

City of Milano City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 20, 2021 – 6:30 pm
Milano Civic Center 120 West Avenue E Milano, TX 76556

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

During public comments, Jesse Love complained about the minutes of June 21, 2021 and how they were written. A called meeting will be held on September 27, 2021 at 6:30 pm. to address the alley involved on 221 E Ave C owned by Jesse Love.

During the public hearing on the proposed budget for 2021-2022 Councilwoman Westbrook commented that the budget should have been posted on the website, a cover page should have been attached to the proposed budget with statements reflecting that more money would be raised than last year and the proposed budget requirements should have been listed.

During the public hearing on the proposed tax rate for 2021-2022 Jesse Love asked what the tax rate is and what the tax rate is proposed to be for year 2021-2022.

Councilwoman Glenda Westbrook made the motion to approve the city council meeting minutes of August 16, 2021 and approve the financial report for September, 2021 and pay the bills for City of Milano. Councilman Bryan Woods seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12 on the agenda was moved to this position: Consider and take action to accept the proposal submitted by the Strattmont Group, from Bryan, for security cameras for the civic center inside and outside. After discussion, Councilman Lenz made the motion to accept the proposal submitted by the Strattmont Group for security cameras inside and outside of the civic center. Councilman Paniagua seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Westbrook made the motion to adjust the salary of Carolyn Vinton to \$34,944.00, stating that was a 3% increase in salary for the past 4 years. Motion failed for lack of a second. Councilman Lenz made a motion to adjust the salary of Carolyn Vinton to \$37,440.00 stating that is an increase of 20%. Motion failed for lack of a second. Councilman Woods made the motion to increase the salary of Carolyn Vinton to \$18.50 per hour, annual salary of \$38,480.00 (2.917% x 8 years). Councilman Lenz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 to 1 in favor with Councilwoman Westbrook opposing. Councilman Lenz made the motion to increase Kitty Pevehouse hourly pay from \$15.00 per hour to \$17.50, (16.66% per hour) 3 hours per day/5 days a week (\$11,700.00 per year to \$13,650.00 per year). Councilman Paniagua seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilwoman Westbrook opposing.

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

Mayor Westbrook introduced the proposed Ordinance #2021-005 to Adopt the annual budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. 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 \$16,248,082.00 (last year) to (\$0.2500) \$17,324,512; there is no property taxes allocated for debt. The total City proposed property tax rate for FY2022 is \$0.2500 per \$100 valuation. The following are data related to the tax rate for FY2022: Proposed rate - \$0.2500; No new revenue tax rate - \$0.237500; Voter-approval tax rate - \$0.448700. Councilman Lenz made the motion to approve and Councilman Woods seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilwoman Westbrook opposing. Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilman Paniagua made the motion to approve more property taxes for maintenance and operation than last year's rate (\$0.2500) from \$16,248,082.00 (last year) to (\$0.2500) \$17,324,512; there is no property taxes allocated for debt. The total City proposed property tax rate for FY2022 is \$0.2500 per \$100 valuation. Councilman Lenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilman Edward Lenz made the motion to ratify the property tax revenue reflected in the budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. Councilman Steve Honeycutt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mayor Westbrook introduced proposed Ordinance #2021-006 to Levy Ad Valorem Tax Beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. Councilman John Paniagua made the motion to approve and Councilman Edward Lenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilman Honeycutt – Aye

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

Councilman Paniagua made the motion that the property tax rate be increased for 2021 by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.2500/\$100, which is effectively an increase in the tax rate from last year. Councilman Lenz seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilman Lenz made the motion to adopt Central Texas Council of Governments Resolution #2021-003, authorizing the creation of the Central Texas Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District. Councilman Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

 ✓ Approved Not approved

Carolyn Vinton
Carolyn Vinton, City Secretary

November 15, 2021
Date