

## **Minutes of June 3, 2025, Called City Council Meeting at Heritage Hall, 6:00 PM.**

The Merkel City Council met for a Called City Council Meeting on June 3, 2025, at Heritage Hall, 6:00 PM. Mayor Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced a quorum present. Council members present were Elaine Chaney, Collin Jacobs, Matthew Riggan, and Amanda Farmer. Rode McElreath was absent. Matthew Hitt was also present.

Prayer led by Colton Grisham.

Mayor Cobb led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

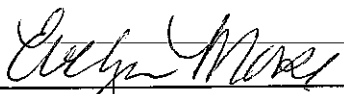
Citizens were given an opportunity to comment.

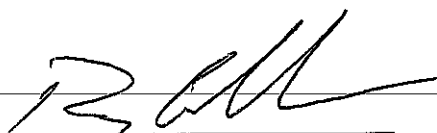
Mayor Cobb introduced the new City Manager, Matthew Hitt, and he gave a brief history.

Mayor Cobb started the discussion asking what the vision for the Merkel is and giving his view. In attendance for the roundtable were representatives from the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, Merkel ISD Superintendent and board members, Merkel EDC director and board members, and city department heads. Attendees were given the opportunity to respond with input for their entity's visions for Merkel. Some suggestions for goals and visions were school, housing, safety, community.

Collin Jacobs motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Matthew Riggan. Approved 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM.

  
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Evelyn Morse, City Secretary

  
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Ray Cobb, Mayor