

**CITY OF EMORY
MINUTES FOR
THE REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Emory met on the 10th day of FEBRUARY, at 7:00 pm for the Regular City Council Meeting with the following members present Mayor Earl Hill III, Mayor Pro-Tem Blake Cooper, Lori Honeycutt, Travis Potts, and Jacob Roan. Others Present: Jeff Mayes, Allen and Rachelle Jones, Jay Ford, Marley Barker, Katelyn Green, Brandon Wall, Trent Yandagriff with Wall Engineering. Interim City Administrator / Director of EDC Leah Drown, Emory Police Officer Robert Johnson, Assistant Director of EDC Elizibeth Davis, City Accountant Janice Nobles and City Secretary Donna Raper.

Meeting called to order by 7:00 pm.

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

Public Comments

1. Jay Ford presented a personal introduction.
2. Marley Barker spoke on concerns about animal control -loose dogs.

Consent Agenda

1. and 2. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt seconded by Jacob Roan approving the minutes from the January 13, 2026, meeting, and the payment of the bills including a payment of \$12,527.55 to Hayter Engineering for the city's water model report. Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration and / or Action

1. Departmental Updates

Blake Brumit

- Stated he appreciated all the support from everybody gave the city crew the night of the water main break.
- The final inspection of Kim's project passed.
- Updated the council on the project for the sewer line repairs behind Y'all Come Back Café.

Leah Drown

- She wanted to brag on the city crew about a job well done the night of the water main break.
- Implemented an Employee of the Month Program. The employee of the month is Cody Brimer.
- Spoke on the need of purchasing a Camera to run lines.
- Awarding SRA Grant of \$30,000.00.
- Update of cleaning of the towers.
- Update on Head Works for the sewer.
- Tourism - Founder Day is coming up with Casey Donahew and Don Lewis scheduled to perform.
- Everything is good with EDC.
- Update of contractors hitting lines.

Cameron Demps

- Stats for the months of January and February.
 - Racial Profiling Report.
 - Update on All American Dog (monthly report).
 - Update on procedures for opening/ operating the storm shelter.
 - Have 2 vacancies, one for patrolling and sergeant position (have four applicants).
 - Information on the reserve officer program for the Emory Police Department.
2. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Travis Potts to approve the continuance of activity of reserve Officer Program for the Emory Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.
 3. Motion made by Jacob Roan, seconded by Lori Honeycutt accepting the \$4,100.00 of unclaimed property to be allocated to the Police Department's Budget by increasing Computer Maintenance in the amount of \$2,500.00 and by increasing Travel and Expense in the amount of \$1,600.00. Motion carried unanimously.
 4. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Blake Cooper to accept an agreement with General Engineer Services. Motion carried unanimously.
 5. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Jacob Roan to pass Ordinance No. 4-2026 for library and archives. Motion carried unanimously.
 6. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Blake Cooper approving Resolution No. R3- 2026 approving the fee schedule for the City of Emory City Cemetery and Forbis Cemetery. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Lori Honeycutt passing Ordinance No. 3-2026 for the fee schedule for the City of Emory City Cemetery and Forbis Cemetery. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt, seconded by Travis Potts appointing Leah Drown as the City Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Jacob Roan appointing Cameron Demps as the Chief of Police for the Emory Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

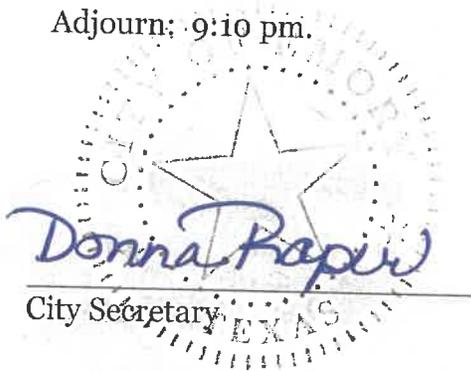
Motion made by Travis Potts seconded by Blake Cooper to go into executive session at 8:26 pm., under 551.074 Personnel Matters, regarding the City Administrator position and the Chief of Police positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Blake Copper seconded by Jacob Roan to come out of executive session at 9:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

(Council proceeded back to item 8 and 9.)

Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Jacob Roan to adjourn.

Adjourn: 9:10 pm.

The seal of the City of Emory, Texas, is circular with a five-pointed star in the center. The words "CITY OF EMORY TEXAS" are written around the perimeter of the seal. Below the seal, the name "Donna Papay" is written in a cursive script, followed by a horizontal line and the words "City Secretary" in a sans-serif font.
Donna Papay
City Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "E. P. Potts", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the word "Mayor" is printed in a sans-serif font.
Mayor