

**CITY OF EMORY
MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

The City Council of Emory met on the 23rd day of **SEPTEMBER 2025** at **6:00 pm** for a Public Hearing and Special 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: Amanda Goodwin, Emory Police Officer / Sergeant Cameron Demps, Director of the Emory Development Corporation Leah Drown, Senior Chief Wastewater Plant Operator Andy Roberts, Accountant Janice Nobles, Contracted Accountant Samantha Gibby and City Secretary Donna Raper.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing started at 6:20 pm, Samantha Gibby provided a Required Legal Statement which was available for the public. Amanda Goodwin spoke of her concerns on the increase of property taxes. Public Hearing closed at 6:37 pm.

Items for Consideration and/ or Action

1. Departmental Updates

Senior Chief Wastewater Plant Operator – Andy Roberts

- Updated the council on the needs and concerns of the wastewater plant.

Emory Police Officer / Sergeant - Cameron Demps

- May have a potential candidate for a part time Code Enforcement Officer.
- Officer Hanner and Gwen are auditing the evidence room, which is required when there is an administrative change.
- Updated the patrol schedule that will be more adequate coverage, that should go into effect sometimes next month.
- Mayor Hill spoke on the National Night will be held October 7, 2025, at the Sandy Creek Park – Gwen has been working diligently on National Night Out.
- Last week Emory Police Department recovered a stolen purse and cell phone.

2. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan to approve the Minutes from August 12, 2025, and August 15, 2025 (with correction) and September 26, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan adopting the approved budget for FY 2026 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Lori Honeycutt adopting Ordinance 1-2025 Tax Rate. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Travis Potts to allow discounts for early payment on property taxes. (October 3%, November 2% and December 1%). Motion carried unanimously.
6. No action taken on the collection of sales tax in the ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction).
7. No action taken on the collection of the fee schedule for building permit inspections and other related items.
8. No action taken on selecting nominees for the Appraisal District Board of Directors.
9. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Travis Potts to amend Ordinance no. 6-2022 with Ordinance No. 2-2025 an ordinance of the city council of the City of Emory, Texas Establishing a Parade Route CORRECTING the address to 735 N. Texas St (Hwy 19) (Emory Emergency Center). Motion carried unanimously.
10. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan hiring Attorney Blake E. Armstrong as an ordinance attorney. Motion carried unanimously.
11. No action taken on the streetlights located in the Cornerstone Addition.

Executive Session

Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan, to go into executive session. under 551.074 – personnel matters, at 8:18 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Travis Potts, seconded by Blake Cooper to come out of executive session at 10: 20 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjourn: **9:21 pm**



Mayor, City of Emory, Texas