

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 Called City Council Meeting at 6:00 PM, **January 27, 2026**, 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).*

Consent Agenda

All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion or presentation of these items unless otherwise requested by a Council Member. In the event one or more Council Members remove an item from the consent Agenda for separate discussion or presentation, the item or items removed will be considered in numerical order as part of the Regular Agenda and shall include a public hearing.

After the Council Members have requested any item on the consent Agenda be considered separately, the public comment period will be held. The public comment section of the consent agenda allows members of the public to present any ideas or information to the City Council and staff and also allows for public comment on the consent agenda items not otherwise pulled for separate consideration. Neither the City Council nor staff will engage in discussion with the public during the public comments unless the item is listed on the Council agenda.

4. ***Minutes:*** Discuss/Consider approval of the minutes of December 16, 2025, Regular City Council and January 6, 2026, Called City Council meeting.
5. ***Acceptance*** of Staff Reports.

Regular Agenda

6. ***Presentation of Annual Financial Report (Audit)*** for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025, by Cathrine Wilks, CPA.
7. ***Consider*** approval of Annual Financial Report (Audit) for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025.
8. ***Public Hearing*** on Petition requesting Annexation and Municipal Service Agreement for 7.33 acres of land out of Lot No. 22 of a partition of the Homer Patterson, et al lands, located in League No. 148, Grimes County School Land, Taylor County, Texas.
9. ***Discuss/Consider*** Chapter 43 Texas Local Government Code Municipal Services Agreement between the City of Merkel and Tin Cup RV Park, LLC.
10. ***Discuss/Consider*** Chapter 380 Economic Development Incentive Agreement between the City of Merkel and Tin Cup RV Park, LLC.

11. **Discuss/Consider** Ordinance 01-27-2026-1 An Ordinance annexing 7.33 acres of land out of Lot No. 22 of a partition of the Homer Patterson, et al lands, located in League No. 148, Grimes County School Land, Taylor County, to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.
12. **Discuss/Consider** Ordinance No. 01-27-2026-2 An Ordinance of the City of Merkel, Texas amending Ordinance No. 110804 to create an additional exception to the prohibition against certain heavy vehicle traveling on city streets.
13. **Discuss/Consider** Economic Development Agreement with Brit and Krista Pursley.
14. **Discuss/Consider** Zactax agreement with the City of Merkel to create Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone.
15. **EDC Update.**
16. **Discuss/Consider** Resolution 01272026 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to prepare and submit an application for Federal Transportation funding under the FY 2026 Build Grant Program.
17. **Consider** 1st Quarter FY 2025-2026 Quarterly Investment Report.
18. **Discuss** Merkel Identity Survey.
19. **Discuss/Consider** Appointment for City Council Place 4.
20. **Discuss** 10 City Salary Survey.
21. **Discuss/Consider** Appointing City Manager, Matthew Hitt, as Public Funds Investment Officer for the City of Merkel.
22. **Consider** Order of City Election to be held on May 2, 2026.
23. **Consider** approval of Memorandum of Understanding for equipment sale.

ADJOURNMENT

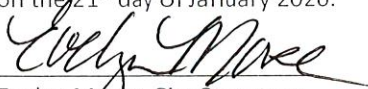
All items on the agenda are for discussion and possible action.

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 21st day of January 2026.


Evelyn Morse, City Secretary