

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, 11th September 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 Gardner, motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of payment of the bills

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

New Business

- 1. Consider approving FY2024 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A)**

On motion by Councilmember Gardner to approve FY2024 MOU with M4A and seconded by Yance, motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider adopting Resolution 2023-016 Grant beer & wine off premise sales to Yousef Inc dba Express Mart 48

On motion by Councilmember Phillips to adopt Resolution 2023-016 and seconded by Byers, Councilmember Ford voting nay, motion passed.

3. Consider adopting Resolution 2023-018 the Second Amendment to the Tax Abatement Agreement with National Cement Corporation

On motion by Councilmember Ford to adopt Resolution 2023-018 and seconded by Phillips. Mayor Bunt polled the council for a voice vote: Aye- Yance, Byers, Ford, Gardner, and Phillips, motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider approval of contract with Chase Building Co for purposes of construction of First Responders Building and authorization of Mayor to execute the same

On motion by Councilmember Phillips to approve contract with Chase Building Co and seconded by Ford, motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider adopting Resolution 2023-017 related to means and methods of repayment of public debt and engage Joe Jolly & Co to issue debt in an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million.

On motion by Councilmember Yance to adopt Resolution 2023-017 and seconded by Byers, motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider approving investment banker agreement with Joe Jolly & Co., Inc

On motion by Councilmember Gardner to approve investment banker agreement with Joe Jolly & Co., Inc and seconded by Phillips, motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider 60-month agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc for 7 police body cameras at a cost of \$39,489.60

Legal Advisor James Hill stated there was a bid law exception on purchases of products or services which had an impact upon the security or safety of persons, structures, facilities, or infrastructures were not required to be bid. On motion by Councilmember Gardner to approve agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc for 7 police body cameras at a cost of \$39,489.60 and seconded by Yance, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Reports

Guests

Susan Layton expressed her concern about the need to install guard rails at bridges on Providence Road.

Colleen Darby requested additional electrical outlets installed at the walking track for events.

Mayoral and Council Reports

Adjournment

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

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at approximately 6:52 p. m.

\s\ Richard Bunt

Richard Bunt, Mayor

\s\ Penny Owens

Penny Owens, Clerk