

Minutes of July 14, 2026, Called City Council Meeting at Heritage Hall, 6:00 PM.

The Merkel City Council met for a Called City Council Meeting on July 14, 2026, at Heritage Hall, 6:00 PM. Mayor Cobbs called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM and announced a quorum present. Council members present were Elaine Chaney, Collin Jacobs, Tyler Newberry, and Lexi Smith. Matthew Riggan was absent.

Prayer was led by Collin Jacobs.

Mayor Cobb led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Citizens were given an opportunity to comment.

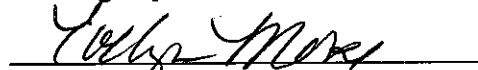
Mayor Cobb opened a Public Hearing to allow for public input on regarding the annexation of a portion of FM 126 beginning at the present City Limits to the Northern Boundary of 1137 FM 126 at 6:01 PM. No citizens spoke.

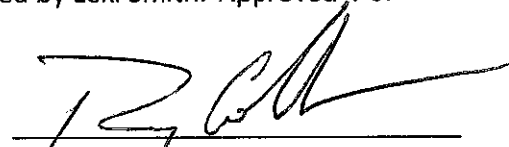
Public Hearing closed at 6:05 PM.

The council discussed the Safebuild Building Inspection proposal. Patrick Moran from Safebuild was in attendance to answer question on the proposal. He explained the benefits for their service are inspectors are licensed and impartial, can be scheduled daily, and inspect all phases of projects. The council discussed the contract length, cost to builders, permits required and benefit of a 210 Warranty. Collin Jacobs motioned to approve the Safebuild Inspection Proposal and Elaine Chaney seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Collin Jacobs motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Lexi Smith. Approved 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 PM.


Evelyn Morise, City Secretary


Ray Cobb, Mayor