

**CITY OF EAST ELLIJAY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

THE EAST ELLIJAY CITY COUNCIL CONVENED A COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 18, 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 - 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 ED FORRESTER AND A SECONDY BY CHRIS CALLIHAN.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2026.

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

A- REVIEW/ACTION – FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER & JANUARY 2026

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2026.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

B- REVIEW/ACTION – FY 2025 AUDIT

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ACCEPT THE 2024-2025 AUDIT DONE BY RL JENNINGS & ASSOCIATES, PC. THE AUDIT WAS PRESENTED BY THE CITY'S INTERNAL AUDITOR, TACIE BRACKEN.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

C- REVIEW/ACTION – MUNICODE – CODIFICATION CONTRACT

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH MUNICODE TO HAVE THEM START THE CODIFICATION OF ALL THE ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: LINDA SMITH

D- REVIEW/ACTION – NEW BUSINESS LICENSES - NONE

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.

B. WATER & SEWERAGE AUTHORITY REPORT

7. CITIZEN INPUT

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:13 P.M.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: LINDA SMITH



DON CALLIHAN, MAYOR



PETRINA PRITCHETT, CITY CLERK