

**CITY OF EMORY
MINUTES OF A
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2025**

The City Council of Emory met on the 9th day of December 2025 at 7:00 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, Cindy Roberts Thomas, Ken Player, Blake Armstrong, Kately Green, Interim City Administrator /Director of EDC Leah Drown, Interim Chief of Police Cameron Demps, City Accountant Janice Nobles, Public Works Director Blake Brumit, and City Secretary Donna Raper.

Public Comment(s) – No public comment(s).

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

Consent Agenda

1. and 2. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Lori Honeycutt to approve the minutes for the November 11, 2025, City Council Meetings and the payment of the bills, except for Hayter Engineering and Bureau Veritas. Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration and/or Action

1. Departmental Updates

Public Works Director – Blak Brumit

- Hydro Vac machine is on the way.
- Stated that the Kim’s project seems to be having problems, will be having camera people coming back to run the camera on our part and to re-camera the bore – something is wrong.
- Hooten’s project corner at the Skyline and Wells is getting ready to pour the streets, all the water and sewer is in.
- Gave updates on Randy Calhoun and Andy Roberts.
- Took clarifier down at the water plant to clean it.

Accountant - Jancie Nobles

- Passed out budgets to each of the department heads, created budget books for Leah and herself.
- Payroll seems to be going good with the payroll date change.

Interim Chief Policy – Cameron Demps

- Stats update for November 2025
- All patrol officers are scheduled for CPR Training
- In January, will be doing a DWI refresher course
- Update on vehicles.

- Received a quote for the evidence room, and will be getting with the public works department to see about them helping with this project.
- Gave an update on the Accreditation through Texas Best Practice.
- Update on All American Dogs.

Interim City Administration / Director of EDC

- Gave an update on Christmas Around the Park.
 - Retaining wall is done at the park.
 - Update on the SRA grant.
2. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Jacob Roan passing Resolution R9-2025 Electing Harold Chandler, Ken Player, Todd Moore, Candice West, and Robert Worley as Board of Director for the Rains County Appraisal District. Motion carried unanimously.
 3. Motion made by Travis Potts seconded by Blake Cooper passing Resolution R10-2025 approving cooperation with TNMP Cities to review Texas-New Mexico Power Company's request rate change, hire legal and consulting services and to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals. Motion carried unanimously.
 4. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan approving Resolution R11-2025 adopting an amended City of Emory Investment Policy. Motion carried unanimously.
 5. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt seconded Travis Potts to hire Attorney Blake E. Armstrong as the Cities Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.
 6. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Travis Potts approving the City of Emory Cemeteries Ordinance and By Laws, with the prices stricken. Motion carried unanimously.
 7. No Action taken on the performance review for the consultant and the consulting services agreement.
 - 8, 10 and 11 Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Lori Honeycutt to remove Samantha Gibby off the Tex-Star and Logic Investment Account(s), All Commercial Bank account(s), and the Edward Jones Investment Account(s). Motion carried unanimously.
 9. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Jacob Roan to approve Resolution R12-2025 removing Samantha Gibby from the Tex Pool investment account(s). Motion carried unanimously.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council did not go into executive sessions.

Motion made by Jacob Roan, seconded by Lori Honeycutt to adjourn.

Adjourn at 8:36 pm.


City Secretary


Pro-Tem Mayor, City of Emory, Texas