

**Minutes of the November 14, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting at Heritage Hall, 7:00 PM.**

The Merkel City Council met for a Regular City Council Meeting on November 14, 2022, at Heritage Hall, 7:00 PM. Mayor Schramper called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced a quorum present. Council members present were Matthew Riggan, Gary Hicks, Larry Hewitt, Brady Rutledge and Joseph Wilson.

Mayor Schramper led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Prayer led by Larry Hewitt.

Citizens were given an opportunity to comment.

Matt Riggan motioned to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting. Gary Hicks seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Chief Conklin gave the October Police Department Report. Justin Ray gave the October Fire Department Report. Mayor Schramper gave the October Water Usage report. Evelyn Morse notified the Council that the city conducted a Chlorine Conversion during last month.

No Municipal Court report for October.

Discussion of the EDC project to promote new business to provide a forgivable loan to Baldree & Jowers Enterprises. Rutledge stated a business plan was presented to EDC which was approved.

Brady Rutledge made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Resolution 10102022-01 a resolution of the City of Merkel, Texas authorizing the Merkel Economic Development Corporation to undertake a project to promote new or expanded business enterprises by providing a forgivable loan to Baldree & Jowers Enterprises LLC D/B/A Ranch 2 Rail. Joseph Wilson seconded the motion. Approved 4-1.

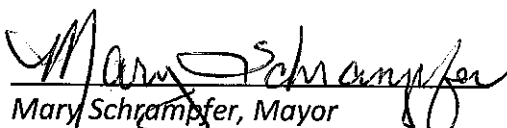
The council discussed the repeal of the alcohol beverage ordinance. Larry Hewitt motioned to approve Ordinance 11142022 an Ordinance of the City of Merkel, Texas repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 08-29-2016; prohibiting alcohol sales in certain locations; establishing a local permit fee; providing a penalty clause; and providing an effective date. Joseph Wilson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Council discussed the of selection of City Manager, Steven McKay and his start date.

Brady Rutledge motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Matt Riggan and approved 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 PM.

  
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Evelyn Morse, City Secretary

  
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Mary Schramper, Mayor