

City of Milano City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 18, 2025 – 6:30 pm
Milano Civic Center 120 West Avenue E Milano, TX 76556

Mayor Westbrook called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The mayor established there was a quorum. Councilwoman Glenda Westbrook was absent. The meeting opened with greetings from Mayor Westbrook. Councilman Chad Lagrone gave the invocation and Mayor Westbrook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Public Hearing on the proposed Budget for 2025-2026:

There were no comments made during this time.

Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for 2025-2026:

There were no comments made during this time.

Councilman Bryan Woods made the motion to approve the city council meeting minutes of the June 16, 2025 regular city council meeting, noting the July 21, 2025 regularly scheduled city council meeting was canceled and approve the minutes of the August 13, 2025 city council Budget Workshop minutes and pay the August 2025 bills for City of Milano. Councilman Edward Lenz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Hope Bocanegra addressed the city council about the survey that the council had approved to show where the alley is between her lots and the lots of the "Unknown" property, (ID 73242), that is across the alley from her. She expressed her concerns about the new activity in the vicinity of the unknown lots and her property line. She asked the council for a date for the survey to be completed on the alleyway boundaries as discussed a couple years ago. Unrecognized vehicles and people area all around the property and safety concerns have become a real issue for her. Councilman Edward Lenz made the motion to have the alley surveyed to establish the exact location and Councilman John Paniagua seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tomm Owens could not be present to discuss his concerns for the old bank building located at 304 E Ave E. At a previous meeting, Mr. Owens expressed his concerns about the old building falling into such disrepair that it cannot be saved. Councilman Edward Lenz made the motion to postpone this discussion until Mr. Owens could be present at the September 15, 2025 city council meeting. Councilman Bryan Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Councilman Edward Lenz made the motion to approve the mobile home permit for Corie and Morgan Clay. Mobile home will be placed at 230 W Ave E. Councilman Bryan Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Councilman Edward Lenz made the motion to approve the request by Ronald Davenport to get about 12 loads of dirt from the stock pile that was leftover from opening up drainage ditches within the city. Councilman John Paniagua seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Chad Lagrone made the motion to adopt the Certified Appraisal Roll as presented from the Milam County Appraisal District as the official tax roll for the City of Milano. Councilman Bryan Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Westbrook introduced the proposed Ordinance #2025-03 to Adopt the annual budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. 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 (\$30,063.26) (last year) to (0.2500) \$(32,209,138.00); there are no property taxes allocated for debt. The total City proposed property tax rate for FY 2025-2026 is \$0.2500 per \$100 valuation. The following are data related to the tax rate for FY 2025: Proposed rate - \$0.2500; No new revenue tax rate, unadjusted - \$0.2563; Voter-approval tax rate, unadjusted - \$1.160020. Councilman Edward Lenz made the motion to approve and Councilman Bryan Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilman Lagrone – Aye

Councilman Lenz – Aye

Councilman Paniagua – Aye

Councilman Woods - Aye

Councilman Edward Lenz made the motion to ratify the property tax revenue reflected in the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. Councilman Chad Lagrone 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

Councilman Woods – Aye

Mayor Westbrook introduced proposed Ordinance #2025-04 to Levy Ad Valorem Tax beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026. Councilman Bryan Woods 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 Lagrone – Aye

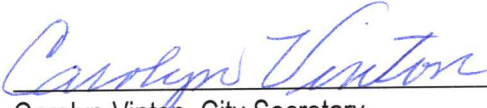
Councilman Lenz – Aye

Councilman Paniagua – Aye

Councilman Woods – Aye

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

 Approved _____ Not approved _____


Carolyn Vinton, City Secretary


Date

Record Vote to Adopt 2025-2026 City of Milano Budget

Alderman Lagrone: Aye ✓; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ____

Alderman Lenz: Aye ✓; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ____

Alderman Paniagua: Aye ✓; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ____

Alderwoman Westbrook: Aye ____; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ✓

Alderman Woods: Aye ✓; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ____

I, Carolyn Vinton, called the roll and recorded each alderman's vote to adopt the 2025-2026 City of Milano Budget.

Carolyn Vinton
Carolyn Vinton, Secretary

Date: August 18, 2025

Witness: Karl Westhake

Title: MAYOR

Date: 8-18-2025

**Record Vote to Ratify the Tax Rate for 2025-2026
City of Milano Budget**

Alderman Lagrone: Aye ✓; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ____

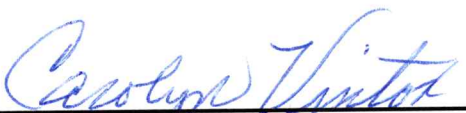
Alderman Lenz: Aye ✓; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ____

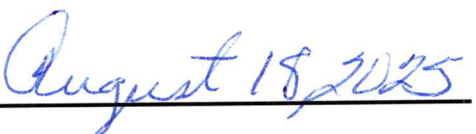
Alderman Paniagua: Aye ✓; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ____

Alderwoman Westbrook: Aye ____; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ____

Alderman Woods: Aye ✓; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ____

**I, Carolyn Vinton, called the roll and recorded each
alderman's vote to Ratify the Tax Rate for 2025-2026 City of
Milano.**


Carolyn Vinton, Secretary

Date: 

Witness: 

Title: MAYOR Date: 8-18-2025

**Record Vote to Levy and Adopt the Tax Rate 2025-2026
for City of Milano**

Alderman Lagrone: Aye ✓; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ____

Alderman Lenz: Aye ✓; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ____

Alderman Paniagua: Aye ✓; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ____

Alderwoman Westbrook: Aye ____; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ____

Alderman Woods: Aye ✓; Nay ____; Abstain ____; Absent ____

**I, Carolyn Vinton, called the roll and recorded each
alderman's vote to Levy and Adopt the Tax Rate 2025-2026
for City of Milano.**

Carolyn Vinton
Carolyn Vinton, Secretary

Date: August 18, 2025

Witness: Karl Westhead

Title: MAYOR

Date: 8-18-2025