

## **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, April 21, 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).*)
4. **Proclamation** National Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week.

#### **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.

5. **Minutes:** Discuss/Consider approval of the minutes of March 24, 2026, Regular City Council meeting.
6. **Acceptance** of Staff Reports.
7. **Discuss/Consider** MISD request for approval of Alternative Compliance – Hardened Interior Refuge Area for New Middle School Construction Project.

#### **Regular Agenda**

8. **Public Hearing** - Amending City Zoning Ordinance regarding Recreational Vehicles.
9. **Discuss/Consider** Ordinance No. 04-21-2026-1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 0727-98, ARTICLE I "ENACTMENT AND DEFINITIONS", SECTION 2 "DEFINITIONS" BY ADDING DEFINITIONS FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS AND REMOVING DEFINITIONS FOR VACATION TRAVEL TRAILER AND VACATION TRAVEL TRAILER PARK; AMENDING ARTICLE II "PERMITTED USES AND AREA REGULATIONS",

SECTION 1 "PERMITTED USES" TO REFLECT THE DEFINITION CHANGES DESCRIBED ABOVE; REVISING ARTICLE II "PERMITTED USES", SECTION 5 "SPECIAL USE REGULATIONS" TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN SPECIAL REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE AND STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

10. **Discuss** Water Rate Study.
11. **Discuss/Consider** Police Department Salaries.
12. **Discuss/Consider** Removal of (3) three School Resource Officer positions and creation of (1) one Police Patrol position.
13. **Discuss/Consider** Temporary Summer Hours.
14. **Discuss/Consider** SAFEbuilt Client Project Proposal.
15. **Update - EDC.**
16. **Discuss** EDC Bylaws.
17. **Public Hearing** Regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure Situated on the Following Property: West of Merkel, Block E, Lot 6&S1/2 LT 5, Acres 0.24, commonly known as 404 Lois.
18. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** Regarding Determination that the Structure on 404 Lois is or is not Substandard pursuant to City Ordinance No. 04-21-2025.
19. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** to Enter an Order requiring that the structure on 404 Lois be vacated, secured, repaired, removed, or demolished within a certain time frame.
20. **Public Hearing** Regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure Situated on the Following Property: College of Merkel, Block 9, Lot 12 & N1/2 LT11, Acres 0.24, commonly known as 412 Edwards.
21. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** Regarding Determination that the Structure on 412 Edwards is or is not Substandard pursuant to City Ordinance No. 04-21-2025.
22. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** to Enter an Order requiring that the structure on 412 Edwards be vacated, secured, repaired, removed, or demolished within a certain time frame.
23. **Public Hearing** Regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure Situated on the Following Property: Original Town Merkel, Block 41, Lot E90 of LT 1, Acres 0.10, commonly known as 302 Locust.
24. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** Regarding Determination that the Structure on 302 Locust is or is not Substandard pursuant to City Ordinance No. 04-21-2025.

25. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** to Enter an Order requiring that the structure on 302 Locust be vacated, secured, repaired, removed, or demolished within a certain time frame.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

  
Evelyn Morse, City Secretary