**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF EMORY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**August 6, 2025**

**Call to Order:**

The Regular Meeting of the City of Emory Development Corporation was called to order by President Ben Wedeking at 11:40 AM in the City of Emory/EDC Conference Room located at 329 N. Texas St., Emory, TX 75440 on August 6, 2025.

A. Opening Prayer: Jason Rolen
B. Roll Call:

**Board members present:** Don Spencer, Ben Wedeking, Jason Rolen, Jim Mack Taylor
**Board members not in attendance:** Trey Hill
**Staff present:** EDC Executive Director Leah Drown, Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Davis
**City Staff:** Finance Director Samantha Gibby, City Secretary Donna Raper
**Guest:** Tim Hooten

**Public Hearing: N/A**

**Consent Agenda:**

A. The minutes from July 2, 2025, were unanimously approved. Motion made by Jim Mack Taylor, seconded by Don Spencer; all were in favor.
B. Leah Drown reviewed the monthly financials. Motion made to approve financial report by Jim Mack Taylor, seconded by Jason Rolen; all were in favor.

**Items for consideration and/or action:**

A. The EDC board discussed adding Tim Hooten and Kate Fenter as new board members for a 2-year term. No action needed
B. The EDC board discussed and elected EDC Board officers for Fiscal Year 2026:

President- Motion made by Jason Rolen, seconded by Don Spencer to appoint Ben Wedeking as President. Vote was unanimous. Ben Wedeking abstained.

Vice President- Motion was made by Ben Wedeking, seconded by Jason Rolen to appoint Jim Mack Taylor as Vice President. Vote was unanimous. Jim Mack Taylor abstained.

Treasurer- Motion was made by Jason Rolen, seconded by Jim Mack Taylor to appoint Samantha Gibby as Treasurer. Vote was unanimous.

Secretary- Motion was made by Don Spencer, seconded by Jason Rolen to appoint Elizabeth Davis as Secretary. Vote was unanimous.

Ex-Officio- Motion was made by Jim Mack Taylor, seconded by Jason Rolen to appoint Donna Raper as Ex-Officio. Vote was unanimous.

C. The EDC board discussed hiring Attorney Blake Armstrong on an as needed basis. Motion was made by Jason Rolen, seconded by Jim Mack Taylor; all were in favor.
D. The EDC tabled the budget review and approval to a later date.

**Executive Session: N/A**

**Directors Report:**

**Comments From Board Members:**

Ben Wedeking made comments on implementing emergency lights at the Emory VFD. He will research further.

**Adjournment:**

Jim Mack Taylor made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jason Rolen. Ben Wedeking adjourned the meeting at 12:24 PM.

Ben Wedeking

Ben Wedeking, President