

**CITY OF EMORY
MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2024**

The City Council of Emory met on the 10th day of December 2024 at 7:00 pm a Regular City Council Meeting with the following members present: Mayor Earl Hill III, Mayor ProTem Blake Cooper, Lori Honeycutt, Jannie Stephens, Jacob Roan and Travis Potts. Others present: Allen and Rachele Jones, Dennis Threadgill, Michelle Chadwick and Sean Arnold with Ivan Smith Furniture, Chad Cheek, Keeley Roan, Dick Demiten with Black Jack, Blake Aulds with Waste Connection, City Administrator Samantha Gibby, Interim Chief of Emory Police Department Andy Chester, Public Works Director Blake Brumit, City Secretary Donna Raper.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Earl Hill III 7:00 pm

Invocation and Pledges given by Jannie Stephens and Mayor Earl Hill III.

Public Comments – Chad Cheek spoke on concerns of the new trash service not picking up trash, and the use of previously owned trash cans.

Consent Agenda

- A and B Motion made by Lori Honeycutt seconded by Jannie Stephens approving the minutes of the November 12, 2024, and December 5, 2024, City Council meetings and the payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration and/ or Action

- A. Departmental Updates: Samantha Gibby gave an update on the parade being cancelled and being rescheduled for December 14, 2024. Samantha also gave Council Member information from the Sabine River Authority regarding RV parks, information from TNMP System Resiliency Plan Settlement. Samantha also gave the council information from TML (Texas Municipal League) about a workshop for Elected Officials coming up in January, she also gave an update from TCEQ. Blake Brumit and Samantha Gibby spoke about the sewer back-up into J & R Automotive.
- B. No action taken on the floodplain issues at Enclave at Emory.
- C. No action taken on the Ivan Smith Warehouse request regarding trash services.
- D. No action taken on a variance for James Bailey (Bailey's Car Wash) to allow an RV on the property located at 631 E. Lennon.

- E. Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Jacob Roan approving the Memorandum of Understanding to obligate the remaining amount (\$21,370) of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Lori Honeycutt adopting Resolution No. (R11-2024) approving the plat for Emory Baptist Church for the property located at 260 Planters Street (Replat of City of Emory, Block 9). Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Jacob Roan reappointing Maggie Ingram, Jason Jarrett and Kurt Fisher to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt seconded by Jannie Stephens adopting Resolution No. R12-2024 approving the Youth Division Plan (House Bill 3186). Lori Honeycutt, Jacob Roan, Jannie Stephens Travis Potts voting for with Blake Cooper abstaining. Motion carried.
- I. Motion made by Lori Honeycutt seconded by Jannie Stephens to appoint Thad Chambers for City Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council went into executive session under 551.074 Personnel Matters at 7:43 pm. Motion made by Travis Potts seconded by Jannie Stephens to reconvene back into regular session at 8:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously. (Action taken under item I under items for consideration and/ or action.

City Council went back into executive session under 551.074 Personnel Matters Motion made by Lori Honeycutt seconded by Jacob Roan to go back into executive session at _____ pm. Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Jacob Roan to reconvene back into regular session at 10:02 pm

No action taken in executive session.

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

Adjourned: 10:02 pm

ATTEST:

Donna Pape

City Secretary

[Signature]

 Mayor, City of Emory, Texas