# CITY OF EAST ELLIJAY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 19, 2025

THE EAST ELLIJAY CITY COUNCIL CONVENED A COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 19, 2025 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 - ABSENT JAXON WEST – CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER KENNY BARNEYCASTLE – STREET DEPARTMENT MANAGER SHANE BOWMAN – ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF

### 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 LAST MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 15, 2025 AND THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2025.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

# 3. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

## A- PUBLIC HEARING - TO OPT-OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

MAYOR CALLIHAN CALLED THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER REGARDING THE CITY'S INTENT TO OPT-OUT OF HB581. THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS ITEM OF BUSINESS. MAYOR CALLIHAN CALLED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 3:02 P.M.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

# B- REVIEW/ACTION - RESOLUTION 2025-01 - TO OPT-OUT OF HB 581

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION 2025-01 TO OPT-OUT OF HB 581.

MOTION: LINDA SMTIH SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

# C- REVIEW/ACTION - RESOLUTION 2025-02 - LAND USE FEES

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION 2025-02 ON LAND USE APPLICATION AND FEES.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: JAMES WATERS

# D- REVIEW/ACTION – FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2025

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2025.

**MOTION:** ED FORRESTER

**SECOND**: JAMES WATERS

# 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:** JAMESF WATERS

**SECOND:** LINDA SMITH

#### 4. **OLD BUSINESS**

### 5. MAYORS REPORT

A. RENEWAL OF EDWARD JONES CD \$221,000 FOR 2 YEARS AT 4.30%

### 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**

CHRIS CALLIHAN MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:19 P.M. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LINDA SMITH.

CHRIS CALLIHAN MADE A MOTION TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:50 P.M. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JAMES WATERS.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:50 P.M.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

**SECOND: LINDA SMTIH** 

DON CALLIHAN, MAYOR

NA PRITCHĖTT, CITY CLERK