

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, 12th January 2026.

Present

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

Absent

Andy Garrison	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 McKinney.

Councilmember Yance lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

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

Consideration of payment of the bills

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

Previous Business

1. Presentation of the Commendation Plaques

Mayor Phillips recognized citizens Morgan Fuller and Kristen Shaffer and Chief Danny Watson and Captain David Galutza for rescuing a child in need on November 19, 2025

New Business

2. Consider Proclamation-January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Rhonda Fowler, representing the Alabama Anti-Human Trafficking Alliance, expressed her appreciation to the town for recognizing the outreach efforts. On motion by Councilmember Gaston to adopt the Proclamation and seconded by Byers, motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider adopting Resolution 2026-001 Surplus and sale of 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe vin 199056

On motion by Councilmember Yance to adopt Resolution 2026-001 and seconded by Byers, motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider adopting Resolution 2026-003 Authorizing sale of 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe vin 197519

On motion by Councilmember McKinney to adopt Resolution 2026-003 and seconded by Yance, motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider adopting Resolution 2026-004 Surplus and sale of 6 Axon Body Cameras

On motion by Councilmember Byers to adopt Resolution 2026-004 and seconded by Gaston. Chief Watson explained that the town has a five-year agreement with Axon, which provides equipment replacements every two and a half years along with the accessories, and motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider adopting Resolution 2026-002 Establishing Standing Council Committees

On motion by Councilmember Yance to adopt Resolution 2026-002 and seconded by Byers, motion passed unanimously.

Committees

Budget/ Finance

Chair- David Yance
Committee- Tim Mckinney
Committee- Marty Gaston

Parks and Rec / Public Works

Chair- Marty Gaston
Committee- Andy Garrison
Committee- Kelvin Byers

Personnel

Chair- Tim Mckinney
Committee- David Yance
Committee- Andy Garrison

Economic Development / Public Safety

Chair- Andy Garrison
Committee- David Yance
Committee- Kelvin Byers

Community Relations

Chair- Kelvin Byers
Committee- Marty Gaston
Committee- Tim Mckinney

7. Consider purchasing Elite Matrice 4T Thermal Drone from Drone Deer Recovery by HLE Drones total cost of \$12,249.74 and insignia design for 7-badges and 100-patches from Symbol Arts LLC total cost \$2,156.20

On motion by Councilmember McKinney to approve purchase for Police Department and seconded by Yance. Mayor Phillips noted that the sale of the police vehicles will help offset the costs. Chief Watson explained that the cost includes his required training to become certified to operate the drone. He added that certifying an additional officer would involve an extra expense, motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider purchasing 18-radio batteries for the Fire Department from Redbeard Solutions total cost \$3,246.66

On motion by Councilmember McKinney to approve purchase and seconded by Gaston, motion passed unanimously.

Mayoral and Council Reports

Mayor Phillips reported that he spoke with the president of Meridian Waste regarding the inconsistent trash pickup service. The president was previously unaware of the issue but assured that improvements to the service would be made.

Supervisor Reports

Chief of Rescue Jeff French reported that he is awaiting a quote to replace the broken glass in the bay door.

Street Superintendent Bert Broome reported that his department will be taking down the Christmas lights. He also noted that the railroad will be bringing in equipment to begin the project.

Guests

None

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Yance made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Gaston 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