Minutes of August 8, 2024, Called City Council Meeting at Heritage Hall, 6:00 PM.

The Merkel City Council met for a Called City Council Meeting on August 8, 2024, at Heritage Hall, 6:00 PM. Mayor Schrampfer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced a quorum present. Council members present were Matthew Riggan, Collin Jacobs, Rode McElreath and Brady Rutledge.

Mayor Schrampfer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

No citizens were present.

Mayor Schrampfer started the discussion of the contract for inspection services with Construction and Code Services. Discussion included background of inspector, process of permitting and costs, commercial electric inspections, standard of confidentiality between clients.

Brady Rutledge motioned to approve the contract for inspection services with Construction and Code Services, LLC. Matt Riggan seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

The Council discussed the permit fee schedule for inspections. Costs are similar to City of Abilene and will be posted on the website. Discussion of future commercial companies' costs of permitting and if any fees might be waived as incentives.

Motion to approve the permit/fee schedule for inspection services was made by Rode McElreath and seconded by Collin Jacobs. Approved 4-0.

The Council reviewed the FY 2025 proposed budget. Adjustments were suggested to balance out the budget.

Brady Rutledge motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Collin Jacobs. Approved 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Evelyn Morsel City Secretary