

**CITY OF EAST ELLIJAY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

THE EAST ELLIJAY CITY COUNCIL CONVENED A COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 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 – COURT CLERK
VALERIE CRUMP – ASSISTANT 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 CHRIS CALLIHAN AND A SECOND BY LINDA SMITH.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE LAST MEETING & PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD ON AUGUST 16, 2023.

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: JAMES WATERS

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

A- PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 20023-03 – SIGN ORDINANCE – 2ND READING

MAYOR CALLIHAN CALLED THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER REGARDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE. THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS ITEM OF BUSINESS. SO, MAYOR CALLIHAN CALLED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

B. REVIEW/ACTION – ORDINANCE 2023-03 – SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ORDINANCE 2023-03 REGARDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

C- PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 2023-04 – REZONING ARBUCCI – 1ST READING

MAYOR CALLIHAN CALLED THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER REGARDING THE ARBUCCI REZONING. NO ONE SPOKE IN OPPOSITION TO THE REZONING OF THIS PROPERTY. HOWEVER, CAROLINE PORSEIL, THE LESSEE OF THE PROPERTY SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE REZONING. MAYOR CALLIHAN CALLED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

D- **REVIEW/ACTION ORDINANCE 2023-04 – REZONING ARBUCCI – 2ND READING**
COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ORDINANCE 2023-04 REGARDING THE REZONING OF THE ARBUCCI PROPERTY FROM C-2 TO M-1.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS SECOND: ED FORRESTER

E- **REVIEW/ACTION RESOLUTION 2023-10 – CROWN CASTLE**

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION 2023-10 ALLOWING THE USE OF CITY RIGHT OF WAY FOR COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN SECOND: LINDA SMITH

F- **REVIEW/ACTION GMEBS DECLARATION PAGE FOR HEALTH, DENTAL, VISION**

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED GMEBS DECLARATION PAGE FOR HEALTH, DENTAL, & VISION.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

G- **REVIEW/ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2023**

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2023.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER SECOND: JAMES WATERS

H- **REVIEW/ACTION ON NEW BUSINESS LICENSES**

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

MOTION: LINDA SMITH SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

I – **REVIEW/ACTION RESOLUTION 2023-11 - \$202,000 CD AT EDWARD JONES**

COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION 2023-11 ALLOWING THE INVESTMENT OF A CD AT EDWARD JONES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$202,000 AT AN INTEREST RATE OF 5.30%

MOTION ED FORRESTER SECOND: LINDA SMITH

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. MAYORS REPORT

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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

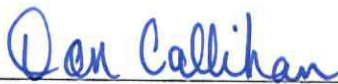
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:17 P.M.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: ED FORRESTER



DON CALLIHAN, MAYOR



PETRINA PRITCHETT, CITY CLERK