

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

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

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 October 9, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting and the October 17, 2023, Called City Council Meeting. Keith Darby seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Chief Harris gave the October Fire Department Report. Chief Conklin gave the October Police Department Report. Mayor Schrampfer gave the October Water Usage and Municipal Court reports.

City Manager Weaver began the discussion for the General 15-year Plan Report stating updating all City Maps to GIS system for the city. This will help with locating infrastructure issues and repairs.

Gary Hicks made the motion to approve the Voting Ballot Resolution casting 7 votes for nominees Cecil Davis and 7 votes for Kent LeFevre to serve on the Board of the Central Appraisal District of Taylor County. Seconded by Brady Rutledge. Approved 5-0

Brady Rutledge motioned to approve the 2nd 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. Larry Hewitt seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

City Manager Weaver began discussion of T2L Professional Consulting proposal. The floor was opened to Mika Lunt explaining the process and results that would give the city a foundation to move forward with. Full SWOT analysis completed in 6 weeks with recommended action plan, can enhance code enforcement procedures, EEOC, data driven information.

Brady Rutledge motioned to approve T2L Professional Consulting Proposal. Keith Darby seconded the motion. Approved 4-1.

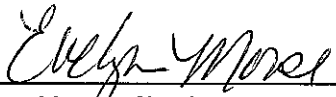
The council discussed the 4th quarter FY 2022-23 Budget numbers.

Motion to approve the 4th quarter FY 2022-23 Quarterly Investment Report was made by Matt Riggan. Keith Darby seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.


The council discussed the design of Mellinger Park from the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber asked what the City/EDC could contribute towards the cost of the renovation. City Manager Weaver stated that there were questions that needed to be answered by the City Attorney before could proceed with this project. Gary Hicks motioned to table the Mellinger Park project design until City Manager Weaver has talked with the City Attorney. Brady Rutledge seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Gary Hicks motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Brady Rutledge. Approved 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 PM.



Evelyn Morse, City Secretary



Mary Schramper, Mayor