

TOWN OF RAGLAND

BRIAN PHILLIPS
MAYOR

PENNY OWENS
TOWN CLERK

DANNY WATSON
CHIEF OF POLICE



COUNCIL MEMBERS

KELVIN BYERS - DIST 1

- 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 July 2026.

Present

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

Absent

None

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 Byers to approve payment of the bills and seconded by McKinney, motion passed unanimously.

Previous Business

1. Open bids for replacing Masonite at Town Hall

Mayor Phillips noted that one sealed bid was received to replace the Masonite at Town Hall:

1. OnPoint Restoration-Zack St. John \$12,600

On motion by Councilmember Garrison to accept the bid from OnPoint Restoration-Zack St. John to replace the Masonite at Town Hall and a second by Councilmember Gaston, motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- 1. Consider accepting letters of intent to fill District 2 vacancy**

On motion by Councilmember Garrison to accept letters of intent to fill District 2 vacancy and a second by Gaston, submit letters to Town Clerk by August 7th 12:00 p. m., motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Consider \$1,000 sponsorship to Ragland High School**

Mayor Phillips stated the town logo would be displayed at the football field for the season, along with other sponsors. On motion by Councilmember Gaston to approve \$1,000 sponsorship and seconded by Byers, motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Consider adopting Resolution 2026-015 One-Time Longevity Bonuses to Retirees**

Mayor Phillips reported the total cost would be \$1,083. On motion by Councilmember McKinney to approve Resolution 2026-015 and seconded by Byers, motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Consider adopting Resolution 2026-016 FY2027 Rebuild Alabama Transportation Plan**

On motion by Councilmember Garrison to adopt Resolution 2026-016 and seconded by Gaston, motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Consider adopting Resolution 2016-017 Purchase Conference Room Furniture**

On motion by Councilmember Byers to adopt Resolution 2016-017 and seconded by McKinney, motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Consider approving Ragland Toys for Kidz roadblock July 25-8:00 a. m.-12:00 p. m.**

On motion by Councilmember Gaston to approve roadblock and seconded by Garrison, to approve the roadblock with all individuals to wear protective vest, motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Consider accepting auto body bids to repair 2023 Dodge Durango**

On motion by Councilmember Garrison to approve accepting auto body bids and seconded by Byers, motion passed unanimously.

- 8. Consider purchasing camera system for the Police Department evidence room equipment cost up to \$2,500 and monthly monitoring up to \$70**

On motion by Councilmember Garrison to approve the purchase of a camera system for the Police Department and the associated monthly monitoring services and seconded by Gaston. Chief Watson reported that the system will include a camera for the interview room, a camera for the evidence room, and two exterior cameras at the rear of the building. He further noted that the monitoring service provides audio and video recording with 24-hour access for the Police Captain and himself, motion passed unanimously.

9. Consider Adopting Resolution 2026-018 Appoint Mayor Pro Tempore

On motion by Councilmember Gaston to adopted Resolution 2026-018 Appointing Councilmember Garrison as Mayor Pro Tempore and seconded by Byers, motion passed unanimously.

10. Consider adopting Resolution 2016-019 Authorizing Officers to Execute Banking Agreements & Transaction

On motion by Councilmember Gaston to adopt Resolution 2016-019 and seconded by McKinney, the motion passed unanimously.

11. Consider adopting Resolution 2026-020 Appointing Ragland Water Works Board Member

On motion by Councilmember Garrison to adopt Resolution 2026-020 Appointing Councilmember Gaston to the Ragland Water Works Board and seconded by Byers, and with Councilmember McKinney abstaining, the motion passed.

12. Consider tabling Resolution 2026-021 Lease UTV for the Fire Department

Mayor Phillips requested a motion to table the matter until our legal advisor receives additional information regarding the competitive bidding process. On motion by Councilmember Gaston to table the UTV lease for the Fire Department and seconded by Byers, motion passed unanimously.

13. Consider purchasing a utility trailer for the Street Department up to \$4,000

Mayor Phillips stated that the trailer would be used to transport the side-by-side as needed. On motion to approve purchasing the utility trailer up to \$4,000 and seconded by Byers, motion passed unanimously.

Mayoral and Council Reports

Mayor Phillips reported that the *Welcome to Ragland* signs have been installed. He noted that solar lights will be added, and he intends to obtain pricing for landscaping enhancements. He further stated that National Cement has reached out regarding a magazine interview, and that the railroad spur is expected to be completed soon, which should alleviate concerns for first responders and our citizens.

Mayor Phillips congratulated Mayor Pro Tempore Garrison and Councilmember Gaston on their appointments. and expressed his appreciation for the Council's continued commitment. He also extended his thanks to the First Responders and Public Works staff for their dedication.

Supervisor Reports.

Street Supervisor Bert Broome reported that the Street Department is now fully staffed. He stated that the team plans to cut and spray the roads and expressed his appreciation to the Council for approving the recent equipment purchases.

Chief of Rescue Jeff French reported that the electrical issues with the ambulance have been resolved and that they are now fully up to date with their transport license.

Guests

St. Clair County Commissioner Joey Stevens was in attendance to show his support for Councilmember Garrison in his appointment as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Garrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilmember McKinney seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:18 p. m.

/s/ Brian Phillips

Brian Phillips, Mayor

/s/ Penny Owens

Penny Owens, Clerk