CITY OF EMORY
Minutes of the
Public Hearing and City Council Meeting

The City Council of Emory met on the **22nd** day of **September 2026** at **7:00 Pm** for a Regular City Council Meeting with the following members present: Mayor Earl Hill III, City Council Members Blake Cooper, Lori Honeycutt, Jacob Roan. Others present: City Administrator / Economic Development Corporation Director Leah Drown, Chief of Police Cameron Demps, Finance Director Janice Nobels.

1. **Called to Order:** by Mayor Earl Hill III at 7:00 pm.

2. **Invocation:**

3. **Pledges:**

4. **Public Hearing:**

5. **Proclamation:** Read by Mayor Hill, Proclaiming Tuesday October 6, 2026, National Night Out.

6. **Public Comments:**

7. **Consent Agenda:**

7.1 And **7.2** Motion made by Blake Cooper, seconded by Jacob Roan to approve the minutes from August 11, 2026, City Council Meeting and September 1, 2026, Budget Workshop, and the payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Department Updates:**

8.1 Chief of Police Cameron Demps:
Updated the Council on the Police Departments Monthly Statistical Reports, and Public Compliments received on Officer Douglas, and Sgt. Beck.

8.2 Finance Director Janice Nobels:
Updated the Council on the End of the Year Finance, Revenue is up and Expenses are down from what was originally projected.

8.3 City Administrator / Economic Development Corporation Director Leah Drown:
Updated the Council on Insurance claims paid from the April Storms, City Hall, Civic Center, and Wyndells Office have new roofs. Insurance has also been paid for the Police Chief's Patrol Vehicle being fixed due to hail damage.
City Admin Leah Drown stated she is still waiting on the insurance in reference to the Air Conditioners what insurance is willing to pay vs what the air conditioners will cost.

Three new employees were brought to the City Councils attention

Ashley Thompson hired for the Water department at this time she is learning how to do sample water testing, Flushing the system, and Fire hydrants.

Michael Woodard will be working under Cody Brimer, both new employees along with the existing employees will be cross training.

Maggie Ingram will be taking Donna Raper place as the new City Secretary.

City Admin Leah Drown informed the City Council that Meter Readers Michael and Kyle were driving the on-call service truck on FM 276 and Lake Point turning left, when a driver passed them on the left side causing the truck to be totaled. Both employees walked away from the accident with no injuries and returned to work the following day.

9. Items for Consideration and/or Action

9.1 Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Lori Honeycutt to adopt the 2026 property tax rate, Motion carried unanimously.
9.2 Motion made by Lori Honeycutt seconded by Jacob Roan to continue to allow discounts for early payments on property taxes, Motion carried unanimously.
9.3 Motion made by Lori Honeycutt seconded by Jacob Roan to adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, Motion carried unanimously.
9.4 Motion made by Jacob Roan seconded by Blake Cooper to approve the Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2026 Audit with Mike Ward and Company, Motion carried unanimously.
9.5 Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Lori Honeycutt to Suspend all Financial enforcement on Exhibit 14A, Zoning Ordinance 22, Motion carried unanimously.
9.6 Motion made by Lori Honeycutt seconded by Blake Cooper to approve a line-item transfer from the Police Dept. Personnel budget to the Computer Maintenance budget in the amount of $9,940.09, Motion carried unanimously.
9.7 Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Jacob Roan to ratify the Burn Band placed by Mayor Hill on September 2,202, Motion carried unanimously.
9.8 Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Jacob Roan to renew the City 9-1-1 Database Maintenance contract with ETCOG, Motion carried unanimously.

10. Executive Session

11. Adjournment:
Motion made by Jacob Roan seconded by Lori Honeycutt to adjourn. Motion carried. unanimously.
Adjourned 8:37 pm.

Mayor, City of Emory, Texas

City Secretary