

**STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF ETOWAH**

**CITY OF RAINBOW CITY- COUNCIL MEETING-SEPTEMBER 23, 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 Gary Cardwell, Chaplain for the Rainbow City Police Dept. 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 9, 2024 and asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions. There being none, Anita Bedwell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
2. Mayor Taylor presented the following personnel changes:
  - Hire Christa Thrasher, Library Assistant, effective Friday, October 11, 2024.
  - Hire Rigoberto Jimenez, Recreation Dept., effective Friday, October 4, 2024.
  - Hire Jennifer Weathington, Recreation Dept., effective Friday, October 4, 2024.

Jeff Prince made a motion to accept the personnel changes. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.

3. Clark Hopper made the motion to reappoint Kim Carter to the Library Board for another 4-year term to expire on September 24, 2028. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
4. Anita Bedwell made a motion to authorize Mayor Taylor to sign the proposal from S&ME for IDDE MS4 Compliance. The cost is \$14,850.00. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
5. Jameson Jenkins made a motion to purchase a 2020 Ford Explorer from the Etowah County Commission for \$20,000.00 to be used in the Fire Dept. Funds will be paid from the Fire Tax account. Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
6. Mayor Taylor presented Resolution No. 24-22 – Use \$500,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Funds to the Etowah County Commission for Megasite infrastructure to be paid in September 2024 and \$500,000.00 in November 2024. This will be paid from the American Rescue checking account. Randy Vice made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-22. 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

7. Mayor Taylor presented a budget revision – Library – Increase to reflect a BONUS state bid allocation for FY24 received from APLS. Funds will be used to purchase digital audiobooks.
  - Audio/Video (Acct.# 01-460-127) - \$2,500.Jameson Jenkins made a motion to approve the Library budget revision. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
8. Clark Hopper made a motion to be a Black level sponsor for the Panther Wrestling Club for \$250.00. This club age group is 5 – 12 year olds. Jeff Prince seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
9. Jeff Prince made a motion to advertise Rainbow City on the new Jumbotron at the Southside High School football stadium at a cost of \$4,000.00 and will be paid to the Southside Athletic Foundation. Advertising will be 24/7. Jameson Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Taylor stated all in favor say aye. Randy Vice – Abstained. Mayor Taylor declared the motion carried.
10. Mayor Taylor stated that sealed bids were opened at 3:00 p.m. today for the TAP Grant for the lighted pathways on Kinzie Lane to connect the KIA Sportsplex. The groundbreaking ceremony for the Challenger Center was attended by Governor Ivey, Dr. Eric Mackey, Superintendent of Education, and our State Delegation attended this very successful event.

Announcements

- Monday, September 23-27, 2024 – Renew Our Rivers.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jameson Jenkins made a motion to adjourn. Time Adjourned: 5:18 p.m.

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Beth Lee, City Clerk

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Joe Taylor, Mayor