

**CITY OF EMORY
MINUTES OF A
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 11, 2025**

The City Council of Emory met on the 11th day of NOVEMBER 2025 at 6:45 pm for a Public Hearing and 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, Travis Potts and Lori Honeycutt. Others present: Dennis Threadgill, Sue Medders, Lori Northcutt, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews with All American Dogs, Brandon Walls Belynda Clark Jim and Jeri Norris, Bret Hollon, Landon Williams, Audy Cody Largent, Sarah Patterson, Ken Janosko, Jennifer Hill, Shannon and James Bailey's with Bailey's Express Car Wash. Linda Carler, Sterling Hillard with The Herd Development Partners, LLC., Jeff Mayes. City of Emory Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Harrison, Interim City Administer/Director of EDC Leah Drown, Interim Chief of Police Cameron Demps, Harper Demps, Emory Police Officer Robert Johnson. City Secretary Donna Raper.

Public Hearing – called to order by Mayor Earl Hill III at 6:57 pm.

Council to receive and discuss concerns from the public about the following items.

1. Request from Philip D. Alexander, Trustee of The Ivan Alexander, Jr. Family Trust, for a zoning change from Residential (R1) to Commercial (C-2) for the property located at the corner of McMillan and State Hwy 19. Rains CAD Property ID 6417 and 6418.
2. Request from The Herd Development Partners, LLC. for a zoning change from Agriculture us to Residential (R-1) for the western portion of the property for tract 1 (13.94) acres along County Road 1150 and the eastern portion of the property tract 2 (16.20) acres along Hwy 19 request to change from Agriculture use Commercial (C-2). Rains CAD Property ID # 1718.

Regular City Council Meeting – Called to order by Mayor Hill III at 7:30 pm.

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

Consent Agenda

1. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Jacob Roan to approve the minutes from October 12, 2025, and October 28, 2025, City Council Meetings. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan to approve the payment of the bills, withholding payments for 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

Interim City Administrator / Director of EDC

- EDC has approved two Revolving Loans, one to A1 Comfort LLC. and to Yall Come Back Café.

- Gave update on Spooktacular – had a great turn out.
- Information on the upcoming Christmas Festivities.
- Received information from Blake Armstrong (Ordinance Attorney) with some updates and suggestions on some of the city's ordinances.

Interim Chief of Police Cameron Demps

- Introduced the Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Harrison.
 - One of the vehicles is at the dealership for some recalls.
 - In the process of receiving quotes for evidence room.
2. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan to approve a yearly contract with All American Dogs. Motion carries unanimously.
 3. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Jacob Roan to ratify the Minutes from the March 21, 1995, City Council Meeting to change the zoning from Residential to Commercial on the Emory North Addition (lots 1 and 2). Property located at the State Highway 19 and McMillan. Motion carried unanimously.
 4. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan to approve the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning commission to change the zoning from the current agricultural use to Residential (R-1) for the western portion of the property- tract 1 (13.94) acres along County Road 1150, and the eastern portion of the property, tract 2 (16.20) acres to change the zoning from agricultural use to Commercial (C-2), along Hwy 19. Rains County Cad Property ID 1718. Lori Honeycutt, Jacob Roan, Travis Potts voting for and Blake Cooper abstained.
 5. Motion made by Travis Potts, seconded by Blake Cooper approving the recommendation for the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the variance request from Bret Hollon for the property located on the corner of Wells and Bethel (lots 13 and 15) lot size setback from 35 ft to 10 ft. Motion carried unanimously.
 6. Motion to pass a resolution of electing Harold Chandler, Ken Player, Todd Moore, Candice West, Robert Worley as board of directors for RCAD, dies due to lack of motion.
 7. No action taken on a variance request from Lori Northcutt for the use of the City Emergency Center.
 8. Motion made by Travis Potts, seconded by Blake Cooper to approve an extension on a current variance request from James and Shannon Bailey with Bailey's Express Carwash to allow an RV at 631 E. Lennon Dr. with Travis Potts, Blake Cooper voting for, Lori Honeycutt, Jacob Roan voting against, which was a tie vote Mayor Earl Hill III broke the tie by voting against the variance request.
 9. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Blake Cooper to add Interim City Administrator Leah Drown to the Tex-Star and Logic investment accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Lori Honeycutt to pass Resolution R8-2025 to add Interim City Administrator Leah Drown to the Tex Pool investment account.

Executive Session

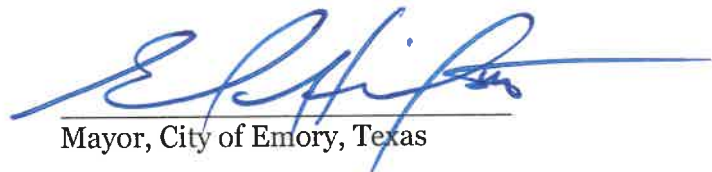
1. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Jacob Roan to go into executive session at 9:31 pm.

Motion made by Jacob Roan, seconded by Blake Cooper to come out of executive session at 9:54

No action taken in executive session.

Motion made by Jacob Roan, seconded by Lori Honeycutt to adjourn at 9:54 pm.




Mayor, City of Emory, Texas

