

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, 9th March 2026.

Present

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

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 McKinney
Councilmember Yance lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

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

Consideration of payment of the bills

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

New Business

1. Consider authorizing Mayor Phillips to act as the municipality’s official voting delegate at the Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) convention.

On motion by Councilmember Yance to approve Mayor Phillips as the official voting delegate and seconded by Byers, motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider replacement of the chain-link fence at the baseball field using A & G Construction & Fence: \$10,000.

Mayor Phillips clarified that the expense would be funded through Capital Improvements. On motion by Councilmember McKinney to approve fence replacement and seconded by Yance, motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider replacing bulbs and ballast field lighting and install lighting fixtures at batting cage area up to \$8,490

Mayor Phillips clarified that the expense would be funded through Capital Improvements. On motion by Councilmember Gaston to approve the lighting replacement and the installation of lighting at the batting cage and seconded by Councilmember McKinney, motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider adopting Resolution 2026-005 48-month lease 2026 Ford Expedition for the Police Department

On motion by Councilmember Yance to adopt Resolution 2026-005 and seconded by Gaston, motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider approving light package for 2026 Expedition using Simpson Emergency Lighting, LLC: \$4,495

On motion by Councilmember McKinney to approve light package purchase and seconded by Yance, motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider adopting Resolution 2026-006 48-month lease 6 portable radios for the Police Department

On motion by Councilmember Gaston to adopt Resolution 2026-006 and seconded by Garrison, motion passed unanimously.

Mayoral and Council Reports

Mayor Phillips reported that the Town will host the Mayor’s Breakfast on March 24th at 7:30 a.m., with Sheriff Billy Murray serving as the guest speaker. He encouraged all councilmembers to attend.

Mayor Phillips commended Street Superintendent Bert Broome and the Street Department for their outstanding work at the youth parks, noting that they have put in a great deal of hard work.

Mayor Phillips reported that the Street Department has also been working at the New Town playground, completing new landscaping, and grading work. He further noted that Metro Bank will be donating four benches to be installed at the site.

Mayor Phillips welcomed the new Librarian, Chelsey Burnham.

Supervisor Reports

Chief Watson stated that the brochures for victims filing reports have arrived. He noted the brochures will provide report information to the victims after they have filed a report. He also noted that the event tents have arrived and that the ‘Pops for Cops’ fundraiser will be set up at the school on May 7th for Pre-K through 6th grade, where popsicles will be sold to raise money for the school.

Street Superintendent Bert Broome reported that they will complete the work at New Town once conditions dry out. He added that the Street Department will also begin the seasonal grass cutting.

Committee Reports

Councilmember Gaston commended Librarian Chelsey Burnham on the successful father-daughter dance.

Guests

Terri LaPoint, candidate for U.S. Congressional Seat 3, she will be opposing Mike Rogers. She introduced herself and asked for everyone’s support in the Republican Primary election on May 19, 2026.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember McKinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Yance seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:19 p. m.

/s/ Brian Phillips

Brian Phillips, Mayor

/s/ Penny Owens

Penny Owens, Clerk

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