

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, March 24, 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 February 17, 2026, Regular City Council meeting and of March 3, 2026, Called City Council meeting.
5. ***Acceptance*** of Staff Reports.
6. ***Discuss/Consider*** ratifying City of Merkel Fee Schedules.

Regular Agenda

7. ***Consider*** Certification of Unopposed Candidates for May 2, 2026, City Election.
Considerar Certificación de candidatos sin oposición para la elección de ciudad para el 2 de Mayo, 2026.
8. ***Consider*** Order of Cancellation for elections scheduled to be held on May 2, 2026.
Considerar Orden de Cancelación por elecciones programado para llevarse a cabo el 2 de Mayo, 2026.

9. **Consider** the Housing Authority of the City of Merkel request to waive the accrued payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) in the amount of \$16,076.41 for Pleasantville Apartments and Brickhaven Apartments.
10. **Discuss/Consider** Special Event Permit Application for Merkel Chamber of Commerce Car Show.
11. **Discuss** Water Rate Study.
12. **Discuss** Salary Survey.
13. **Discuss** Potential Summer Hours.
14. **Discuss/Consider** approval of Rebrand Strategic Framework.
15. **Discuss/Consider** approval of Comprehensive Plan Proposal.
16. **Update - EDC.**

ADJOURNMENT

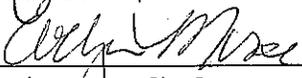
All items on the agenda are for discussion and possible action.

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 13th day of March 2026.


Evelyn Morse, City Secretary