

***CITY OF EAST ELLIJAY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2025***

THE EAST ELLIJAY CITY COUNCIL CONVENED A COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 20, 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
JAXON WEST – CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
KENNY BARNEYCASTLE – STREET DEPARTMENT MANAGER
SHANE BOWMAN – ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF - ABSENT

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 LINDA SMITH AND A SECONDY BY ED FORRESTER.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 16, 2025.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

A- REVIEW/ACTION – FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JULY 2025

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

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

B- REVIEW/ACTION – ORDINANCE 2025-05 – SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE – 2ND READING

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ORDINANCE 2025-05 REGARDING THE SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: JAMES WATERS

C- REVIEW/ACTION – ORDINANCE 2025-06 – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS 2025 – 1ST READING

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED AND READ THE ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS. NO MOTION WAS MADE ON THIS ITEM OF BUSINESS.

MOTION:

SECOND:

D- REVIEW/ACTION – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY - SPLOST

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE SPLOST INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

E- REVIEW/ACTION – NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE AND BUSINESS LICENSE

NO ALCOHOL OR BUSINESS LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

5. **MAYORS REPORT**

A. EDWARD JONES – CD RENEWAL 2 YEARS @ 3.95 FOR \$216,000

B. 2026 HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL RATES

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 3:13 P.M.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN



DON CALLIHAN, MAYOR



PETRINA PRITCHETT, CITY CLERK