

## **CITY OF MERKEL**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS**

This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, (Vernon's Texas Code Annotated, Government Code, Chapter 551)

**The City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas will hold a Regular City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM, March 18, 2024, at Heritage Hall, which is located at 111 Taylor Street, Merkel, Texas 79536 at which time the following items will be considered:**

#### **OPEN MEETING**

1. ***Call meeting to order*** and announce a quorum is present.
2. ***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and TEXAS PLEDGE.***
3. ***Citizens Comments and Receipt of Petitions*** (At this time, anyone may speak on any matter other than personnel matters or matters under litigation for a length of time not to exceed three (3) minutes. ***(No Council/Board discussion or action can take place on any matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with the law).***)
4. ***Consider*** approval of the minutes of the February 12, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting.
5. ***Staff Reports.***
6. ***Consider*** Certification of Unopposed Candidates for May 4, 2024 City Election.  
***Considerar*** Certificación de candidatos sin oposición para la elección de ciudad para el 4 de Mayo, 2024.
7. ***Consider*** Order of Cancellation for election scheduled to be held on May 4, 2024.  
***Considerar*** Orden de Cancelación por elección programado para llevarse acabo el 4 de Mayo, 2024.
8. ***Consider*** the Housing Authority of the City of Merkel request to waive the accrued payments in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$10,130.67 for Pleasantville Apartments and Brickhaven Apartments.
9. ***Consider*** Resolution 03182024 A Resolution of the City Council of Merkel, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Downtown Revitalization Program.

10. **Consider** Resolution 03182024-1 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, determining that an area of the city contains conditions which are detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community and constitutes a blighted area.
11. **Consider** Resolution 03182024-2 resolution of the City of Merkel authorizing intervention in AEP Texas inc.'s requested rate change proceeding before the commission; approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas; hiring Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys and Consulting Services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel.
12. **Discuss/Consider** Resolution no. 03182024-3 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 Lupe Rubio.
13. **Discuss** Hilltop Security Proposal.
14. **Discuss** Interlocal Agreement with Merkel Economic Development Corporation for Salary and Benefit package for EDC Director.
15. **Discuss/Consider** Potential sale of City property.
16. **Discuss** updating Building Code Ordinance.

## ADJOURNMENT

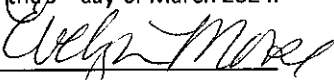
*All items on the agenda are for discussion and possible action.*

*The Merkel City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time concerning any matters listed above, whenever it is considered necessary by the Council and is legally justified under the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Subchapter D), as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development).*

*The City of Merkel is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodation and equal access to communications will be provided to those who provide notice to the City Secretary, 325-928-4911, at least 48 hours in advance.*

## CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the City Posting Board at City Hall, 100 Kent Street, Merkel, Texas, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

  
Evelyn Morse, City Secretary