

CITY OF EMORY
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
APRIL 14, 2026.

The City Council of the City of Emory met on the 14th day of April, at 7:00pm 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: Allen & Rachelle Jones, Hella Mayberry, Lauren Kellogg, Sandra Mayberry, Norris Mayberry, John McElfish with Grant Works, Aaron Cichy, Katelynn Green, Jennifer Hill, Mike Ward, Police Chief Cameron Demps, Elizabeth Davis, Public Works Director Blake Brumit, and Financial Director Janice Nobles.

Meeting called to order by 7:00 pm

Invocation and Pledges- Lori Honeycutt gave the invocation while Mayor Earl Hill III led the Pledges.

Public Comments:

1. Aaron Cichy spoke on concerns with drainage runoff at his residence on Airport Rd.
2. Mayor Earl Hill read a Proclamation for the Richland Community honoring the 150 Anniversary of the Richland Baptist Church.

Consent Agenda:

1. and 2. Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Jacob Roan to approve the minutes from March 10, 2026, meeting and the payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration and/or action:

1. Departmental Updates:

Janice Nobles- Finance Director

1. Notified the City Council that every department is right at or below using 50% of their budget.
2. The Audit for FY 2025 is complete.
3. Expense Reports were distributed to all department heads.

Chief Cameron Demps- Police Department

1. Presented Council with a monthly statistical report and then updated the Council with pictures of the new property room, and that he was able to reuse shelving to save on cost. There is still painting needed to finish up.
2. Chief Demps let the Council know he completed New Chief Development Program and the TPCA Training; both were beneficial as he moves forward with his role.
3. The EPD will start having weekly meetings (Friday) to start sending information over to the Lexipol system.
4. Notified the council that the final patrol position has been filled and the EPD will now have a full staff as of April 27, 2026.

5. Updated the council on some incidents that happened this month. The first is that on March 24 officers were notified of a stolen vehicle that was parked in the Sonic Parking Lot. The officers confirmed then planned to safely obtain the 3 occupants in the vehicle. Task was completed successfully. One subject was taken into custody, and the vehicle was recovered without incident. He wanted to acknowledge their success in the incident. On April 3, Chief Demps was contacted by the Texas Parole Board to say that an individual was wanted for violating their parole and was living in the city. After asking for assistance from nearby agencies, East Tawakoni Police Department complied. Officers worked together to find the location where the individual was staying, they contacted the occupant of the residence and requested notification when that individual returned. At about 10 pm police were notified that the individual had returned. With the assistance from ETPD the individual was safely apprehended without incident. He gave thanks to Chief Rick South for their assistance as a good example of what partnerships help us handle situations safely and effectively.

Blake Brumit – Public Works Director

1. Updated that since the repairs were made to the area behind Y'all Come Back we have not had any issues since.
2. Notified that there is a 50-house development wanting to come to Rains County closer to Point but when reaching out to City of Point the development was told that Point could not provide water to them. The development contacted City of Emory to see if we could service the area. The company is willing to pay if we can go from our main line to distribute to the development.

Janice spoke on Leah's behalf that the City of Point has been contacting us for emergencies for sewer stops and some are after hours. This is becoming costly on the City of Emory for overtime pay. Leah notified the City of Point that until we have an agreement in place we will no longer be providing our machine.

2. Blake Cooper made the motion, seconded by Lori Honeycutt to appoint Elizabeth Davis as an additional Municipal Court Clerk.
3. City Council discussed approving an additional position for a full-time Patrol Officer for the Emory Police Department. Blake Cooper suggested assessing the budget moving forward to allow the expense of the position. No action taken.
4. City Council discussed approving an Interlocal Agreement between Rains County and the City of Emory. After reading the Interlocal Agreement that Rains County presented the Council felt that the Agreement had no benefit to the City of Emory and to revisit the item in the future. No action taken.
5. City Council discussed approving the Boundaries Map for the City of Emory provided by Rains County. The Council decided that further research is needed for definitive mapping of city limits. No action taken.
6. City Council discussed authorizing the City of Emory to solicit Requests for Proposals (RFP) for grant administrative services and Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's) for engineering services for the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant program administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Blake made the motion to authorize the City of Emory to solicit all requests for the grant; Lori seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7. City Council discussed ratifying and approving the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Information Technology Services and authorizing the City Administrator to proceed with the procurement process. Lori Honeycutt made the motion to authorize the request; Jacob Roan seconded the motion. All were in favor.
8. City Council discussed ratifying and approving the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Professional Surveying Services and authorizing the City Administrator to proceed with the procurement process. Lori Honeycutt made the motion to authorize the request; Jacob Roan seconded the motion. All were in favor.
9. City Council discussed the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3 Building Regulations, Article 3.04.015 Prohibited signs. After discussion of the topic the Council decided to further discuss this item after gathering more information for said ordinance. No action taken.
10. City Council discussed approving Fiscal Year 2024 Audit presented by Mike Ward with Mike Ward Accounting & Financial Consulting, PLLC. Motion was made by Blake Cooper to approve the FY 2024 Audit; Lori Honeycutt seconded the motion. All were in favor.
11. City Council discussed approving Fiscal Year 2025 Audit presented by Mike Ward with Mike Ward Accounting & Financial Consulting, PLLC. Motion was made by Blake Cooper to approve the FY 2025 Audit; Lori Honeycutt seconded the motion. All were in favor.
12. City Council discussed the EDC's 1 acre and the business park for Brittanie and Clayton Lennon's project. No action needed.

Executive Session: N/A

Mayor Earl Hill made the motion to conclude the meeting, seconded by Lori Honeycutt. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.



Mayor

