

**CITY OF EAST ELLIJAY**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 21, 2026**

THE EAST ELLIJAY CITY COUNCIL CONVENED A COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 21, 2026 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

**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 SECONDY BY CHRIS CALLIHAN.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2025.

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A- REVIEW/ACTION – FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025**

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: LINDA SMITH

**B- REVIEW/ACTION – ORDINANCE 2026-01 – ETC – TELEPHONE – FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ORDINANCE 2026-01 PERTAINING TO THE ETC – TELEPHONE – FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

**C- REVIEW/ACTION – ORDINANCE 2026-02 – ETC – CABLE/TV – FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ORDINANCE 2026-02 PERTAINING TO THE ETC – CABLE/TV – FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

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 KIM WISHON.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: LINDA SMITH

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 POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

7. CITIZEN INPUT

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:06 P.M.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN



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DON CALLIHAN, MAYOR



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PETRINA PRITCHETT, CITY CLERK