

## **Minutes of the July 31, 2023, Called City Council Meeting at Heritage Hall, 6:00 PM.**

The Merkel City Council met for a Called City Council Meeting on July 31, 2023, at Heritage Hall, 6:00 PM. Mayor Schramper called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced a quorum present. Council members present were Matthew Riggan, Gary Hicks, Keith Darby, Larry Hewitt and Brady Rutledge. Attorney Hayman was also present.

Prayer led by Larry Hewitt.

Mayor Schramper led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Citizens were given an opportunity to comment.

The Council entered executive session at 6:16 pm under Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.074 (Personnel Matters). Executive session ended at 7:16 pm.

The Council reconvened to open meeting at 7:17 pm.

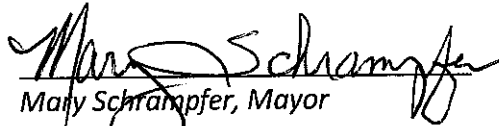
Mayor Schramper and council went over expectations of the Police Department with Chief Conklin.  
(1) Patrol more. (2) PD vehicles not for personal use. (3) Adhere to set schedule of Police Department.  
(4) Training schedule of officers.

The Council discussed the proposed budget numbers for FY 2024.

Brady Rutledge motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Larry Hewitt. Approved 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

  
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Evelyn Morse, City Secretary

  
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Mary Schramper, Mayor