

City of Milano City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 16, 2024 – 6:30 pm
Milano Civic Center 120 West Avenue E Milano, TX 76556

Mayor Westbrook called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The mayor established there was a quorum. All council members were present. The meeting opened with greetings from Mayor Westbrook. Councilman Chad Lagrone gave the invocation and Mayor Westbrook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

Joe VanWinkle spoke about Flat Street not being paved. He wanted to know when it will be paved and if there no defined date for paving, then when will it be cleaned and smoothed. He reported that traffic is bad and at least if it were smoothed out it would help the situation.

Public Hearing on the proposed Budget for 2024-2025:

There were no comments made during this time.

Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for 2024-2025:

There were no comments made during this time.

Councilman Bryan Woods made the motion to approve the city council meeting minutes of the August 19, 2024 regular city council meeting and the minutes of the July 15, 2024 city council Budget Workshop minutes and pay the September 2024 bills for City of Milano. Councilman Edward Lenz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council heard from Tomm Owens about his concerns for the old bank building located at 304 E Ave E. He is seeking input on how to raise funds to save the old building. He expressed his concern about the old building falling into such disrepair that it cannot be saved. This is the only old building left in our city. Council agreed with all his concerns. No decisions were made on how to move forward.

Councilman Edward Lenz made the motion to adopt the Certified Appraisal Roll as presented from the Milam County Appraisal District as the official tax roll for the City of Milano. Councilman Chad Lagrone seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Westbrook introduced the proposed Ordinance #2024-03 to Adopt the annual budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. During discussion it was noted that this budget will raise more property taxes for maintenance and operation than last year's rate (\$0.2500) from \$29,248,765.00 (last year) to (0.2500) \$(29,268,681.00); there are no property taxes allocated for debt. The total City proposed property tax rate for FY 2024-2025 is \$0.2500 per \$100 valuation. The following are data related to the tax rate for FY 2024: Proposed rate - \$0.2500; No new revenue tax rate, unadjusted - \$0.2297; Voter-approval tax rate, unadjusted - \$0.5382. Councilman Edward Lenz made the motion to approve and Councilman Bryan Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilman Lagrone – Aye

Councilman Lenz – Aye

Councilman Paniagua – Aye

Councilwoman Westbrook – Aye

Councilman Woods - Aye

Councilwoman Glenda Westbrook made the motion to ratify the property tax revenue reflected in the budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. Councilman Chad Lagrone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

- Councilman Lagrone – Aye
- Councilman Lenz – Aye
- Councilman Paniagua – Aye
- Councilwoman Westbrook – Aye
- Councilman Woods – Aye

Mayor Westbrook introduced proposed Ordinance #2024-04 to Levy Ad Valorem Tax Beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025. Councilman John Paniagua made the motion to approve and Councilman Bryan Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

- Councilman Lagrone – Aye
- Councilman Lenz – Aye
- Councilman Paniagua – Aye
- Councilwoman Westbrook – Aye
- Councilman Woods – Aye

Mayor Westbrook read the third and final reading of Ordinance 2024-02 requiring a permit for construction of a driveway, prohibiting driveways or culverts being constructed or maintained in a manner that interferes with or obstructs drainage, prohibiting the deposit or dumping of grass, leaves, and debris in “bar ditches” and drainageways, etc. A permit fee of \$50.00 per permit will be charged. Council made no comments or adjustments concerning the wording of the ordinance.

After discussion, Mayor called for a vote to adopt Ordinance 2024-02 requiring a permit for construction of a driveway, prohibiting driveways or culverts being constructed or maintained in a manner that interferes with or obstructs drainage. Councilman John Paniagua made the motion to adopt Ordinance No 2024-02. Councilman Edward Lenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Councilman Bryan Woods made the motion to apply for the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Grant Fund Program. It is a \$750,000 dollar grant with a \$15,000 dollar match. Councilman Chad Lagrone seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Approved Not approved


Carolyn Vinton, City Secretary


Date