**STATE OF ALABAMA**

**COUNTY OF ETOWAH**

**CITY OF RAINBOW CITY-COUNCIL MEETING-March 12, 2018**

**The City Council of the City of Rainbow City, Alabama, met in regular session at City Hall at 5:00 p.m., and upon roll call by the City Clerk, Beth Lee, the following members answered present: Mayor: Terry John Calhoun; Council members: Anita Bedwell, Bobby McCartney, Tim Ramsey, Larry Keenum, and Rick Hill. The same constituting a quorum of the City Council, the following business was transacted. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Calhoun. Invocation was given by Bobby McCartney. Mayor Calhoun led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.**

1. **Mayor Calhoun presented the minutes of February 26, 2018 for review, and asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions. There being none, Tim Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Rick Hill seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**
2. **Mayor Calhoun stated that no bids were received for the 1990 Caterpillar Motor Grader.**
3. **Mayor Calhoun recognized Andrew Ford with JLA Property Group. He asked the Council for tax abatements for five (5) years and asking for land in the Industrial Park on Lumley Road. Rick Hill stated that chert would have to be coordinated through Wiley McLain. Andrew stated that 250 memberships had been signed and he is hoping to break ground May 1, 2018 for a 17,000 sq. building. His goal to open would be December 2018 or January 2019. Tim Ramsey moved to grant the tax abatements and Anita Bedwell seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun asked the Clerk to call the roll:**

**Anita Bedwell Yes**

**Bobby McCartney Yes**

**Tim Ramsey Yes**

**Larry Keenum Yes**

**Rick Hill Yes**

**Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**

1. **Mayor Calhoun recognized Susan Bailey with Exchange Bank to discuss the Economic Development Amendment in absence of David Ringelstein with Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Mayor Calhoun announced a public hearing for the Economic Development Amendment-Resolution 18-01-which authorizes the City’s loan with Exchange Bank (to reimburse the general fund of the City for the land purchased adjacent to the proposed Sports Complex) and asked if anyone was for or against. There was no opposition. Susan explained that the total reimbursement to the General Fund is $439,370.00. First payment will be due May 5, 2018 with a total of 93 payments with the final payment due May 5, 2026. A copy of this Resolution 18-01 appeared in The Gadsden Times. Anita Bedwell moved to adopt Resolution 18-01 and giving the Mayor authority to sign all documents. Tim Ramsey seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**
2. **Anita Bedwell stated that the Council interviewed candidates for the full time Animal Control Officer and recommended Heather Hill at $11.25/hr. to begin work on March 30, 2018. Tim Ramsey seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun asked the Clerk to call the roll:**

**Anita Bedwell Yes**

**Bobby McCartney Yes**

**Tim Ramsey Yes**

**Larry Keenum Yes**

**Rick Hill Abstain**

**Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**

1. **Mayor Calhoun presented a requested from Eddie Cline to purchase a 5x3 enclosed sliding door cork bulletin board for the Boy Scouts to be placed in the Vinyard Building. The cost is $233.71 + $68.28 shipping. Tim Ramsey moved and Rick Hill seconded the motion for the purchase. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor declared the motion carried.**
2. **Mayor Calhoun presented the following monthly departmental reports: Fire, Library, Building, Animal Control, Police, Court and Community Center. He asked for comments. There being none, he asked that the records show the reports were presented.**
3. **Mayor Calhoun read a thank you note from Wanda Gaines thanking the City for the prompt and efficient job in repairing a hole on Riddles Bend Road. Mayor Calhoun also reported to the Council that he had received the first report from Retail Strategies.**
4. **Mayor Calhoun recognized Andrew Jones, Republican candidate for State Senate District 10.**
5. **Mayor Calhoun stated he needed a motion to go in to Executive Session to discuss pending or threatened litigation. Rick Hill moved and Tim Ramsey seconded the motion to go in to Executive Session. Mayor Calhoun stated all in favor say aye. All ayes. Mayor declared the motion carried. Time 5:15 p.m.**
6. **Mayor Calhoun asked the Council to make a motion to reconvene. Rick Hill moved and Tim Ramsey seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun asked the Clerk to call the roll:**

**Anita Bedwell Yes**

**Bobby McCartney Yes**

**Tim Ramsey Yes**

**Larry Keenum Absent**

**Rick Hill Yes**

**Mayor Calhoun declared the motion carried.**

**There being no further business to come before the Council, Anita Bedwell made a**

**motion to adjourn.**

**Time adjourned: 6:00 p.m.**

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**Beth Lee, City Clerk/Treasurer**

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**Terry John Calhoun, Mayor**