

City of Milano City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2024 – 6:30 pm
Milano Civic Center 120 West Avenue E Milano, TX 76556

Mayor Westbrook called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. The mayor established there was a quorum. Councilwoman Glenda Westbrook was absent. The meeting opened with greetings from Mayor Westbrook. Mayor Westbrook gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments;

Patricia Ott presented a motion to postpone on behalf of Carolyn Strong.

Guerry Strong requested council to postpone "bulldozing" his sister's, Carolyn Strong, mobile home for six months so he can save money to get an apartment. Otherwise, he will become homeless. He thought he would have a year to prepare to move. Mr. Strong also requested the council to consider rerouting the street to keep his sister's mobile home. He brought to attention the offer that was presented during court and that needs to be revisited.

Dawn Mudd asked the council for an update on who will be doing the upkeep on the ditches that have been dug so deep. Ms. Mudd stated that is a very real concern because of the blood weeds that are so tall. She cannot mow the ditches because they are just too deep. Also, she is requesting rock to be added to her driveway so she can drive her car under the carport.

Carol Brooks spoke to the council about the property she owns in Block 69. She and her husband have been paying lawyer fees for going on seven years now. This has burdened them to the point of being broke. They are requesting that this continuing law suit with Carolyn Strong be ended. Mrs. Brooks stated that she and her husband have rights to and that they are exhausted and have no more money to continue paying lawyers. She asked the council to please end this.

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

Council heard Angela Balderas request to purchase street next to her property. Her home partially sits on the street. She has been keeping the property up by removing trees that have fallen. Mrs. Balderas offered \$2,000.00 to purchase the unopened street. Councilman John Paniagua made the motion to deny the request to purchase the street. Councilman Bryan Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The council retired to executive session at 6:51pm., as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with attorney, related to Final Judgment entered in Carolyn Strong vs. Carol and John Brooks, on appeal in Case Number: 07-24-00053-CV; Trial Court Number CV38,931. The council reconvened from executive session at 7:21 pm. Councilman John Paniagua made the motion to authorize the city attorney to give notice to Carolyn Strong vacate South 6th Street and to move real property and all other possessions to property owned by Carolyn Strong. Ms. Strong will have 30 days from receipt of notice to relocate mobile home and all other possessions from South 6th Street. Councilman Edward Lenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Second 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. Council noted that on page two – Section 6 be removed from the ordinance. Page 3 – Section 5: A permit fee of \$50.00 per permit will be charged.

Council reviewed the proposed 2024-2025 budget and made no adjustments. There was no action taken.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

✓ Approved _____ Not approved

Carolyn Vinton
Carolyn Vinton, City Secretary

September 16, 2024
Date