

CITY OF EAST ELLIJAY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2024

THE EAST ELLIJAY CITY COUNCIL CONVENED A COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 17, 2024 AT EAST ELLIJAY CITY HALL.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

DON CALLIHAN, MAYOR
CHRIS CALLIHAN, MAYOR PRO-TEM
ED FORRESTER
LINDA SMITH
JAMES WATERS

CITY OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

PETRINA PRITCHETT- CITY CLERK
JACQUE HEFNER – ASSISTANT CLERK - ABSENT
VALERIE CRUMP – COURT CLERK - ABSENT
LARRY CALLAHAN – PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR
JAXON WEST – CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
KENNY BARNEYCASTLE – STREET DEPARTMENT MANAGER

CALL TO ORDER:

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:00 P.M. BY MAYOR DON CALLIHAN.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING UPON A MOTION BY ED FORRESTER AND A SECOND BY CHRIS CALLIHAN.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE LAST MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2024.

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: JAMES WATERS

3. NEW BUSINESS

A- PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 2024-01 HOTEL MOTEL EXCISE TAX

MAYOR CALLIHAN CALLED THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER REGARDING THE HOTEL MOTEL EXCISE TAX ORDINANCE. THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS ITEM OF BUSINESS. MAYOR CALLIHAN CALLED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

B- REVIEW/ACTION – ORDINANCE 2024-01

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ORDINANCE 2024-01 REGARDING THE HOTEL MOTEL EXCISE TAX INCREASE FROM 3% TO 5%.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

C- REVIEW/ACTION – HOTEL/MOTEL CONTRACT WITH GILMER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH GILMER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REGARDING THE HOTEL/MOTEL EXCISE TAX.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: LINDA SMITH

D- REVIEW/ACTION – FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH 2024

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY & MARCH 2024.

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

E. REVIEW/ACTION – NEW BUSINESS LICENSES

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE BUSINESS LICENSES AS PER THE ATTACHED MEMO FROM STAFF MEMBER JACQUE HEFNER.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

F. REVIEW/ACTION – NEW ALCOHOL LICENSES

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ALCOHOL LICENSES AS PER THE ATTACHED MEMO FROM STAFF MEMBER JACQUE HEFNER.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: LINDA SMITH

G. REVIEW/ACTION – GMEBS RETIREMENT PLAN – ADOPT THE RESTATED ADOPTION AGREEMENT

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO ADOPT THE RESTATED ADOPTION AGREEMENT WITH GMEBS RETIREMENT PLAN.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

5. **MAYORS REPORT**

A. COLDITZ TRUCKING INVOICE – MARTIN & BAILEY STREET WERE ADDED FROM THE ORIGINAL INVOICE FOR COOSA WATTEE. THE ADDITION TO THE INVOICE WAS \$5,136.26.

B. LMIG-2024 SUPPLEMENTAL – LRA – THE CITY HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR THE EXTRA LMIG MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,376.72.

6. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS**

A. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT – LARRY CALLAHAN

SEE ATTACHED MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

7. **CITIZEN INPUT**

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:14 P.M.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: LINDA SMITH



DON CALLIHAN, MAYOR



PETRINA PRITCHETT, CITY CLERK