

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, August 18, 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. ***Presentation*** of Law Enforcement Command Officer Professional Award to Phillip Conklin.

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 July 14, 2026, Called City Council Meeting and July 21, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.
6. ***Acceptance*** of Staff Reports.

Regular Agenda

7. ***Introduction*** – City of Merkel Safebuilt Inspector, Rey Salinas.
8. ***Public Hearing*** – Creation of Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Merkel.
9. ***Discuss/Consider*** ORDINANCE 08-18-2026-1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS ANNEXING PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF F.M. HIGHWAY NO. 126, BEGINNING AT THE PRESENT CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MERKEL AND CONTINUING NORTH TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF A PARCEL OF LAND DESIGNATED AS 1137 F.M. 126, TO THE CITY OF MERKEL, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS; EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID CITY TO INCLUDE SAID PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY LIMITS; AND GRANTING TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS OF SAID CITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

10. **Discuss/Consider** ORDINANCE 08182026-2 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, DESIGNATING A CONTIGUOUS GEOGRAPHIC AREA WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY AS "REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE, CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS"; CREATING A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ZONE; PROVIDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION DATE OF THE ZONE; ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FUND FOR THE ZONE; DETERMINING THE PORTION OF THE CITY'S TAX INCREMENT TO BE DEPOSITED TO THE FUND; MAKING FINDINGS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 311, TEXAS TAX CODE; AUTHORIZING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WITHIN THE ZONE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
11. **Discuss/Consider** ORDINANCE 08-18-2026-3 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS ADOPTING APPENDIX A "MASTER FEE SCHEDULE" OF THE MERKEL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH A MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF MERKEL TO ESTABLISH RATES AND FEES FOR CITY SERVICES; AMENDING CERTAIN FEES FOR BUILDING PERMITS AND ZONING APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
12. **Update - EDC.**
13. **Update** – City of Merkel Comprehensive Plan.
14. **Update** – Police Officer hiring.
15. **Discuss** TCEQ update.
16. **Discuss** Grant application update.
17. **Discuss/Consider** City Hall hours.
18. **Discuss** Water Rate Study.
19. **Discuss** Proposed Budget FY2027.

ADJOURNMENT

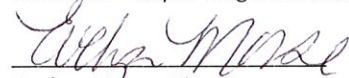
All items on the agenda are for discussion and possible action.

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 12th day of August 2026.


Evelyn Morse, City Secretary