

Minutes of the August 8, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting at Heritage Hall, 7:00 PM.

The Merkel City Council met for a Regular City Council Meeting on August 8, 2022, at Heritage Hall, 7:00 PM. Mayor Schrampfer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced a quorum present. Council members present were Matthew Riggan, Joseph Wilson, Gary Hicks, Larry Hewitt, and Brady Rutledge.

Mayor Schrampfer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Prayer led by Larry Hewitt.

Citizens were given an opportunity to comment.

Brady Rutledge motioned to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting, July 18, 2022, Special Called City Council Meeting and the July 25, 2022, Called City Council Meeting. Matthew Riggan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Sergeant Branson gave the July Police Department Report. Branson reported expenditures from the Seizure Fund. Chief Harris gave the July Fire Department Report. The Council reviewed the July Municipal Court and Water Usage reports.

Council discussed the vacancy of City Attorney. Mayor Schrampfer asked Daniel Santee from Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C. to speak. Gary Hicks motioned to appoint Messer Fort McDonald Law Firm to represent the City of Merkel as City Attorney. Brady Rutledge seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Motion made by Matthew Riggan to appoint Evelyn Morse as Interim City Manager was seconded by Joseph Wilson. Approved 5-0.

Council reviewed the 3rd Quarter budget numbers of Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Council reviewed the 3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Quarterly Investment Report.

Brady Rutledge made a motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 09122022 An Ordinance of the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas fixing and establishing a Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023. Joseph Wilson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Council discussed the tax rates for the FY 2023 and tabled the approval of Ordinance 09122022-1 to next meeting on August 16, 2022.

Brady Rutledge motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Joseph Wilson and approved 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34 PM.



Evelyn Morse, City Secretary



Mary Schramper, Mayor