

CITY OF EAST ELLIJAY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2026

THE EAST ELLIJAY CITY COUNCIL CONVENED A COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 20, 2026 AT EAST ELLIJAY CITY HALL.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

DON CALLIHAN, MAYOR
CHRIS CALLIHAN, MAYOR PRO-TEM - ABSENT
ED FORRESTER
LINDA SMITH
JAMES WATERS

CITY OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

PETRINA PRITCHETT- CITY CLERK - ABSENT
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 JAMES WATERS.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

COUNCIL REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 15, 2026.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: LINDA SMITH

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

A- REVIEW/ACTION – FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR APRIL 2026

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

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: ED FORRESTER

B- REVIEW/ACTION – NEW BUSINESS LICENSE

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

MOTION: LINDA SMITH

SECOND: JAMES WATERS

C- REVIEW/ACTION – GMEBS DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH RULE OF 80 ALTERNATIVE NORMAL RETIREMENT FOR ELIGIBLE REGULAR EMPLOYEES

THIS IS THE SECOND READING ON THIS ORDINANCE. COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE GMEBS DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH RULE OF 80 ALTERNATIVE NORMAL RETIREMENT FOR ELIBIBLE REGULAR EMPLOYEES.

MOTION: JAMES WATERS

SECOND: LINDA SMITH

D. REVIEW/ACTION – PRESENT 2026-2027 ALL FUNDS BUDGET TO COUNCIL FOR REVIEW

COUNCIL WAS PRESENTED THE PROPOSED ALL FUNDS BUDGET FOR 2026-2027 FOR REVIEW.
NO MOTION WAS MADE.

E. REVIEW/ACTION – 2026-01 RESOLUTION – NEW SPLOST CHECKING ACCOUNT

COUNCIL REVIEWED, DISCUSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION 2026-01 REGARDING OPENING A NEW SPLOST CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR SPLOST 2026.

MOTION: ED FORRESTER

SECOND: LINDA SMITH

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

5. **MAYORS REPORT**

TURNIPSEED ENGINEERS

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: JAMES WATERS



DON CALLIHAN, MAYOR



KIM WISHON, ASSISTANT CLERK