

**CITY OF EMORY
MINUTES FOR THE
PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET WORKSHOP
and SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2025**

The City Council of Emory met on the 26th day of AUGUST 2025 at 5:45 pm for a Public Hearing and at 6:00 pm for Budget Workshop and Special City Council Meeting with the following members present: Mayor Earl Hill III, Mayor ProTem Blake Cooper, Jacob Roan and Travis Potts. Others present: Natalie Shaddox-White with Atmos Energy, City Administrator Interim / Chief of Police Tom Parsons, Director of Finance Samantha Gibby, Director of the WWTP Andy Roberts. and City Secretary Donna Raper.

Public Hearing called to order by Mayor Earl Hill III at 5.45 pm

Public Hearing held on the adoption of the proposed guidelines and criteria of the City of Emory Tax Abatement Policy. Guidelines are in effect for two years after adoption and may be modified by a three-fourths vote of the governing body.

Meeting called order by Mayor Earl Hill III 6:00 pm

Budget Workshop

City Council discussed budget for FY 2026.

Items for Consideration and/ or Action

- A. Departmental Updates – No Departmental Updates.
- B. Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Jacob Roan approving Resolution No. R5-2025, ACSC: Atmos Mid Texas RRM Settlement. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion made by Travis Potts, seconded by Blake Cooper to adopt the City of Emory Tax Abatement Policy. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Jacob Roan, approving the proposed FY 2026 budget. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Jacob Roan approving the proposed 2025 tax rate at .257858. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Motion made by Travis Potts, seconded by Jacob Roan, to go into executive session under 551.074 Personnel Matters. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Travis Potts, seconded by Blake Cooper, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

No action taken in executive session.

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

Adjourn: **9:09 pm**

The seal of the City of Emory, Texas, is a circular emblem. It features a five-pointed star in the center, with the words "CITY OF EMORY" arched above it and "TEXAS" arched below it. The seal is partially obscured by the signature of Donna Pappe.
Donna Pappe
City Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Mayor of Emory, Texas.

Mayor, City of Emory, Texas