

**CITY OF EAST ELLIJAY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2024**

THE EAST ELLIJAY CITY COUNCIL CONVENED A COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 19, 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
LARRY CALLAHAN – PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR
JAXON WEST – CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - ABSENT
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 LINDA SMITH.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS HELD ON MAY 14 & 15, AND JUNE 5, 2024.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: JAMES WATERS

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

A- REVIEW/ACTION – RESOLUTION 2024-03 – ADOPTION OF ALL-FUNDS BUDGET FY 2024-2025.

COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION 2024-03 ALL-FUNDS BUDGET FOR YEAR 2024-2025.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

B- REVIEW/ACTION – MILLAGE RATE FOR 2024 PROPERTY TAXES (PT-38)

COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE SAME MILLAGE RATE OF 3.0 MILS FOR TAX YEAR 2024 AND ALSO VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO CONTINUE THE CITY’S LONG-TIME POLICY ON WAIVING THE COLLECTION OF CITY PROPERTY TAX FOR ALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS.

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

C- REVIEW/ACTION – AUDIT 2022-2023 BY MURPHY CPA GROUP

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ACCEPT THE 2022-2023 AUDIT DONE BY MURPHY CPA GROUP. THE AUDIT WAS PRESENTED BY THE CITY’S INTENAL AUDITOR , TACIE BRACKEN.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: LINDA SMITH

D- REVIEW/ACTION – FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MAY 2024

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2024.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: JAMES WATERS

E- REVIEW/ACTION – MID-YEAR INCENTIVE BONUS

COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION TO GIVE A MID-YEAR BONUS TO ALL ELIGIBLE CITY PERSONNEL.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

F. REVIEW/ACTION – ORDINANCE 2024-03 – MUNICIPAL JUDGE – 2ND READING

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ORDINANCE 2024-03 PERTAINING TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE. MAYOR CALLIHAN INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT HE IS NOMINATING ROBERT SNEED TO CONTINUE AS THE CITY OF EAST ELLIJAY MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE. THE CITY ATTORNEY IS DRAFTING A RESOLUTION AND A SERVICE CONTRACT APPOINTING JUDGE SNEED AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE TO BE APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

G. REVIEW/ACTION – RESOLUTION 2024-04 EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE FOR PUBLIC ROAD AND STORM DRAIN REPAIRS & TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST BIDDER / QUOTES FOR STORM DRAINS ON HIGHLAND PARKWAY.

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION 2024-04 AND TO AWARD THE BID TO SE PIPE.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

H. REVIEW/ACTION – T-SPLIST INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY & CITY OF ELLIJAY
COUNCIL REVIEWED AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE T-SPLIST INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ELLIJAY.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: LINDA SMITH

I. REVIEW/ACTION – NEW BUSINESS LICENSES & ALCOHOL LICENSE

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

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR RALLY POINT GRILLE ELLIJAY PENDING STATE APPROVAL.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. MAYORS REPORT

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 3:22 P.M.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: LINDA SMITH



DON CALLIHAN, MAYOR



PETRINA PRITCHETT, CITY CLERK