

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

MINUTES

May 30, 2023

The Special Called Meeting of the Ragland Town Council

The Ragland Town Council met in a special meeting at the Ragland Municipal Complex Council Chamber, at 4:00 p. m. on the 30th day of May 2023.

Present

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

Absent

Carlton Byers	Councilmember
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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.

Mayor Bunt stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the bids on the first responders building. He requested that Legal Advisor James Hill address the council.

Mr. Hill stated that this was an important project for the Town of Ragland and citizens of Ragland. This administration decided some time ago to construct a first responders building to house the police, fire, and rescue departments. The council engaged Goodgame Construction as the construction manager. This is a professional service contract to give advice, handle the architectural design, and oversee the construction. Goodgame gave an estimate of the costs on the specs and plans the council approved, the estimate of the cost was significantly lower than the bids received. The estimated cost was around \$1,000,000 and the bids came in with all the options available, a little over \$2,000,000. Based on the options available and the bids received, costs are around \$1,750,000. Mr. Hill stated the council had a couple of options; to award the low bidder

and move forward with the project or reject the current bids and rebid and invite others to bid on the project.

Mr. Hill gave a financial report regarding the town funds available for the project.

- Approximately \$300,000 ARPA fund
- \$200,000 committed by the St. Clair County Commission
- \$225,000 2 Mil ad valorem tax fund-Only used for fire & rescue and approximately \$90,000 received annually
- National Cement over \$100,000 for the next 8-years based on ad valorem tax generated by new kiln

There was a general discussion on rebidding the project. On motion by David Yance to reject the bids and to rebid the first responder’s construction project for 30 days and seconded by Gardner, motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

On motion by Councilmember Yance to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Gardner.

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at approximately 4:22 p. m.

/s/ Richard Bunt
Richard Bunt, Mayor

/s/ Penny Owens
Penny Owens, Town Clerk