

**Minutes of December 2, 2024, Called City Council Meeting at Heritage Hall, 7:00 PM.**

The Merkel City Council met for a Called City Council Meeting on December 2, 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 Matthew Riggan, Collin Jacobs, Rode McElreath, Brady Rutledge and Elaine Chaney.

Prayer led by Brady Rutledge.

Mayor Schramper led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Citizens were given an opportunity to comment.

The motion was made by Brady Rutledge to enter into executive session and was seconded by Collin Jacobs. Approved 5-0.

The Council entered executive session at 7:06 pm under Texas Gov't Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

The Council reconvened to open meeting at 8:20 pm.

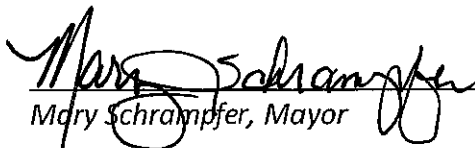
Motion to make Evelyn Morse Assistant City Manager with raise increase was made by Brady Rutledge and seconded by Rode McElreath. Approved 5-0.

The motion was made by Elaine Chaney to move forward with Clear Career Professionals for search of candidates for City Manager and was seconded by Rode McElreath. Approved 5-0.

Brady Rutledge motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Elaine Chaney. Approved 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:24 PM.

  
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Evelyn Morse, City Secretary

  
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Mary Schramper, Mayor