

City of Milano City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 21, 2019 – 6:30 pm
Milano Civic Center 120 West Avenue E Milano, TX 76556

Mayor Westbrook called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Mayor established there was a quorum present. Bryan Woods was absent. The meeting opened with greetings from Mayor Westbrook. Mayor Westbrook gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During public comment time: Nellie Ryan asked about the 20' alley separating her property. Phyllis and Jesse Countryman talked about owning ½ part of an unopened street. Phyllis commented that the deed reads that they own ½ of the street as conveyed from her family years ago. Martha Newman spoke about the Newman family maintaining a street adjoining her property and she would like to buy the street. Jesse Countryman wants the city to open South 6th Street so he will have access to go to his property that is currently blocked by the mobile home owned by Carolyn Strong. He said this is the only access to this part of his property because of a creek that divides his property. He said it is wrong for him to have to cross property owned by Carol and John Brooks to get to his property and the council should see that the street is opened.

Councilman Westbrook made the motion to approve the city council meeting minutes of September 16, 2019 and also approve the October 2019 financial report. Councilman Paniagua seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Randy Hughes, owner of Hughes Surveying in Cameron, Texas gave an extensive talk about surveying property and especially surveying property within the city limits of Milano. There was much discussion with him among all other citizens present. He stated that he is yet to find an original monument to begin a survey from within the City of Milano. For him, surveying inside the city limits of the City of Milano is extremely difficult. Carolyn Strong talked about using South 7th Street for Jesse Countryman to access his property. Also, Ms. Strong spoke on what had been done in the past concerning streets and alleys in the city. There was no discussion with the city council or mayor.

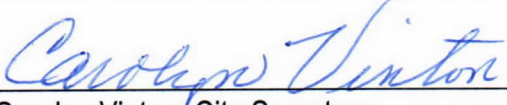
Councilman Westbrook made the motion to set the Christmas Parade and Community Christmas Dinner for December 14, 2019. Parade will begin at 10:30 am and a traditional Christmas dinner will be served to the public, free of charge, immediately after the parade in the civic center. Edward Lenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

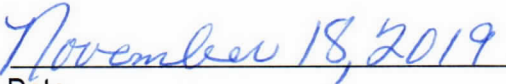
Councilman Lenz made the motion to eliminate the Christmas Decorations Contest for lack of participation in the city. Councilman Westbrook seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Lenz made the motion to have a cash prize of \$100.00 for the Best Overall winner of the parade along with a plaque. The other five divisions will receive plaques. First through third plaques will be awarded for each division. Councilman Paniagua seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. After a short discussion, the council decided to announce the theme of the 2019 Christmas Parade at a later date. Carolyn Vinton will post the flyers with the theme and divisions listed by November 15, 2019.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Approved Not approved


Carolyn Vinton, City Secretary


Date