Minutes of September 8, 2026, Called City Council Meeting at Heritage Hall, 6:00 PM.

The Merkel City Council met for a Called City Council Meeting on September 8, 2026, at Heritage Hall, 6:00 PM. Mayor Cobbs called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced a quorum present. Council members present were Elaine Chaney, Collin Jacobs, Lexi Smith and Matthew Riggan. Tyler Newberry 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 regarding Budget Ordinance No. 09082026 for FY 2026-2027at 6:10 PM.

Public Hearing closed at 6:11 PM.

Motion was made by Elaine Chaney to postpone the vote for the FY 2027 Budget Ordinance until the meeting on September 15, 2026. Collin Jacobs seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Discussion of the amended budget with the breakdown of the unspent funds from the FY2025 budget. Motion was made by Collin Jacobs to approve the Ordinance 09-08-2026-1 An Ordinance Of The City Of Merkel, Texas Amending Ordinance No. 09162025 to amend the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025, and Ending September 30, 2026, adopting said budget as amended; and providing for an effective date. Motion was seconded by Elaine Chaney. Approved 4-0.

Lexi Smith motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Elaine Chaney. Approved 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Evelyn Morse, City Secretary

Ray Cobb, Mayor