

**CITY OF EAST ELLIJAY  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 16, 2024**

THE EAST ELLIJAY CITY COUNCIL CONVENED A COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 16, 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  
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 SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A- REVIEW/ACTION – FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

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

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: LINDA SMITH

**B- REVIEW/ACTION – RESOLUTION 2024-11 - CIE**

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION 2024-11 REGARDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT FOR GILMER COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF ELLIJAY & EAST ELLIJAY.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

**C- REVIEW/ACTION – RESOLUTION 2024-12 – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION 2024-12 REGARDING JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR GILMER COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF ELLIJAY AND EAST ELLIJAY.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: LINDA SMITH

**D- REVIEW/ACTION – ORDINANCE 2024-05 – SHORT TERM RENTAL – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

THIS ITEM OF BUSINESS IS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIAHN

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

**E- REVIEW/ACTION – REQUEST FROM GILMER COUNTY TO HELP BUY FIRE TRUCK**

THE MAYOR ASK FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL TO CONTRIBUTE A TOTAL OF \$200,000 TO GILMER COUNTY TO GO TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF A NEW LADDER TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HE ASKED THAT IT BE SEPARATED INTO TWO PAYMENTS OF \$100,000 EACH WITH THE FIRST PAYMENT COMING FROM OUR CURRENT BUDGET AND THE SECOND FROM OUR 2025/2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. THE SECOND PAYMENT WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE EXPENDITURE BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE 2025/2026 BUDGET AND AN UPDATED CONFIRMATION FROM THE COUNTY REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW APPARATUS.

ANY CHANGES IN THE COUNTY’S PLANS MOVING FORWARD WOULD VOID THIS AGREEMENT AND WOULD REQUIRE A REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PRIOR TO ANY PAYMENTS BEING MADE.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

**F- REVIEW/ACTION – AMEND FY 2025 BUDGET – RESOLUTION 2024-13**

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION 2024-13 REGARDING THE AMENDMENT OF FY 2025 BUDGET.

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: JAMES WATERS

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. MAYORS REPORT

A. SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY COMPLIANCE VERIFIED

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 3:15 P.M.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN



DON CALLIHAN, MAYOR



PETRINA PRITCHETT, CITY CLERK