

**CITY OF EMORY
MINUTES FOR THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2025**

The City Council of Emory met on the 14th day of OCTOBER 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: Allen Jones, Samantha Gibby, Josephine Lopez, Joe Parker, Katelyn Green, Interim City Administrator Leah Drown, Interim Chief of Police Cameron Demps, Public Works Director Blake Brumit and City Secretary Donna Raper

Meeting called to order by Mayor Earl Hill III 7:03 pm

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

Consent Agenda

1. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Blake Cooper to approve the minutes from September 23, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan to approve the payment of the bills withholding Hayter Engineering water model study and Bureau Veritas Plan Review related to the church. Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration and/ or Action

1. Departmental Updates

Public Works Director – Blake Brumit

- Waiting for the final inspection on the triangle project.
- Lance Hooten’s project (Airport/Skyline) is moving right along.
- Update on Randy Calhoun accident

Emory Police Department – Cameron Demps


- Stat Reports for the Police Department
- Update a vehicle being outfitted.
- Evidence room remodel put on hold for now.
- Stated the National Night Out had a good turnout.
- Issues with animal control.
- The department has 9 body cameras (4 are currently working).
- Has 3 applicants for Code Enforcement position.

Director of EDC – Leah Drown

- Stated that the Public Works Director Blake Brumit informed her that the contractors will be starting on the parking lot at Sandy Creek Park (North St.).
 - Leah stated that Mike Elliott, Chief Plant Operator (water plant) the raw pump 2 is not rebuildable.
 - Mike Elliott, Chief Plant Operator (water plant), applied for an SRA Grant, to help with the cost of the tanks being cleaned out.
 - Updated council on Spooktacular Event.
 - Updated council on some office changes, job duties.
2. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Lori Honeycutt approving a refund for an Itinerant Vendors Permit for K and S Creations. Motion carried unanimously.
 3. No Action Taken on approving schedule of fees for building permits, inspection and other related items.
 4. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Travis Potts approving a noise variance for Founder Day Festival and Concert hosted by the City of Emory Tourism to be held on May 2, 2026, at Sandy Creek Park. Motion carried unanimously.
 5. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Jacob Roan approving a variance for the sale/consumption of alcohol at Founder’s Day Festival and Concert hosted by the City of Emory Tourism to be held on May 2, 2026, at Sandy Creek Park. Motion carried unanimously.
 6. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Lori Honeycutt appointing Cameron Demps as Interim Chief of Police for the Emory Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.
 7. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan appointing Leah Drown as Interim City Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.
 8. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Travis Potts authorizing Resolution R7-2005 approving an advance from the City of Emory General Fund operating account to the City of Emory Water and Sewer Fund operating account. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session




Mayor, City of Emory, Texas