

**CITY OF EAST ELLIJAY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2025**

THE EAST ELLIJAY CITY COUNCIL CONVENED A COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 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
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 10:00 A.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 SECONDY BY LINDA SMITH.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2025.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: JAMES WATERS

3. NEW BUSINESS

A- REVIEW/ACTION – FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

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

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

B- REVIEW/ACTION – THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS MEAL PROGRAM – SENIOR & DISABLED CITIZENS

MAYOR LET COUNCIL KNOW IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN TO GIVE OUT TURKEYS OR HAMS FOR THE SENIORS AND DISABLED CITIZENS. NO MOTION WAS MADE BECAUSE COUNCIL HAD ALREADY APPROVED IT IN THE BUDGET.

C- REVIEW/ACTION – CHRISTMAS BONUS

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

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: JAMES WATERS

D- REVIEW/ACTION – NEW BUSINESS LICENSES

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

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. MAYORS REPORT

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT – LARRY CALLAHAN & CITY PLANNING REPORT – JAXON WEST
SEE ATTACHED MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT FROM THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT. THERE WAS NO REPORT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

B. WATER & SEWERAGE AUTHORITY REPORT – COMMITTEE REPORT ON SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING OF ELLIJAY/GILMER COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY.

7. CITIZEN INPUT

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:11 A.M.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: LINDA SMITH



DON CALLIHAN, MAYOR



PETRINA PRITCHETT, CITY CLERK