

City of Milano City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 18, 2023 – 6:30 pm
Milano Civic Center 120 West Avenue E Milano, TX 76556

Mayor Westbrook called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. The mayor established there was a quorum present. Councilwoman Glenda Westbrook was absent. The meeting opened with greetings from Mayor Westbrook. The invocation was given by Chad Lagrone and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Westbrook.

There were no public comments.

There were no comments during the Public Hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

There were no comments during the Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Councilman John Paniagua made the motion to approve the city council meeting minutes of July 17, 2023, and approve the budget workshop minutes of August 21, 2023 and pay the bills for City of Milano. Also, noted that the August 21, 2023 regular city council meeting was canceled. Councilman Bryan Woods seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Westbrook introduced the proposed Ordinance #2023-02 to Adopt the annual budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. 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 \$19,434,291.00 (last year) to (\$0.2500) \$29,248,765.00; there is no property taxes allocated for debt. The total city proposed property tax rate for FY2023-2024 is \$0.2500 per \$100 valuation. The following are data related to the tax rate for FY2023: Proposed rate - \$0.2500; No new revenue tax rate, unadjusted - \$0.1902; Voter-approval tax rate, unadjusted - \$0.3845. Councilman Bryan Woods made the motion to approve and Councilman Lenz seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilman Chad Lagrone made the motion to ratify the property tax revenue reflected in the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. Councilman John Paniagua seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mayor Westbrook introduced proposed Ordinance #2023-03 to Levy Ad Valorem Tax Beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024. Councilman Edward Lenz made the motion to approve and Councilman John Paniagua seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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

After discussion, Councilman Johnn Paniagua made the motion to approve awarding Chasco Constructors the CDBG-MIT GLO Project #22-085-060-D317 for drainage improvements in the amount of \$3,532,220. Councilman Bryan Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Councilman Bryan Woods made the motion to approve Resolution #2023-002, authorizing the selection of a construction contractor for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG_MIT) project with the General Land Office (GLO), State Contract No. 22-085-060-D317. Councilman Edward Lenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Councilman John Paniagua made the motion to approve Ordinance #2023-04 regarding the City of Milano's Texas Municipal Retirement System Benefits. Councilman Edward Lenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

✓ Approved _____ Not approved

Carolyn Vinton _____ November 20, 2023
Carolyn Vinton, City Secretary Date