

**CITY OF EMORY
MINUTES FOR THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2025**

The City Council of Emory met on the **12th day of August 2025** at 7:00 pm for a 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: Al Shipp, Robin and Ray Daughety, Shannon Bailey, Jennifer Hill, Linda Gonzales King, Andrea Bond, Lindsey Brumit, Executive Director of EDC Leah Drown, Director of Finance Samantha Gibby, Chief of Police- Interim City Administrator Tom Parsons, Public Works Director Blake Brumit and City Secretary Donna Raper.

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

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

Public Comments

- A. Ray Daughety to discuss with council on cost exemption of vendor permits and parking to sell at State Hwy 69 and 19. Item to be placed on the next city councils agenda under items for consideration and/or action.

Consent Agenda

- A. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan to approve the amended minutes from May 13, 2025, May 27, 2025, June 10, 2025 (heading correction) and approving the minutes from July 8, 2025, and August 5, 2025, city council meetings. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan to approve payment of the bills with holding Hayter Engineering water model plan payment as well as Bureau Veritas plan review payment of 5,8978.59 for 260 Planters St. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Lori Honeycutt to approve the contract with ETCOG for the Inter-Local Contract for Data Maintenance FY 2026 (9-1-1 database.) Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration and/ or Action

- A. Mayor Earl Hill III – read Proclamation for National Night Out to be held October 7, 2025.
- B. Departmental Updates

Public Works Director -Blake Brumit

- Provided an update on Lance Hooten's project. One of the property owners involved is not willing to grant an easement, which could impact progress.
- Gave an update on the Triangle Project.
- Reported sewer issues affecting Forbis, Nix and the East Side Plaza Shopping Center

Economic Development Corporation (EDC) – Director Leah Drown

- Updated the council on parking lot incentive programs
- Informed the council that the EDC Board has retained a municipal law attorney on as needed basis. The attorney is based out of Tyler.

Chief of Police / Interim City Administrator – Tom Parsons

- Provided updates regarding the police department
- Announced that Officer Cameron Demps has been promoted to Sergeant - Patrol Division; however, he will remain in his current role as patrol officer.

Director of Finance – Samantha Gibby

- Informed the council that she has contacted the applicant for her department's Open position, and the candidate is still interested.
- C. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Lori Honeycutt to appoint Tim Hooten and Kate Fenter to the EDC Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Travis Potts to approve a variance request from Bailey's Car Wash to allow an RV at 631 E. Lennon to the end of 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Travis Potts to approve Rains CAD Proposed FY-2026 Budget. Blake Cooper, Travis Potts and Jacob Roan voted for with Lori Honeycutt opposing. Motion carried.

Executive Session

City Council did not adjourn into executive session.

Motion made by Jacob Roan, seconded by Lori Honeycutt to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn at 8:36 pm



Mayor, City of Emory, Texas