# CITY OF EMORY Minutes of the City Council Meeting Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2024

The City Council of Emory met on the 12th day of March 2024 at 7:00 pm for a Regular City Council Meeting with the following members present: Mayor Earl Hill III, Mayor ProTem Blake Cooper, Travis Potts, Lori Honeycutt, Jacob Roan and Jannie Stephens, Others present: Dennis Threadgill, Connie Lewis, Allen and Rachelle Jones, Darren Renshaw, Michael Frey, Tony Garrett, Lance Hooten, Craig Taylor, Katelyn Green, Lindsey Brumit, Ronke Okpa, EE Okpa, Okpa Business Associate, City Administrator Angie Allen, Chief of Police Cliff Gloar, Finance Director Samantha Gibby, Public Works Director Blake Brumit, Officer Anna Hanner and City Secretary Donna Raper.

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

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

### **Public Comments**

A. Tony Garrett spoke on the rental of the Emory Emergency Shelter.

# **Consent Agenda**

A. & B Motion made by Jannie Stephens seconded by Lori Honeycutt to approve the minutes from February 13, 2024, City Council Meeting and the payment of bills. Jannie Stephens, Lori Honeycutt, Jacob Roan and Travis Potts voted for; Blake Cooper voted against. Motion carried.

### Items for Consideration and/or Action

- A. Departmental Updates: Mayor Hill III stated that May 4, 2024, will be Founders Day at Sandy Creek Park.
- B. No action taken on a final replat of Lot 4 R, Block No. 4 City of Emory being a replat of Lots of 1,2,34,11 and 12. Block No. 4, Town of Emory G.B. Yarber Survey, A-280 City of Emory, Rains County, Texas. Located at the corner of Quitman and Planters Streets.
- C. Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Jannie Stephens to approve the proposed infrastructure for future economic development which will promote new or expanded business development, presented by Samantha Gibby for the Emory EDC, Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion made by Travis Potts seconded by Jacob Roan to deny the variance on lot sized for Okpa Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Travis Potts to approve the Racial Profile Report presented by Chief of Police Cliff Gloar, Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Travis Potts to remove Judge Abby Bounds as Municipal Judge due to not being qualified she is not a resident of Rains County and in that motion and/or to be Associate. Judge. voted for, Lori Honeycutt voted Nay, Jannie Stephens and Jocob Roan abstained. Motion fails. Motion made by Blake Cooper seconded by Travis Potts to remove Judge Abby Bounds from Municipal Judge. Blake Cooper, Travis Potts, Lori Honeycutt, Jacob Roan voted for, Jannie Stephens abstained.
- G. Motion made by Travis Potts to appoint Mickey Cooper as Municipal Judge. Motion died from lack of second. Motion made by Travis Potts to appoint Jenkins Franklin as Municipal Judge. Motion died from lack of second. Motion made by Jacob Roan seconded by Jannie Stephens to table the appointment of Municipal Court Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Executive Session**

The City Council did not go into executive session.

Motion made by Travis Potts seconded by Blake Cooper to adjourn. Motion carried. unanimously.

Adjourned 8:51 pm.

Mayor, City of Emory, Texas

City Secretary