

## **Minutes of January 6, 2026, Called City Council Meeting at Heritage Hall, 6:00 PM.**

The Merkel City Council met for a Regular City Council Meeting on January 6, 2026, 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, Tyler Newberry and Matthew Riggan.

Prayer was led by Collin Jacobs.

Mayor Cobb led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Citizens were given an opportunity to comment.

Motion to approve Resolution 01062026 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merkel, TX authorizing the filing of a grant application with the West Central Texas Council of Governments for a regional solid waste grants program grant was made by Elaine Chaney. Collin Jacobs seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Mayor Cobb opened a Public Hearing to allow public input regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure situated on the following property: Miller Addn of Merkel, Block 2, Lot 6 & N ½ of Lot 7, Acres 0.27, commonly known as 508 Rose at 6:07 PM.

No citizens spoke during the public hearing. The public hearing closed at 6:08 PM.

A.J. Short gave description of the property at 508 Rose. A motion from Matthew Riggan determining that the structure on 508 Rose is a substandard structure was seconded by Tyler Newberry. Approved 4-0.

A motion was made by Collin Jacobs to enter an order to remove or demolish the structure at 508 Rose within 10 days of the date of the order was seconded by Elaine Chaney. Approved 4-0.

Mayor Cobb opened a Public Hearing to allow public input regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure situated on the following property: Miller Original Town Merkel, Block 37, Lot 7 & 8 & S8 1/3 FT LT 9, Acres 0.38, commonly known as 211 Ash at 6:12 PM.

No citizens spoke during the public hearing. The public hearing closed at 6:13 PM.

A.J. Short gave description of the property at 211 Ash. A motion from Matthew Riggan determining that the structure on 211 Ash is a substandard structure was seconded by Tyler Newberry. Approved 4-0.

A motion was made by Tyler Newberry to enter an order to remove or demolish the structure at 211 Ash within 10 days of the date of the order was seconded by Collin Jacobs. Approved 4-0.

Mayor Cobb opened a Public Hearing to allow public input regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure situated on the following property: Original Town Merkel, Block 37, Lot 10 & N42 of LT 9, Acres 0.30, commonly known as 207 Ash at 6:18 PM.

No citizens spoke during the public hearing. The public hearing closed at 6:19 PM.

A.J. Short gave description of the property at 207 Ash. A motion from Collin Jacobs determining that the structure on 207 Ash is a substandard structure was seconded by Matthew Riggan. Approved 4-0.

A motion was made by Collin Jacobs to enter an order to remove or demolish the structure at 207 Ash within 10 days of the date of the order was seconded by Tyler Newberry. Approved 4-0.

Mayor Cobb opened a Public Hearing to allow public input regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure situated on the following property: College of Merkel, Block 12, Lot N75 E140 E300, Acres 0.24, commonly known as 411 Runnels at 6:21 PM.

No citizens spoke during the public hearing. The public hearing closed at 6:22 PM.

A.J. Short gave description of the property at 411 Runnels. A motion from Elaine Chaney determining that the structure on 411 Runnels is a substandard structure was seconded by Tyler Newberry. Approved 4-0.

A motion was made by Elaine Chaney to enter an order to remove or demolish the structure at 411 Runnels within 10 days of the date of the order was seconded by Matthew Riggan. Approved 4-0.

Mayor Cobb opened a Public Hearing to allow public input regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure situated on the following property: Original Town Merkel, Block 26, Lot S59 LTS 8-12INC&S59W15 LT7, Acres 0.19, commonly known as 103 Ash at 6:30 PM.

No citizens spoke during the public hearing. The public hearing closed at 6:31 PM.

A.J. Short gave description of the property at 103 Ash. A motion from Matthew Riggan determining that the structure on 103 Ash is a substandard structure was seconded by Collin Jacobs. Approved 4-0.

A motion was made by Elaine Chaney to enter an order to remove or demolish the structure at 103 Ash within 10 days of the date of the order was seconded by Tyler Newberry. Approved 4-0.

Mayor Cobb opened a Public Hearing to allow public input regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure situated on the following property: Johnson-Merkel, Block 62, Lot N75 E140 NE QTR, Acres 0.24, commonly known as 702 Yucca at 6:38 PM.

No citizens spoke during the public hearing. The public hearing closed at 6:39 PM.


A.J. Short gave description of the property at 702 Yucca. A motion from Tyler Newberry determining that the structure on 702 Yucca is a substandard structure was seconded by Collin Jacobs. Approved 4-0.

A motion was made by Matthew Riggan to enter an order to repair, remove or demolish the structure at 702 Yucca within 60 days of the date of the order was seconded by Tyler Newberry. Approved 4-0.

Collin Jacobs motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Elaine Chaney. Approved 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 PM.

  
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Evelyn Morse, City Secretary

  
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Ray Cobb, Mayor