

Minutes of the March 6, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting at Heritage Hall, 7:00 PM.

The Merkel City Council met for a Regular City Council Meeting on March 6, 2023, at Heritage Hall, 7:00 PM. Mayor Schrapfer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced a quorum present. Council members present were Matthew Riggan, Gary Hicks, and Larry Hewitt. Brady Rutledge and Joseph Wilson were absent.

Prayer led by Larry Hewitt.

Mayor Schrapfer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Citizens were given an opportunity to comment.

Matt Riggan motioned to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting. Larry Hewitt seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

Chief Conklin gave the February Police Department Report. Kris Hester gave the February Fire Department Report. Steve McKay gave the February City Manager report. Mayor Schrapfer gave the February Water Usage and Municipal Court reports.

Chief Conklin presented the 2022 City of Merkel Crime Statistics and Racial Profiling Report.

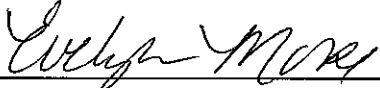
Gary Hicks motioned to approve the Joint Election agreement and contract for Election Services. Matthew Riggan seconded. Approved 3-0.

Gary Hicks tabled discussion to approve the request to waive the accrued payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) in the amount of \$8,588.62 from the Housing Authority of the City of Merkel.

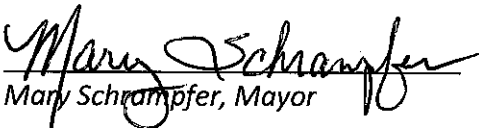
The Council discussed potential sale of City property near sewer farm.

Larry Hewitt motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Matt Riggan. Approved 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM.



Evelyn Morse, City Secretary



Mary Schrapfer, Mayor