone was present to speak for or against this proposed amendment. No one was present. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Clark Hopper 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	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried. Jameson Jenkins moved and Clark Hopper seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 585. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call as follows:

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

Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

6. Mayor Taylor presented an ad request – The Messenger – Progress Edition. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to purchase a half page ad for \$500.00. Clark Hopper seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
7. Mayor Taylor recognized Brian Purcell, new facilities manager at the Utilities Board of Rainbow City. Anita Bedwell, Andy Dennis and Nick Hall, members of the Utilities Board, were present in support of Brian. Brian updated the Mayor and Council of the

progress of the Board stating that a new mapping system was 80% complete and new meters were being installed.

8. Mayor Taylor presented a request for a street light across the street from 112 Doris Street. There is a light already installed and the resident would like the city to pick up the monthly charges. Chief Yancey confirmed that it is needed for security purposes in the entrance of the apartments. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to begin paying the monthly charges for the street light. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
9. Clark Hopper made a motion for Rainbow City to become a member of the national purchasing cooperative, BuyBoard. This is a free program to facilitate compliance with state requirements to purchase goods and services. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
10. Kenneth Payne announced the new baler had been delivered for the recycling program. Mayor Taylor stated that Rainbow City had received \$17,000.00 in ADEM grant funds and will continue to seek those grant funds for the program.

Announcements:

- Friday, February 2, 2024 – Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening – Dunkin Donuts from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- February 5-17, 2024 – Rainbow City Library will be closed for upgrades. They will not be accepting phone calls during this time.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jameson Jenkins made a motion to adjourn. Time Adjourned: 5:40 p.m.



Beth Lee, City Clerk



Joe Taylor, Mayor

