

## **Minutes of January 8, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting at Heritage Hall, 7:00 PM.**

The Merkel City Council met for a Regular City Council Meeting on January 8, 2024, at Heritage Hall, 7:00 PM. Mayor Schramper 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 Keith Darby. Matthew Riggan was absent.

Prayer led by Larry Hewitt.

Mayor Schramper led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Citizens were given an opportunity to comment.


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

Chief Conklin gave the December Police Department Report. City Manager Weaver gave the December Fire Department Report. Mayor Schramper gave the December Water Usage and Municipal Court reports. City Manager Weaver spoke on the water leak detectors that would help catch water leaks sooner. Mayor Schramper asked about the progress of Mellinger Park project. City Manager Weaver reported to council the new hire Matt Guerrero for Code Enforcement Official started on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The council discussed the Professional Services Proposal from David Pettit Economic Development. The council discussed the cost, tax reinvestment, tax split, infrastructure improvements, commercial and housing development through the implementation of TIRZ. City Manager Weaver spoke with the City of Clyde that currently works with Pettit. City Manager Weaver to move forward for more information for the council.

Brady Rutledge motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Larry Hewitt. Approved 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 PM.

  
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Evelyn Morse, City Secretary

  
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Mary Schramper, Mayor