

CITY OF EAST ELLIJAY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2026

THE EAST ELLIJAY CITY COUNCIL CONVENED A COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 17, 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
KIM WISHON – ASSISTANT CLERK

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 JAMES WATERS AND A SECOND BY LINDA SMITH.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 20, 2026 AND THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON JUNE 10, 2026

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

3. NEW BUSINESS

A- REVIEW/ACTION – RESOLUTION 2026-02 – ADOPTION OF ALL-FUNDS BUDGET FY 2026-2027

COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION 2026-02 ON THE ALL-FUNDS BUDGET FOR YEAR 2026-2027.

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

B- REVIEW/ACTION – MILLAGE RATE FOR 2026 PROPERTY TAXES (PT-38)

COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE SAME MILLAGE RATE OF 3.0 MILS FOR TAX YEAR 2026 AND ALSO VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO CONTINUE THE CITY’S LONG-TIME POLICY ON WAIVING THE COLLECTION OF CITY PROPERTY TAX FOR ALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

C- REVIEW/ACTION AMEND POSITION CLASSIFICATION/PAY PLAN

COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED UPDATING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION/PAY PLAN.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

D- REVIEW/ACTION – FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MAY 2026

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

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

SECOND: JAMES WATERS

E- REVIEW/ACTION – MID-YEAR INCENTIVE BONUS

COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION TO GIVE A MID-YEAR BONUS TO ALL ELIGIBLE CITY PERSONNEL.

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

F- REVIEW/ACTION – NEW BUSINESS LICENSES & ALCOHOL LICENSE

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

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ALCOHOL LICENSES AS PER THE ATTACHED MEMO FROM STAFF MEMBER KIM WISHON.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: LINDA SMITH

H- REVIEW/ACTION – ENGAGEMENT LETTER – RL JENNINGS

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER FROM RL JENNINGS ON DOING THE CITY'S AUDIT FOR FY 2026.

MOTION: CHRIS CALLIHAN

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 3:10 P.M.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: CHRIS CALLIHAN



DON CALLIHAN, MAYOR



PETRINA PRITCHETT, CITY CLERK