

**CITY OF EMORY
MINUTES
FOR PUBLIC HEARING and
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON JULY 8, 2025**

The City Council of Emory met on the **8th day of July 2025** at 6:45 pm for Public Hearing and 7:00 pm for the Regular City Council Meeting with the following members present: Mayor Earl Hill III, Mayor ProTem Blake Cooper, Lori Honeycutt, Jacob Roan and Travis Potts. Others present: Allen and Rachelle Jones, Katelyn Green, Landon Williams Chairman of the Emory Planning and Zoning Commission, Chief Appraiser Sherri McCall of the Rains County Appraisal District, Dennis Threadgill, Executive Director of EDC Leah Drown, Chief of Police Tom Parsons, Public Works Director Blake Brumit and City Secretary Donna Raper.

Public Hearing opened by Mayor Earl Hill III at 6:45 pm.

City of Emory held a public hearing to review, and to receive comments for a rezoning request from Leon Clark for the property located at 300 S. Texas St. (Airport/Hwy 19). Property Id No. 395 and 408 to change zoning from (R1) Single Family to (C1) Commercial. Planning and Zoning Chairman Landon Williams stated that the Planning and Zoning met on July 1, 2025, all members present, Chairman Landon Williams, stated that all members voted Yes, except Dennis Threadgill whom abstained to the zoning request change.

Meeting called order by Mayor Earl Hill III 7:00 pm

Invocation and Pledges given by Lori Honeycutt and Mayor Earl Hill III.

Presentation

- A. Chief Tom Parsons swore in Officer R. Johnson.
- B. Rains County Chief Appraisal Sherri McCall gave a presentation on the proposed 2026 budget for the Rains County Appraisal District.

Consent Agenda

- A. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan approving the minutes from the May 22, 2025, and July 10, 2025, City Council Meetings. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan to approve the payment of the bills except for the invoices related to Hayter Engineer for the water model study. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. The City Council reviewed the official proposed FY 2026 Lake Fork and Lake Tawakoni Division Budgets.
- D. The City Council reviewed Atmos Update to Atmos Energy Corporation's Conservation and Energy Efficiency Tariff.

Items for Consideration and/ or Action

- A. Departmental Updates: Blake Brumit gave an update on the work being done at the Splash Pad and the triangle project (by Kim's/What A Burger). Blake also gave council information on the leaks at State Hwy 47 and 276. EDC Executive Director Leah Drown stated the board has two open positions on the EDC board. Emory Police Chief Tom Parson updated the council on the two vehicles that has been purchased for the police department, the chief also gave the council June 2025 STATS, and the Police Dept. has created a Facebook page.

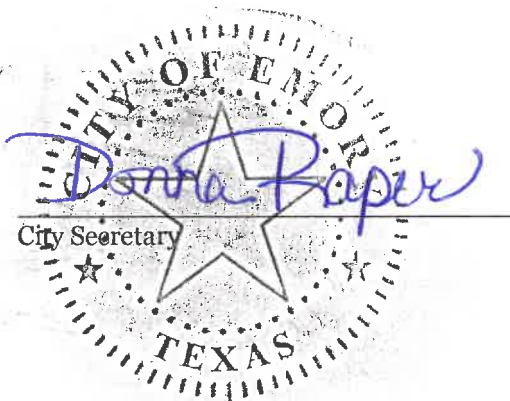
- B. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Blake Cooper to approve Emory Development Corporation Parking Lot Grants, recipients for fiscal year 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Travis Potts approving the zoning change recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission from (R1) Single Family to (C1) Commercial for the property located at 300 South Texas St. (Airport / Hwy 19 South) (property ID No. 395 and 408). Motion carried unanimously.
- D, E, F, and G. No Action taken on adding Joel Kirkpatrick Accountant / Human Resource to the City of Emory Commercial Bank of Texas accounts, Tex Star and Logic investment accounts, Tex Pool investment accounts and the Edward Jones investment account.
- H. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Travis Potts appointing / hiring Chief Tom Parsons as Interim City Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

- A. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Blake Cooper to go into executive session at 8:05 pm under 551.074 personnel matters. Motion carried
Motion made by Lori Honeycutt seconded by Jacob Roan to come out of executive session at 8:33 pm. Motion carried. Back to item H.

Motion made by Jacob Roan, seconded by Travis Potts to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn at 8:35 pm



Mayor, City of Emory, Texas