

CITY OF EMORY
MINUTES FOR
THE REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2026

The City Council of the City of Emory met on the 13th day of January 2026, at 7:00 pm for the Regular City Council Meeting with the following members present Mayor Pro-Tem Blake Cooper, Lori Honeycutt, Travis Potts, and Jacob Roan. Others Present: Jeff Mayes, Allen and Rachelle Jones, Joe Parker, Shawn Fort, Chuck Fitts with the Rains County Leader, Interim City Administrator / Director of EDC Leah Drown, Emory Police Office Anna Hanner, Emory Police Officer Robert Johnson, Assistant Director of EDC Elizibeth Davis, City Secretary Donna Raper

Meeting called to order by 7:03 pm.

Invocation and Pledges – Give by Lori Honeycutt and Blake Cooper.

Consent Agenda

1. and 2. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt seconded by Travis Potts approving the minutes from the December 11, 2025, meeting, and the payment of the bills (withholding payment to Hayter Engineering for the water model study report study). Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration and / or Action

1. Departmental Updates (all departments given by Leah Drown)
 - Cameron Demps is attending sergeant training this week.
 - The camera for the triangle project is scheduled to be run tomorrow.
 - Update on headworks – The headworks were cleaned out last week, and approximately 80 lbs. of trash and sludge were removed.
 - Update on water plant clarifier – The Clarifier has been clean out.
 - Update on EDC – Leah Drown stated she met with a developer regarding the possibility of two new upcoming projects.
 - Update on the City side – Leah Drown provided and update on the accounting consultant contract.
 - Department Planning – Leah Drown has asked the department heads to begin identifying the needs of their department for a two-year plan, and to search for grants that might benefit their departments (ETCOG / SRA Grants).
 - Leah Drown provided information and updated on Wall Engineering.

- Leah Drown provided information on TxDot right-of-way enforcement issues.
2. Motion made by Jacob Roan seconded by Lori Honeycutt approving the final plat and dedication of streets, allies and easements for the Corner Stone Estates (Hooten's Real Estate LLC). Motion carried unanimously.
 3. Motion made by Jacob Roan seconded by Lori Honeycutt to name the street in Corner Stone Estates, Lance Lane Motion carried unanimously.
 4. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt seconded Jacob Roan to execute a off-site sewer expense VS water meter cost through Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement, with Hooten's Real Estate Development LLC. (Corner Stone Estates). Motion carried unanimously.
 5. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt seconded by Travis Potts passing Resolution 1-2026 for a membership application for Texas Smart Buy Program. Motion carried unanimously.
 6. No action taken to appoint Cameron Demps as Chief of Police for the City of Emory.
 7. No action taken on the proposed fee scheduled for the City of Emory Cemetery and Forbis Cemetery.
 8. Motion made by Jacob Roan seconded by Lori Honeycutt, passing Resolution 2-2026 approving Citywide Insurance Requirements Standards. Motion carried unanimously.
 9. Motion made by Travis Potts seconded by Jacob Roan, passing Ordinance 1-2026 Repealing Article 1.08 (Discrimination) in its entirety providing a repealer clause; and providing an effective date. Motion carried unanimously.
 10. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt and seconded by Travis Potts, passing Ordinance 2-2026 repealing Article 8.02 (Minors) in its entirety; providing a severability clause: providing a repealer clause; and providing an effective date. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

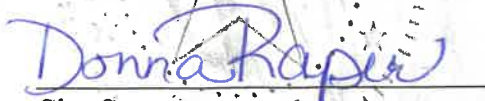
Motion made by Travis Potts seconded by Jacob Roan to go into executive session at 8:14 pm. under 551.074. Personnel Matters. Motion carried unanimously.

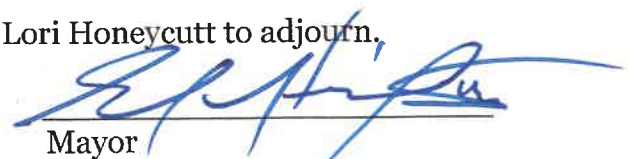
Motion made by Jacob Roan seconded by Travis Potts to come out of executive session at 9:27 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

No Action Taken in executive session.

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

Adjourn: 9:27 pm


 City Secretary


 Mayor