

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 6:00 PM, **August 19, 2025**, 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. ***Discuss/Consider*** appointment of City Council, Place 2.
5. ***Consider*** approval of the minutes of July 15, 2025, Called City Council Meeting, and July 22, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.
6. ***Staff Reports.***
7. ***Public Hearing*** Regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure Situated on the Following Property: Merkel West Mobile Home Addition, Block B, Lot 11, Acres 0.1524, commonly known as 245 High Cotton.
8. ***Consider and Take Appropriate Action*** Regarding Determination that the Structure on 245 High Cotton is or is not Substandard pursuant to City Ordinance No. 04-21-2025.
9. ***Consider and Take Appropriate Action*** to Enter an Order requiring that the structure on 245 High Cotton be vacated, secured, repaired, removed, or demolished within a certain time frame.
10. ***Public Hearing*** Regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure Situated on the Following Property: Merkel West Mobile Home Addition, Block B, Lot 8, Acres 0.1469, commonly known as 197 High Cotton.
11. ***Consider and Take Appropriate Action*** Regarding Determination that the Structure on 197 High Cotton is or is not Substandard pursuant to City Ordinance No. 04-21-2025.

12. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** to Enter an Order requiring that the structure on 197 High Cotton be vacated, secured, repaired, removed, or demolished within a certain time frame.
13. **Discuss/Consider** 1st READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 09162025 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS FIXING AND ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 (FY 2026).
14. **Discuss/Consider** 1st READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 09162025-1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS FIXING AND ESTABLISHING A TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 (FY 2026).
15. **Discuss/Consider** Ordinance No 08192025 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 08142024-2 PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN WATER, SEWER UTILITY AND SOLID WASTE RATES.
16. **Discuss/Consider** approval of City of Merkel Water and Sewer Department Service charges.
17. **Discuss/Consider** approval of City of Merkel Fee Schedules.

ADJOURNMENT

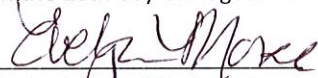
All items on the agenda are for discussion and possible action.

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 15th day of August 2025.


Evelyn Morse, City Secretary