

**CITY OF EAST ELLIJAY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2024**

THE EAST ELLIJAY CITY COUNCIL CONVENED A COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 20, 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 2:00 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 LAST MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2024

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: JAMES WATERS

3. NEW BUSINESS

A- REVIEW/ACTION – AUDIT 2023-2024 BY RL JENNINGS & ASSOCIATES, PC

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ACCEPT THE 2023-2024 AUDIT DONE BY RL JENNINGS & ASSOCIATES, PC. THE AUDIT WAS PRESENTED BY THE CITY'S INTERNAL AUDITOR, TACIE BRACKEN.

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

B- REVIEW/ACTION – FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024

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

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

C- 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: ED FORRESTER

D- REVIEW/ACTION – ORDINANCE 2024-05 – SHORT TERM RENTAL – 1ST READING

THIS ITEM OF BUSINESS WAS PRESENTED FOR COUNCIL REVIEW. IT WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION:

SECOND:

E- REVIEW/ACTION – THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS MEAL PROGRAM – SENIOR & DISABLED CITIZENS
COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO GIVE THE SENIORS AND DISABLED
CITIZENS A CHOICE OF A TURKEY OR A HAM FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

F- REVIEW/ACTION – CHRISTMAS BONUS

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO GIVE THE EMPLOYEES, COUNCIL, AND
ONE CONTRACT EMPLOYEES A CHRISTMAS BONUS.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: LINDA SMITH

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

5. **MAYORS REPORT**

A. GA DEPT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – CIE & LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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 2:12 P.M.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: JAMES WATERS



DON CALLIHAN, MAYOR



PETRINA PRITCHETT, CITY CLERK