

ORDINANCE NO: 09152026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS FIXING AND ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027 (FY 27).

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Merkel, Texas, in obedience of the laws of the State of Texas, submitted to the City Council of the City of Merkel, a proposed budget covering the proposed income and expenditures of said City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027 (FY 27); and

WHEREAS, the City Council will, after public hearing, adopt its budget for the Fiscal Year on September 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the income and expenditures listed are estimates; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is aware that from time to time adjustments need to be made to ensure necessary funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS,

PART 1. That the following budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 be adopted:

Income

General Fund Income:
\$2,223,456.54

Expenditures

General Fund Expenditures:
\$2,220,929.53

Income

Water & Sewer Income:
\$3,422,400.00

Expenditures

Water & Sewer Expenditures:
\$2,792,369.00

Total Income: \$5,645,856.54

Total Expenses: \$5,013,298.53

Balance \$632,558.01

PART 2: That any necessary transfers between accounts and departments deemed essential by the City Manager for operation of the City are hereby authorized, approved and appropriated.

PART 3. That the City Manager or his authorized and designated employees, at his discretion, be and are hereby authorized to sign or release easements, permits, licenses, and change orders; to sign authorizing the payment of funds; and to expend Public Funds for amounts not

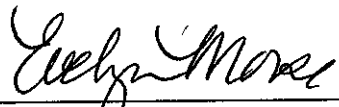
to exceed the limits set by Texas Local Government Code 252.001 Et. Seq. unless otherwise authorized by the City Council; to settle paving assessments, weed mowing, demolition, and other disputes based on legal questions of whether the assessments are enforceable or other extenuation of factual circumstances. The extent involves numerous decisions of a routine nature.

PART 4. That the City Council sets out by budget, grants and contracts and authorizes the City Manager or his authorized employees, at his discretion, to sign federal, state, and other such grants and contract documents on behalf of the City. The funds for said contracts, agreements and purchases are hereby approved and appropriated. The intent of this section is to approve and simplify the grant process and approve expenditures that are exempt from the purchasing and contracting authority of municipalities according to Texas Local Government Code 252 Et. Seq.

PART 5. That after passage on the first reading, a notice of the time and place said Ordinance would be given a Public Hearing and considered for final passage was published in the Abilene Reporter News, a daily newspaper of general circulation in Taylor County, Texas, the same being more than 10 days prior to the date designated for said Hearing according to Texas Local Government Code 102.9965 Et. Seq. After such opportunity for the public to be heard, said Ordinance will be considered for passage on its second and final reading.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 15th day of September 2026.

Attest:



Evelyn Morse, City Secretary



Ray Cobb, Mayor