

## **Minutes of October 9, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting at Heritage Hall, 7:00 PM.**

The Merkel City Council met for a Regular City Council Meeting on October 9, 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 Larry Hewitt, Gary Hicks, Brady Rutledge, and Matthew Riggan. Keith Darby was absent.

Prayer led by Larry Hewitt.

Mayor Schrampfer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Citizens were given an opportunity to comment.

Brady Rutledge motioned to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting. Gary Hicks seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Chief Harris gave the September Fire Department Report. Chief Conklin gave the September Police Department Report. Mayor Schrampfer gave the September Water Usage and Municipal Court reports. City Manager Weaver reported on the TML conference.

The council discussed funding options for the WWTP Dredging and Disposal project with Government Capital. Motion was made by Gary Hicks to proceed with 15-year funding of \$1,000,000 for the WWTP Dredging and Disposal project with Government Capital and was seconded by Larry Hewitt. Approved 4-0.

City Manager Weaver began the discussion for the General 15-year Plan Report for the City. Things discussed included economic growth, infrastructure, benchmarks, and investments. The council agreed to have workshop for discussions.

The council discussed Resolution no. 10092023-01 authorizing the Merkel EDC project providing a grant to CT Investments. Larry Hewitt motioned to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Resolution No. 10092023-1 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 grant to Caston Gillit and Tyler McDermott of CT Investments. The motion was seconded by Matt Riggan. Approved 4-0.

City Manager Weaver explained Resolution no. 10092023-2 authorizing the Merkel EDC project to pay for roll-off containers for residents. Matt Riggan motioned to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Resolution No. 10092023-2 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 establishing a property clean-up project to pay for roll-off containers for residents under certain conditions. Gary Hicks seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

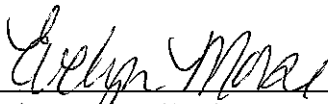
Motion to approve Grant Resolution applying for grant assistance under the USDA rules and regulations was made by Brady Rutledge and seconded by Gary Hicks. Approved 4-0.

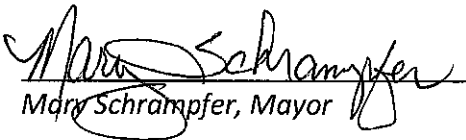
The council discussed the design of Mellinger Park including the suggestions from the Merkel Chamber. The discussion was tabled for 30 days to give Merkel Chamber time to present suggestions to the council.

Motion to approve the FY2024 Merkel Economic Development Corporation budget was made by Matt Riggan and seconded by Brady Rutledge. Approved 4-0.

Brady Rutledge motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Gary Hicks. Approved 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 PM.

  
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Evelyn Morse, City Secretary

  
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Mary Schramper, Mayor