

TOWN OF RAGLAND

BRIAN PHILLIPS
MAYOR

PENNY OWENS
TOWN CLERK

DANNY WATSON
CHIEF OF POLICE



COUNCIL MEMBERS

KELVIN BYERS - DIST 1

DAVID YANCE - DIST 2

MARTY GASTON -DIST 3

TIM MCKINNEY - DIST 4

ANDY GARRISON-DIST 5

The Ragland Town Council met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m., at the Ragland Municipal Complex Council Chamber, 220 Fredia Street, Ragland, Alabama 35131 on Monday, 13th April 2026.

Present

Brian Phillips	Mayor
Kelvin Byers	Councilmember
Marty Gaston	Councilmember
Tim McKinney	Councilmember
Andy Garrison	Councilmember

Absent

David Yance	Councilmember
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Establish a Quorum

Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order and stated a quorum was present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation given by Councilmember Garrison
Mayor Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilmember Byers to approve minutes and seconded by Garrison, motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of payment of the bills

On motion by Councilmember Gaston to approve payment of the bills and seconded Byers by, motion passed unanimously.

Previous Business

None

New Business

1. Consider approving the advertisement for bids for lawn care service

On motion by Councilmember Garrison to approve advertising for bids for lawn care service and seconded by Gaston. Sealed bids will be accepted by the Town Clerk through May 8 at 12:00 p.m., motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider installation of new safety yellow fence topper and re-set 2 gate post-A & G Construction & Fence \$2,000

On motion by Councilmember Garrison to approve installation and seconded by Byers, motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider adopting Resolution 2026-007 Surplus and authorize sale of vehicles-Hummer and 1987 Surburban by sealed bids

On motion by Councilmember Gaston to adopt Resolution 2026-007 and seconded by Garrison, Sealed bids will be accepted by the Town Clerk through May 8 at 12:00 p.m. Mayor Phillips stated that the proceeds would be returned to the respective departments, motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider adopting Resolution 2026-008 Authorizing sale of fire truck by sealed bids

On motion by Councilmember Garrison to adopt Resolution 2026-008 and seconded by Byers, Sealed bids will be accepted by the Town Clerk through May 8 at 12:00 p.m., Mayor Phillips stated the proceeds would go back to the respective department, motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider Firm for FY2025 audit

Mayor Phillips requested approval for Bain & Company to conduct the FY2025 financial audit at a cost of \$12,000. On motion by Councilmember Garrison to approve Bain & Company conduct audit and seconded by Gaston, motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider approving Fairview Youth Group to use Public Parking at Joan Ford Stadium for the purpose of a yard sale benefiting the youth of Ragland, May 2nd

On motion by Councilmember Byers approve yard sale and seconded by Garrison, motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider adopting FY2026 Budget

Mayor Phillips stated that the department heads and the Budget Committee worked diligently in preparing the budget. The proposed budget totals \$2.35 million and reflects a surplus of \$278,000. On motion by Councilmember Garrison to adopt FY2026 budget and seconded by Byers, motion passed unanimously.

Mayoral and Council Reports

Mayor Phillips reported that the clean-up day at the ball field was a success and commended all who participated in the effort. He also recognized Street Superintendent Bert Broome and the

Street Department for completing the New Town Park and expressed appreciation to Metro Bank for donating benches. He further reported that preliminary discussions have begun with the County regarding the paving of Industrial Drive using the grant that was awarded. The County will prepare the base, and once the railroad spur has been installed, the paving will be completed.

Councilmember Gaston commended Street Superintendent Bert Broome, the Street Department, and the businesses that assisted with the ball field cleanup. He reported that opening day was a success and noted that many compliments were received regarding the work completed.

Supervisor Reports

Street Superintendent Bert Broome reported that they will begin brush cleanup and bushhogging.

Rescue Chief Jeff French stated that the heart monitors have been serviced and that the State is scheduled to inspect the ambulance.

Police Chief Danny Watson reported that two officers have been hired: Jason Brooks and Daniel Price.

Guests

Adam Pardue-Candidate St. Clair County Commission District 1

Katrina Hennings-Candidate St. Clair County Commission District 1

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember McKinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Byers seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:16 p. m.

/s/ Brian Phillips

Brian Phillips, Mayor

/s/ Penny Owens

Penny Owens, Clerk

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