

TOWN OF RAGLAND

RICHARD BUNT
MAYOR

PENNY OWENS
TOWN CLERK

JAMES "BUBBA" BROWN
CHIEF OF POLICE



COUNCIL MEMBERS

CARLTON BYERS - DIST 1

DAVID YANCE - DIST 2

PAT FORD -DIST 3

BRIAN PHILLIPS - DIST 4

ANDY GARRISON-DIST 5

The Ragland Town Council met in a special call session at 5:30 p.m., at the Ragland Municipal Complex Council Chamber, 220 Fredia Street, Ragland, Alabama 35131 on Tuesday, 5th August 2025.

Present

Richard Bunt	Mayor
Pat Ford	Councilmember
David Yance	Councilmember
Brian Phillips	Councilmember

Absent

Carlton Byers	Councilmember
Andy Garrison	Councilmember

Establish a Quorum

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation given by Mayor Bunt.

Mayor Bunt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business

1. Consider convening an executive session regarding pending litigation

Legal Advisor Kyle Barrentine stated he had reviewed the matter on which the council is considering convening an executive session for discussion with legal counsel regarding pending and/or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated depending on the

council's course of action, this matter is appropriate for executive session. He anticipates the council to take no action when the council meeting is reconvened in approximately 20 minutes. On motion by Councilmember Phillips to move to executive session and seconded by Yance, motion passed unanimously. Mayor Bunt polled for a voice vote:

Aye – Phillips, Ford, Yance, and Bunt. Nay – None

The meeting recessed approximately 5:33 p. m. and reconvened approximately 5:58 p. m.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Phillips seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:58 p. m.

/s/ Richard Bunt

Richard Bunt, Mayor

/s/ Penny Owens

Penny Owens, Clerk

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August 5, 2025

Mayor and City Councilmembers
Town of Ragland, Alabama

RE: *Opinion on Applicability of Executive Session*

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama.

This is to advise you that I have reviewed the matters on which the Mayor and City Council are considering convening an executive session for discussion with legal counsel regarding pending litigation and/or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated if the Council pursues a proposed course of action and have determined that, in my legal opinion, this matter is appropriate for executive session under Section 7(a)(3) of Act No. 2005-40.

A copy of this letter should be attached to the minutes of the council meeting wherein the City Council considers a motion to convene an executive session to discuss this matter.

Very truly yours,

HILL, GOSSETT, KEMP, BARRENTINE & SEAY, P.C.



By: Kyle C. Barrentine

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