

**CITY OF EMORY
MINUTES FOR THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

The City Council of Emory met on the **15th** day of **SEPTEMBER 2025** at **7:00 pm** for a Regular City Council Meeting with the following members present: Mayor Earl Hill III, Mayor ProTem Blake Cooper, Jacob Roan, Lori Honeycutt and Travis Potts. Others present: Linda Gonzales, Allen and Rachelle Jones, Ray and Robin Daughety, Randy Murphy, John Murphy, Christi Murphy, Jacob Needham, Courtney Needham, Emory Police Officer Cameron Demps wife Breanna Demps and daughter Harper Demps, Emory Police Officer Anna Hanner, City Administrator Interim / Chief of Police Tom Parsons, Director of Emory Development Corporation Leah Drown, Director of Finance Samantha Gibby, Public Works Director Blake Brumit, Accountant Janice Nobles and City Secretary Donna Raper.

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

Presentation – Swearing in of Officer Cameron Demps to Sergeant.

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

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from August 12, 2025, and August 26, 2025, no action taken.
(To be placed on the agenda on September 23, 2025, meeting.)
2. Motion made by Jacob Roan, seconded by Lori Honeycutt to approve the payment of the bills with holding Hayter Engineering water model study and Bureau Veritas related to the church. Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration and/ or Action

1. Departmental Updates

Public Works Director – Blake Brumit

- Stated he had a prefinal inspection today on Kim's Project. They will return next week to complete some cleanup work, followed by the final inspection.
- Pump for the splash pad has come in.
- Brumit stated he spoke with Lance Hooten, about the project on at the Corner of Airport and Skyline.
- Spoke on city vehicle use.

Director of EDC – Leah Drown

- FY 2025 approved incentive \$ 144,958.00 spent on incentives on local businesses inside the city limits. Paid out \$ 260,658.00
- Update on community development
- Update on training
- Update on the parking lot project

Emory Police Department - Tom Parsons

- Gave an update on police department
- Chief Parsons and Gwen Peterson spoke on the events that will take place at National Night Out.

Director of Finance – Samantha Gibby

- Introduced Janice Nobles, Accountant for the City.
2. No action taken on city ordinance on street vendors.
 3. Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Travis Potts approving Capital Infrastructure expenditures for the purchase of one vertical turbine pump(rebuild), one raw (VFD) pump and two master lift pumps in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.
 4. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Blake Cooper approving EDC to coordinate the City of Emory's Spooktacular at Sandy Creek Park, Christmas Around the Square, Christmas Parade, Santa Hut and Founders Day events. Motion carried unanimously.
 5. No action taken on the collection of sales tax in the ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction.
 6. No action taken on the schedule of fees for building permit inspections and other related items.
 7. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Lori Honeycutt to approve contract for assessment of collection services 2025 tax year with Rains County Tax Appraisal District. Motion carried unanimously.
 8. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan to allow discounts for early payment on property taxes. (October 3 %, November 2% December 1%). Motion carried unanimously.
 9. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Lori Honeycutt to approve Resolution R6-2025 adding Janice Nobles Accountant to the Tex Pool Saving Account. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 10-12. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Travis Potts to add Accountant Janice Nobles to bank accounts at Commercial Bank of Texas, Edward Jones Accounts and the Tex Star Savings Account(s). Motion carried unanimously.
 13. No action taken on selecting nominees for the Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Executive Session

Motion made by Travis Potts, seconded by Blake Cooper, to go into executive session. under 551.074 – personnel matters, at 8:28 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Travis Potts, seconded by Jacob Roan to come out of executive session at 9:23 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

No action taken in executive session.

Motion made by Travis Potts seconded by Lori Honeycutt to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: **9:24 pm**




Mayor, City of Emory, Texas