

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, May 12, 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. **Administer** Oath of Office to Ray Cobb, Mayor, Matthew Riggan, City Council Place 1, Tyler Newberry, City Council Place 2, Collin Jacobs, City Council Place 3, and Alexis Smith, City Council Place 4 .

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 April 13, 2026, Called Joint City Council Meeting and April 21, 2026, Regular City Council meeting.
6. **Acceptance** of Staff Reports.
7. **Consider** Approval of LOGIC Investment Pool as an Authorized Investment.
8. **Consider** ratifying purchase for Street Project 2017 Mahindra Tractor.
9. **Consider** ratifying Auditor Engagement Letter.
10. **Consider** a Resolution Authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife for the 2027 Local Park Grant.

11. **Consider** and act upon adopting an Ordinance Prohibiting Drilling and Mining in public parks in the City of Merkel in relation to the Texas Parks and Wildlife 2027 Local Park Grant.

Regular Agenda

12. **Public Hearing** regarding the submission of a Local Park Grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).
13. **Discuss/Consider** Rebranding and Logo.
14. **Discuss/Consider** RESOLUTION NO. 05-12-2026 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MERKEL AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN AEP TEXAS INC.'S APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS RIDER MOBILE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ELECTRIC ENERGY FACILITIES BEFORE THE COMMISSION; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY AEP TEXAS; HIRING LLOYD GOSSELINK ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES' RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.
15. **Discuss/Consider** ORDINANCE No. 05-12-2026-1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF NOT EXCEEDING \$500 GENERALLY OR NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000 FOR VIOLATIONS RELATING TO FIRE SAFETY, ZONING OR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION OR NOT EXCEEDING \$4,000 FOR VIOLATIONS RELATING TO DUMPING OF REFUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.
16. **Discuss/Consider** Ordinance No. 05-12-2026-2 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 11 "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES", ARTICLE 11.01 "GENERAL PROVISIONS" OF THE MERKEL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD SECTION 11.01.001 "ENGINE BRAKING PROHIBITED" TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ENGINE BRAKING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
17. **Discuss** Water Rate Study.
18. **Review** 2nd Quarter FY 2025-2026 Budget numbers.
19. **Update - EDC.**

ADJOURNMENT

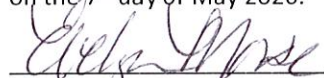
All items on the agenda are for discussion and possible action.

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 7th day of May 2026.



Evelyn Morse, City Secretary