

Minutes of the February 13, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting at Heritage Hall, 7:00 PM.

The Merkel City Council met for a Regular City Council Meeting on February 13, 2023, 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, Gary Hicks, Larry Hewitt, Brady Rutledge, and Joseph Wilson.

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 January 9, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting. Matthew Riggan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Kris Hester gave the January Fire Department Report. Chief Conklin gave the January Police Department Report. Mayor Schrampfer gave the January Water Usage, the December and January Municipal Court reports. Steve McKay gave the January City Manager report.

Presentation of the 2022 City of Merkel Crime Statistics and Racial Profiling Report was tabled for March City Council Meeting.

Andrew Jones of SOMA Global gave a presentation on RMS software for the Police Department. Sheriff Bishop and Chief Conklin answered questions for the council. Discussion of cost, period of performance and background of company.

Brady Rutledge motioned to approve the purchase of SOMA Global Incident Management Suite for the Police Department. Matthew Riggan seconded. Approved 4-1.

Corey Higgins from Jacob & Martin spoke about the WWTP sludge removal project to dispose of sludge in a landfill or via land application. The council questioned when the current project will be complete and timeline for next project. Discussion of sewer ponds and TCEQ requirements to be compliant.

Brady Rutledge motioned to give City Officials permission to contact land owners and work with Jacob & Martin moving forward with waste water treatment plant sludge removal project. Joseph Wilson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Gary Hicks made a motion to order an election to be held on May 6, 2023, for Mayor, Council Place 4, and Council Place 5. Matthew Riggan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Brady Rutledge made a motion to approve the 1st Quarter FY 2022-2023 Quarterly Investment Report. Seconded by Matthew Riggan. Approved 5-0.

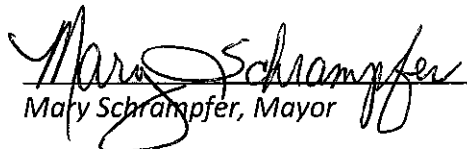
The council reviewed the 1st Quarter budget numbers of Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Brady Rutledge's motion to adjourn was seconded by Joseph Wilson and approved 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:07 PM.



Evelyn Morse, City Secretary



Mary Schramper, Mayor