

# 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

COREY GARDNER - 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, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

### Present

Richard Bunt	Mayor
Carlton Byers	Councilmember
David Yance	Councilmember
Pat Ford	Councilmember
Brian Phillips	Councilmember
Corey Gardner	Councilmember

### Absent

### Establish a Quorum

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

### Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation given by Councilmember Byers.

Mayor Bunt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilmember Phillips to approve the previous minutes and seconded by Byers, motion passed unanimously.

### Consideration of payment of the bills

On motion by Councilmember Gardner to pay all bills and seconded by Yance, motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

1. Consider purchasing camera system for the ballpark area

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| 1. Protec Video Surveillance in the Cloud | \$10,985.00 |
| 2. Prestige Alarm                         | 14, 537.56  |
| 3. Edge                                   | 11,188.86   |
| 4. AAA Security                           | 4,679.00    |
| 5. Parker Technologies, Inc               | 37,400.00   |

Asst Chief Danny Watson stated AAA Security would be considered a residential security system. Protec included a total of 6 cameras that would connect to the internet at town hall and a live feed would be in the police department with 60-day footage. The cameras would have 8x zoom with 360-degree angle. On motion by Councilmember Ford to approve Protec Video Surveillance in the Cloud at a cost of \$10,985.00 and up to \$500 for one electrical outlet and seconded by Gardner, motion passed unanimously.

**2. Consider approving concrete and improvement project up to \$7,000 for Police Department firing range**

On motion by Councilmember Ford to approve concrete and improvement project for the firing range up to \$7,000 and seconded by Gardner, motion passed unanimously.

**3. Consider Resolution 2023-014 FY2024 Rebuild Alabama Transportation Plan**

On motion by Councilmember Yance to adopt Resolution 2023-014 and seconded by Gardner, motion passed unanimously.

**4. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) School Resource Officer (SRO) Program agreement with the St. Clair County Commission**

On motion by Councilmember Yance to approve the MOU for the SRO Program agreement with the St. Clair County Commission and seconded by Phillips, motion passed unanimously.

**5. Consider purchasing golf cart for the School Resource Officer (SRO)**

Mayor Bunt stated purchasing a golf cart was part of the agreement with the St. Clair County Commission when they allotted \$50,000 to help offset the SRO expenses.

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| 1. Gadsden Golf Carts   | \$10,524.00 |
| 2. Southland Golf Carts | 9,750.00    |

On motion by Councilmember Gardner to purchase golf cart from Southland Golf Carts for \$9,750.00 and seconded by Ford, motion passed unanimously.

**6. Consider agreement with the St. Clair County Commission for FY2024 Central Dispatch, Drug Enforcement Unit, EMA, and Adult Housing Inmate**

On motion by Councilmember Phillips to approve agreement with the St. Clair County Commission for FY2024 Central Dispatch, Drug Enforcement Unit, EMA, and Adult Housing Inmate and seconded by Gardner, motion passed unanimously.

**7. Consider Resolution 2023-015 Amend Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual 4.13-Hiring of Relatives**

On motion by Councilmember Phillips to adopt Resolution 2023-015 Amend Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual 4.13-Hiring of Relatives and seconded by Ford, motion passed unanimously.

### **Supervisor Reports**

Chief Brown thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the Police Department.

Bert Broome stated they hired somebody after Ricky St. John resigned. They are trying to get caught up with the grass cutting. He stated the guys are remaining safe and taking care of the equipment.

Rescue Chief Jeff French stated they had been busy with calls in July.

### **Guests**

Raymond Ryder recommended more police officers on duty, and he suggested the council hire a maintenance person in the Street Department.

### **Mayoral and Council Reports**

Mayor Bunt reported they had met with a financial group and were waiting on the numbers. Jason Goodgame was waiting to hear back from the low bidder regarding questions he had about the First Responders building project.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Councilmember Byers to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Phillips, motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at approximately 6:36 p. m.

\s\ Richard Bunt

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Richard Bunt, Mayor

\s\ Penny Owens

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Penny Owens, Clerk