

City of Milano City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2019 – 6:30 pm
Milano Civic Center 120 West Avenue E Milano, TX 76556

Mayor Westbrook called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Mayor established there was a quorum present. Councilman Glenda Westbrook was absent. City Attorney Barbara Boulware-Wells attended the meeting. The meeting opened with greetings from Mayor Westbrook. Justice of the Peace Andy Isaacs gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Westbrook.

During public comment time Carlton Caffey spoke about the S 6th Street and an adjoining street that are still blocked and that the attorney representing Carol and John Brooks hasn't heard anything from the city. Mayor Westbrook approved the Girl Scouts to meet at the civic center on August 26th and the matter of the Girl Scouts meeting twice a month at the civic center without charge would be put on the agenda for the following month for council discussion.

Councilman Lenz made the motion to approve the city council meeting minutes of July 15, 2019 and also approve the August 2019 financial report. Councilman Paniagua seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Karl Westbrook was sworn in as City of Milano Municipal Court Judge by Justice of the Peace Andy Isaacs.

A Public Hearing was held on the proposed 2019 Property Tax Rate for the City of Milano. There were no public comments made.

Agenda Item #6 to adopt the proposed 2019 tax rate of \$.25 per hundred was postponed until the regular city council meeting on September 16, 2019. Councilman Paniagua made the motion to postpone and Councilman Lenz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Paniagua made the motion to certify the Milam Appraisal District Certified Tax Roll for 2019 as presented and Councilman Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The discussion of water drainage was led by Councilman Honeycutt. Councilman Honeycutt stated that canals for water drainage should be top priority and that he didn't think people in Milano realized how very important proper drainage is and that flooding for the Southern part of the city is a huge problem because of the layout of the city. Everything North of Avenue C drains down to the South part of the town and then Holdiness Lane becomes flooded along with property along the street. Councilman Paniagua agreed with Councilman Honeycutt. Both Councilman Honeycutt and Paniagua agreed that budgeting is a huge issue as to why canals cannot be put in place. There just isn't enough money to do this correctly. Carlton Caffey said that he personally digs trenches to relieve some of the flooding that comes down South 6th Street. Everyone agreed this is an ongoing problem that will probably take years to fix because this is a major expense and will be very difficult to budget enough money at any one time to put in a proper drainage system for the city.

The Mayor and City Council held a budget workshop. Another workshop is scheduled to be held at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 16, 2019.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Approved Not approved

Carolyn Vinton September 16, 2019
Carolyn Vinton, City Secretary Date