

CITY OF STAGECOACH
CITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
E.S. Williams City Center
16930 Boot Hill Road
Stagecoach, Texas 77355

OCTOBER 18, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

State of Texas
County of Montgomery
City of Stagecoach

1. Mayor Mansee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The roll call was taken with the following persons present (P), absent (A), or late arrival (LA):

Mayor:	Galen Mansee	(P)
Aldermen:	Sharon McClure	(P)
	Jim Cooley	(A)
	James Osteen	(A)
	Mark McGill	(P)
	Bill McGahen	(P)
Attorney:	Janice Baldwin	(P)
Secretary:	Brenda Rutt	(P)
Chief of Police:	Mike Wethington	(P)

3. The Invocation was given by Janice Baldwin and the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag were said.
4. Persons desiring to appear before City Council: None.
5. Annexation of a portion of the City's extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) by the Wood Trace Municipal Utility District No. 1. City Attorney Baldwin said she has reviewed the Petition. The attorney for the MUD, Peter Harding, said that the City needs to formally adopt the Petition by a resolution. Alderman McGahen motioned to approve the inclusion of a 30.15-acre tract of land located in the B.B.B. & C.R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract 111, Montgomery County, Texas, out of a portion of Tract 5, said 30.15-acre tract being in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction, into the Wood Trace Municipal Utility District No. 1. Alderman McGill 2nd. The vote was all in favor.
6. Public Hearing: A public hearing to discuss an Ordinance regulating signage in the City limits. City Secretary Rutt explained that the public hearing has been cancelled because the notice was not published in a newspaper. City Secretary Rutt reported that she sent the notice in to be published in the *Tribune* newspaper; however, the *Tribune* has closed. The notice will be published next month in the *Potpourri* and the public hearing will be on November 15, 2016.
7. Approval of Ordinance No. O-2016-126, Signage Ordinance. Mayor Mansee explained the need to revise the current sign ordinance. Item 3 on the current ordinance states that you can have directional signs at intersections within the City. Currently, there are signs being placed all over the City with regard to property for sale. City Secretary Rutt researched sign

ordinances in other cities and subdivisions. Many cities and subdivisions refer to these types of signs as “weekend” signs and only allow them to be placed on weekends. Alderman McGill questioned Item 9 under Section 2 of the proposed ordinance about not allowing signs to be placed on fences. Fences are private property and the property owner should be the person to decide if a sign can be placed on their fence. City Secretary Rutt said that if the property owner allows the placement of the sign then it would be allowed. She will remove the word “fences” from that section. Mayor Mansee asked about the minimum 90-day requirement on some of the allowed signs. City Secretary Rutt explained that most other cities limit the number of times citizens can put out signs. This prevents signs from being left out all the time and it prevents people from putting out signs every week for some type of event such as a garage sale. Bill Berger asked about cars for sale in people’s yards with “for sale” signs on them. City Attorney Baldwin said that is another subject entirely because the car is located on private property. City Attorney Baldwin recommended against adding language about selling property on a resident’s personal property because that would interfere with the use and enjoyment of their property. She said that we can put language in the ordinance to discourage it but that it would be difficult to enforce. Table for now.

8. Council reviewed the minutes of the September 20, 2016 General Meeting. Alderman McGill motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman McGahen 2nd. The vote was all in favor.
9. Change the City’s bank depository to Amegy Bank. Mayor Mansee met with a Vice President of Amegy Bank last week. Mayor Mansee said that Amegy Bank can accommodate our banking needs for less fees and with lower required balances. Said accounts will include a checking account, money market account, building security fund account, and a technology fund account. Alderman McGahen motioned to change the City’s bank depository to Amegy Bank with the signatories on the account being the Mayor and all current Council members and to close the current bank accounts at Regions Bank. Alderwoman McClure 2nd. The vote was all in favor.
10. Status of new home construction projects within the City and requests for permit applications. No new applications were submitted for review in October. No action required.
11. Status of properties having ordinance violations. Chief Wethington reported that we will be sending out letters to residents about junk vehicles in their yard that are in violation of our ordinances. A junk vehicle cannot be visible from the street. Chief Wethington believes a lot of residents are in violation. Alderwoman McClure said that many residents have yards that back up to junk yards. The vehicles may not be visible from the street but they are unsightly to the adjoining property owner. Alderman McGahen said that the Dancys on Surrey have to look at junk vehicles also. Alderman McClure said she would like for the ordinance to also include construction equipment, trailers, roll off dumpsters, etc. No action required.
12. Status of Public Works projects and activities. Public Works Director Rutt reported that Chief Wethington has repaired the culvert at 16602 Surrey. The total cost of that culvert was around \$12,000 and the cost of the other culvert on Surrey was around \$35,000. Hopefully FEMA will give us 75% back of the repair costs. Director Rutt reported that the backhoe is still out of commission. Three cylinders have been sent out for repair. Director Rutt reported that crushed concrete was spread out over the parking lot at Lake Hardin Park and at the intersection of Old Coach and Stagecoach. Several potholes were patched along Stagecoach Road and Boot Hill Road. Director Rutt recommended fixing the paving at

intersection of Old Coach and Stagecoach Road with cold patch instead of having it professionally done. Director Rutt reported that he has purchased some tools for the City to replace items damaged in the flood as well as two more chainsaws. Ethan Krueger has been mowing the dams. There is a bunch of debris in the creek that needs to be removed. Mayor Mansee reported that the County mowed Stagecoach Road and they sprayed the weeds at the bridge. Chief Wethington plans on mowing the City next week. No action required.

13. Financial statements for September 2016. Mayor Mansee reported that, not including flood related items, the City's finances looked good at the end of our fiscal year. Director Rutt said that we will be very lucky if we are made whole after insurance and FEMA payments. City Secretary Rutt shared a list of flood related expenses incurred to date which total over \$100,000. No action required.

14. Reports:

- a. Chief of Police: Chief Wethington passed out the monthly statistics report. He said that the officers really appreciate the new Tahoe. Chief Wethington reported that Terry Rutt acquired four new laptops for the department at about one-fourth of the normal cost. The laptops have been taken to the County to have the police software loaded on them. Chief Wethington reminded residents to make sure that children are supervised when trick-or-treating. Chief Wethington said he has received many complaints about speeding during the early morning hours. He will adjust the patrol schedules to help remedy that situation. Alderman McGahen reported that kids are drag racing on Shady Oaks and Deer Creek Way. Chief Wethington will investigate the matter. Alderman McGahen reported that the stop sign at Walnut Creek continues to be a problem with people not stopping.
- b. Flood Plain Administrator: No report.
- c. P & Z Commission: No report.
- d. City Attorney: City Attorney Baldwin stated that two citations were issued to Stagecoach residents. She advised Council that she will not be able to act as the City Prosecutor with regard to those citations because she represents one of the parties in a related matter.
- e. City Secretary: City Secretary Rutt reported that the new security system has been put in place. We still need to have the officers' phones programmed so they can view the cameras remotely.
- f. Aldermen: Alderwoman McClure said the tractor work on her road was exceptional.
- g. Mayor: Mayor Mansee reported that four street lights that were not working on Stagecoach Road have been fixed. He also reported that we finally closed on the vacant lot on Old Coach Road.

15. There being no further business, Alderman McGill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Alderwoman McClure 2nd. The vote was all in favor.

Brenda Rutt

Brenda Rutt, City Secretary-Treasurer-Court Clerk

