

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

**APRIL 19, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

State of Texas  
County of Montgomery  
City of Stagecoach

1. Mayor Galen 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	(P)
	James Osteen	(P)
	Mark McGill	(P)
	Bill McGahen	(P)
Attorney:	Janice Baldwin	(A)
Secretary:	Brenda Rutt	(P)
Chief of Police:	Mike Wethington	(P)

3. The Invocation was given by Mayor Galen Mansee 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. Council reviewed the minutes of the March 15, 2016 General Meeting. City Secretary Rutt read the corrections that were submitted. Alderwoman McClure motioned to approve the minutes, as amended. Alderman McGahen 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was all in favor, with Alderman McGill and Alderman Cooley abstaining due to being absent at the March meeting.
6. Variance request for 14601 Stagecoach Road. The homeowner's builder was not able to be present due to flooding in the area. City Secretary Rutt reported that the Johnsons will be requesting a variance for the size and height of the addition. Table for now.
7. Annexation of a portion of the City's extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) by the Wood Trace Municipal Utility District No. 1. Representatives from the MUD were not present. Table for now.
8. Status of new home construction projects within the City and requests for permit applications. Planning & Zoning Commissioner Chuck Evans reported that two applications were submitted in April. An accessory building for Robert Lee at 14318 Stagecoach Road was approved. The application for an addition for the Johnsons at 14601 Stagecoach Road was not approved due to being incomplete. Bill Berger questioned if DPIS inspects aerobic septic systems. City Secretary Rutt said that it is the responsibility of the County to approve

the septic system and it is the responsibility of the contractor who installs the system to make sure the system is working properly. Every aerobic system is required to be under a maintenance contract. Bill Berger asked if the City can make it a requirement for DPIS to inspect the septic system as part of the final inspection. Terry Rutt asked if we can make that a requirement before we issue a Certificate of Occupancy. City Secretary Rutt said that aerobic systems are required to be under a maintenance contract and the installer should inspect to make sure that the system is working. Mark McGill inquired about the Hinojosas' lot at 15450 Shady Oaks because a lot of the dirt that they brought in is going into the lake. City Secretary Rutt will contact the Hinojosas about this issue and their building permit. Mark McGill inquired about the house at 33165 Deer Creek and if the owners are renovating the house in order to flip it. No action required.

9. Chief Wethington reported on the status of properties having ordinance violations. There are no properties with ordinance violations at this time. No action required.
10. Status of Public Works projects and activities. Director Terry Rutt reported that Chief Wethington and Robert Lee began cleaning out and retrenching the ditches on Westward Ho. Chief Wethington reported that the dump truck is currently in the shop because it will not start. Director Rutt and James Schexneider cut up the tree that fell at Lake Hardin Park near the walkway. Paul McCormick mowed the dams again. Director Rutt reported that the culvert on Shady Oaks is working properly. Director Rutt reported that the police department got water in it during the recent rains. Director Rutt believes the drain for the French drains in the front of the city center has been separated by trees and that may be causing water to back up on the lawn. We need to fix the pipe to prevent future flooding. Director Rutt went over the estimates for road repairs. It would require approximately \$300,000 to get all of the roads in the City into good condition. Assuming the County will provide the labor, it costs approximately \$100,000 per mile of road for paving. If the County cannot provide the labor, it will cost about \$150,000 per mile. Mayor Mansee said we could possibly have a bond election. Alderman McGahen said that he doubted that a bond election would pass. Mayor Mansee stated that the speed limit is 30 miles per hour throughout the City and, while he agrees that we need to repair the roads, he does not think we need to spend that much money on road repaving. Director Rutt said that at one point the City passed a \$250,000 bond but the then current Mayor turned around and paid off the bonds instead of paving the roads. Alderman McGill said that we need to come up with a plan in the next budget cycle for road repairs. As the Mayor said, we used to drive on gravel roads. Director Rutt said that we could get some bulk cold patch and try to patch some of the roads ourselves. The roads would still have to be compacted. Chuck Evans said that we need to contribute to a capital improvement account every year specifically for roads. Chuck Evans said this should be put in a separate account and not be part of the general funds. Director Rutt said there is approximately \$80,000 needed to repair roads that are in poor condition. Bill Berger said a certain amount of money needs to be set aside every year. At one point, the City was setting aside \$50,000 every year for road paving. Alderman McGahen said if funds are not set aside, a bond issue will be necessary. Bill Berger said the roads need to be made a priority and the money set aside. Mayor Mansee will look into putting this year's budgeted amount for road repairs into a CD. No action required.
11. Financial statements for March 2016. No action required.
12. Reports:
  - a. Chief of Police: Passed out the monthly statistics report. Chief Wethington had to call the State emergency management people during the recent rains because the dam was

within one foot from going over the road. Chief Wethington reminded Council about the hydrological survey that is required for the dams; he hopes we can go a few more years before we have to have the survey done. We have been doing maintenance and a few projects on the dams every year such as putting extra concrete on the backside of the dam and on the sides of the spillway. Director Rutt said the State wanted us to clear the backside of the Apache spillway but he thinks it is better to have the brush and trees that are currently in place to prevent erosion. Chief Wethington reported that there were two possible felony thefts in the City. Chief Wethington reported that he had previously asked one resident to place a lock on his accessory building and the other resident had not locked his vehicle. Chief Wethington reported that the 2014 Tahoe had a wheel bearing failure. The Tahoe broke down in front of David's Automotive and David's Automotive fixed the problem. Chief Wethington is going to try to get the money we spent at David's Automotive back because it should have covered by the warranty on the vehicle. Chief Wethington reported that Pct. 5 Chief Deputy David Wood had a heart attack and passed away last weekend. He also reported that Stagecoach resident Herbert Rucker died in a freak accident last week. Sgt. Ayala will be returning to reserve status as of April 30 due to budget constraints. Chief Wethington said we will need to purchase a new vehicle in the next budget year and there are some other items that the department will need next year.

- b. Flood Plain Administrator: No report.
  - c. P & Z Commission: No report.
  - d. City Attorney: No report.
  - e. City Secretary: No report.
  - f. Aldermen: Alderman McGahen said we all need to think about calling the police when we see people cutting trees. Alderman McGahen announced that Alderman Cooley has retired. Alderman Cooley has picked up an application to be a reserve at the police department. Alderwoman McClure said she really appreciates all of the hard work that Sgt. Ayala has done and his efforts in keeping the city safe.
  - g. Mayor: Mayor Mansee thanked Alderman McGahen for presiding over last month's meeting. Mayor Mansee said that people need to keep their culverts cleaned out. Alderman McGahen commented on the new culvert on Stagecoach Road. Chief Wethington reported that the County put in the new culvert. Director Rutt asked people to quit dropping things like stumps and logs into the water ways and ditches.
13. There being no further business, Alderwoman McClure motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Alderman Cooley 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was all in favor.

*Brenda Rutt*

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