

City of Milano City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 21, 2020 – 6:30 pm
Milano Civic Center 120 West Avenue E Milano, TX 76556

Mayor Westbrook called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Mayor established there was a quorum present. Councilman Steve Honeycutt was absent. The meeting opened with greetings from Mayor Westbrook. Mayor Westbrook gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

Mayor/Judge Karl Westbrook administered the Oath of Office to Edward Lenz to serve the term he was reelected to in May, 2020.

There were no comments made during the public hearing on the proposed budget for 2020-2021 year.

There were no comments made during the public hearing on the proposed tax rate for 2020-2021 year.

Councilman John Paniagua made the motion to approve the city council meeting minutes of August 17, 2020 and the called city council meeting minutes of August 25, 2020, as amended (by adding the words “was absent” to the sentence: Councilman Steve Honeycutt) and approve the financial report September, 2020. Councilman Edward Lenz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Glenda Westbrook made the motion to adopt the certified appraisal roll as the tax roll for the City of Milano. Councilman John Paniagua seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Westbrook introduced the proposed Ordinance #2020-02 to Adopt the annual budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. Councilman Paniagua made the motion to approve and Councilman Lenz seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilman Honeycutt – Absent
Councilman Lenz – Aye
Councilman Paniagua – Aye
Councilwoman Westbrook – Aye
Councilman Woods - Aye

Councilman John Paniagua made the motion to ratify the property tax revenue reflected in the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. Councilman Edward Lenz seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilman Honeycutt – Absent
Councilman Lenz – Aye
Councilman Paniagua – Aye
Councilwoman Westbrook – Aye
Councilman Woods – Aye

Mayor Westbrook introduced proposed Ordinance #2020-03 to Levy Ad Valorem Tax Beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. Councilman Paniagua made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Westbrook seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilman Honeycutt – Absent
Councilman Lenz – Aye
Councilman Paniagua – Aye
Councilwoman Westbrook – Aye
Councilman Woods – Aye

Councilman Lenz made the motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.250000, which is effectively an increase of 4.99% in the tax rate. Councilman Woods seconded the motion. During discussion, the council noted that the maintenance and operation portion has remained the same (from 0.250000 in 2019), the interest and sinking fund portion has remained the same (0000000 in 2019). Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

- Councilman Honeycutt – Absent
- Councilman Lenz – Aye
- Councilman Paniagua – Aye
- Councilwoman Westbrook – Aye
- Councilman Woods – Aye

Councilman Lenz made the motion that the maintenance and operations component of the property tax rate \$0.250000 be approved. Councilman Woods seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voted was recorded as follows:

- Councilman Honeycutt – Absent
- Councilman Lenz – Aye
- Councilman Paniagua – Aye
- Councilwoman Westbrook – Aye
- Councilman Woods – Aye

Councilman Lenz made the motion that the debt component of the property tax rate \$0.000000 be approved. Councilwoman Westbrook seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

- Councilman Honeycutt – Absent
- Councilman Lenz – Aye
- Councilman Paniagua – Aye
- Councilwoman Westbrook – Aye
- Councilman Woods – Aye

Council adjourned to executive session at 6:58 p. m.

Council reconvened to regular session at 7:28 p. m.

Councilwoman Westbrook made the motion to direct the city attorney to present the city’s position concerning litigation; Cause No. CV38931, Carol Brooks and John Brooks v. Carolyn Strong. Councilman Lenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

 ✓ Approved Not approved

Carolyn Vinton
Carolyn Vinton, City Secretary

October 19, 2020
Date