Minutes of November 2, 2026, Called City Council Meeting at Heritage Hall, 6:00 PM.

The Merkel City Council met for a Called City Council Meeting on November 2, 2026, at Heritage Hall, 6:00 PM. Mayor Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced a quorum present. Council members present were Elaine Chaney, Tyler Newberry, Lexi Smith, Collin Jacobs and Matthew Riggan. Attorney Eileen Hayman was also present.

Mayor Cobb led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Prayer was led by Collin Jacobs.

Citizens were given an opportunity to comment.

The council discussed the positions open on the Economic Development Board, and if there is a need of more council members on the board. Carrie Jones spoke to the council regarding her experience. Collin Jacobs motioned to appoint Frank Hollis to the EDC board and was seconded by Tyler Newberry. Approved 5-0. Tyler Newberry motioned to appoint Randi Deal to the EDC board and was seconded by Matthew Riggan. Approved 5-0. Elaine Chaney motioned to reappoint Derrell Riggan to the EDC board and was seconded by Matthew Riggan. Approved 5-0. Elaine Chaney motioned to reappoint Collin Jacobs to the EDC board and was seconded by Tyler Newberry. Approved 5-0.

The Council entered executive session at 6:20 pm Under Texas Gov't Code Section, 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) Open Meeting Training. Executive session ended at 7:31 pm.

The Council reconvened to open meeting at 7:32 pm. No action taken from Executive Session.

Lexi Smith motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Elaine Chaney. Approved 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Evelyn Morse, City Secretary

Ray Cobb, Mayor