

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, **October 20, 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).***

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.

4. ***Minutes:*** Discuss/Consider approval of the minutes of September 8, 2026, Called City Council Meeting and September 15, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.
5. ***Acceptance*** of Staff Reports.

Regular Agenda

6. ***Discuss/Consider*** Resolution 10202026-1 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL , TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND.
7. ***Presentation*** from Retail Coach.
8. ***Discuss/Consider*** exception to Water Meter Policy for pre-existing taps installed by the City.
9. ***Discuss/Consider*** Approval of EDC Budget FY2027.
10. ***Discuss/Consider*** Appointment/Reappointment of EDC Board Members.
11. ***Update*** – EDC properties and projects.

12. **Discuss/Consider** Transfer of 2015 PD Vehicle to MISD.
13. **Update** on Cloud Conversion.
14. **Update** – Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone.
15. **Discuss/Consider** County Waste Service Contract Extension.
16. **Update** – Police Department hiring.

ADJOURNMENT

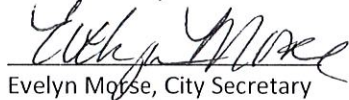
All items on the agenda are for discussion and possible action.

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 13th day of October 2026.



Evelyn Morse, City Secretary

PUBLIC TESTIMONY NOTICE: Persons wishing to address the City Council during a “Public Hearing” or “Open Forum” shall complete and present a Public Testimony Participation Form to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of the scheduled City Council meeting. Each speaker will be allowed three (3) minutes to address the City Council. No discussion or action may be taken by the City Council on a matter unless the matter has been placed on a properly posted agenda in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

POSTING OF AGENDA PACKET: The posting of the agenda packet on the City's website is for transparency and convenience of the public. All documents, such as ordinances and resolutions, are included in the packet in draft form and presented to the City Council for use in their deliberations at the Council meeting. It is not the intent of the City Manager or City Council to consider the draft documents as adopted or not subject to revision. All draft documents discussed at duly called City Council meetings will be revised pursuant to action taken at the meeting, and the final form of such adopted documents is subject to review by the public under the Public Information Act.