

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

**MAY 17, 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	(P)
Secretary:	Brenda Rutt	(P)
Chief of Police:	Mike Wethington	(P)

3. The Invocation was given by City Attorney Janice Baldwin and the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag were said.
4. Oaths of Office for returning Council Members. City Secretary Brenda Rutt administered the Oaths of Office to returning City Council Members:

Galen Mansee – Mayor  
Sharon McClure - Alderwoman, Position 1  
James Osteen – Alderman, Position 3

5. Election of Mayor Pro Tem. Nominations were solicited from Council for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Alderman McGill motioned to elect Bill McGahen as Mayor Pro Tem for the May 2016 - May 2017 term. Alderwoman McClure 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was all in favor.
6. Persons desiring to appear before City Council: None
7. Daetta Tuck with Steel Heels Motorcycle Club gave a presentation on motorcycle safety. Mayor Mansee presented her with a Proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month. No action necessary.

8. Council reviewed the minutes of the April 20, 2016 General Meeting. City Secretary Rutt read the corrections that were submitted. Alderman McGill motioned to approve the minutes, as amended. Alderman Cooley 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was all in favor.
9. Appoint Carolyn Cox as Municipal Court Judge for the term ending May 2018. Alderman McGahen motioned to reappoint Judge Carolyn Cox as the Municipal Court Judge for the term ending May 2018. Alderwoman McClure 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was all in favor.
10. Variance request for 14601 Stagecoach Road. Scott Boston, the builder for the Johnsons, explained the need for the variance. The Johnsons currently have a three car garage and they want to add a second floor above the garage. James Schexneider explained that P&Z is waiting on some additional items. City Secretary Rutt said that everything has been submitted except for the septic approval from the County. The new addition will be approximately 4 to 5 feet taller than the house and it will be approximately 200 square feet larger than the house. The addition is barely visible from the road. James Schexneider said that P&Z does not have any objection to the variance request. Alderman McGill motioned to approve the variance request for 14601 Stagecoach Road to allow for the two story addition to be taller than the residence, but not to exceed six feet taller, and to be larger than the residence, but not to exceed 300 square feet larger. Alderman Cooley 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was all in favor.
11. Variance request for 33606 Deer Creek Way. Chuck Evans, the property owner would like to clear his property of any trees that are in danger of striking his home if they fall, to take down any trees within 60 feet of the house which pose a lightning risk, and to clear any trees in the mowed area of his yard which are too densely packed to permit his 48 inch lawnmower to pass between them. Mr. Evans had several trees come down on his property in April and two trees close to his house were struck by lightning. Mr. Evan's lot will remain heavily forested; he would merely like to have a safe-zone around his house. Alderman Osteen motioned to approve the variance request as submitted by the property owner. Alderman Cooley 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was all in favor.
12. Discussion and Possible Action: Ordinance No. O-2015-68 violation at 33327 Silver Spur. The Andrepons contracted with the builder, Drew Fritsch, to build a patio addition to their house. Mrs. Andrepont stated that it is an open air patio that is not attached to the main structure. The structure is almost complete. James Schexneider explained that P&Z could not act on the request for a permit because no plans were submitted to them at the last meeting. The builder presented some drawings to Council. Mr. Fritsch stated that the structure is approximately 500 square feet and it is not attached to the house. He stated that it is a canopy. Mrs. Andrepont said that when the house was originally built there was a covered patio that was later torn down. Council reviewed the drawings. Alderman McGahen said that the Andrepons need to submit an application with the required engineered plans to P&Z for review. Alderman Osteen concurred with Alderman McGahen. James Schexneider will check with P&Z Commissioner Evans to see if they can schedule a special meeting in order to review the application. Mrs. Andrepont said that she does not believe that Ordinance 68 requires a permit for building a patio. No action necessary.

13. Discussion and Possible Action: Road paving. Chief Wethington stated that he will only be requesting \$5,000 for a third officer for the next budget year so the extra \$10,000 that was allocated this year for a third officer can be put towards road repairs. Alderman McGahen said we are spending approximately \$20,000 a month for city expenses. Mayor Mansee said that we can put the money earmarked for road paving in a separate bank account. Alderman McGill believes it is a bad idea to just arbitrarily spend a huge amount of money on roads. Alderman McGill said that hurricane season is coming up, there are a lot of trees around the City that need to come down, and the dam survey needs to be done. Alderman McGill stated that we should wait until the next budget year to decide how much to put aside for road repairs. Alderman McGahen said we need to start thinking about fixing the roads. Mayor Mansee said that just putting the money into a separate account does not mean that it is only for road paving. Alderman McGill suggested taking \$25,000 to \$30,000 and putting those funds into an account. Then for the next budget year, we can take whatever money is budgeted for roads and put those funds into that account as well. Director Rutt said he needs about \$100,000 before he can ask the County to come out and pave the roads. Alderman McGill said we should budget an amount every year to put into the road paving fund. He thinks we should start the fund now and get it going with the funds that were budgeted for this year. Mayor Mansee will check to see how much cash was left over from last year in order to determine how much of last year's \$15,000 can be placed into the new account. Director Rutt suggested that all of the Council members drive down the bad roads and make their own assessment as to the necessity for repaving the roads. Mayor Mansee will get signature cards from the bank for the new account and we will put it on the agenda for next meeting to decide how much will be transferred into the new account. Alderman McGill would prefer to use a local bank. He suggested looking at credit union to set up an account. Alderman Osteen said we need to have strict prioritization as to how the funds will be spent. Alderwoman McClure said that people should not have to come to Council and demand to have their roads fixed. She thinks our residents have been very nice for not complaining about the roads. No action necessary.
14. Status of new home construction projects within the City and requests for permit applications. Planning & Zoning Commissioner Chuck Evans was not present. James Schexneider said that two projects were reviewed at the last meeting but neither was approved. The McDonalds at 14135 Stagecoach Road were missing several items for the addition to their home and the Andrepont's package was not complete. Chief Wethington talked to the Wells at 14836 Stagecoach Road and he said they would probably be getting their final inspection this week. Mr. Bock at 14310 Stagecoach Road will be finishing construction on his new house shortly. The Garricks at 16816 Wagon Wheel and the Servins at 16015 Westward Ho have not made a lot of progress recently. No action required.
15. Chief Wethington reported on the status of properties having ordinance violations. The Hinojasas need to submit a pre-pour inspection report before they can proceed with any further construction of their house. Chief Wethington said that they did not catch the Andrepont addition earlier because the Andreponts are also remodeling the interior of their home and they are putting up a fence around the entire property so there have been a lot of contractors coming in and out of the property. No action required.

16. Status of Public Works projects and activities. Director Terry Rutt reported that several trees were taken down and burned at the park. There are several big burn piles that need to be burned. Paul McCormick, Hilton Wieder, James Schexneider, Pete Norris, Ethan Krueger, Mike Allen and Chief Wethington all pitched into help clean up the park on Saturday. Mike Jackson also picked up a lot of debris at the park and Mark Paulson watched the fires. Alderman McGahen reported that Joey Hinrichs helped William Benton remove from several trees that fell on his driveway. Kyle Blakely was cutting up some trees that had live electric wires wrapped around them on Cimmaron Drive and Chief Wethington stopped him due to the danger involved. Chief Wethington, Robert Lee and James Schexneider did a lot of clean up around the city after the tornadic winds. The gutters at the City Center have been cleaned out. A clogged downspout was causing water to come down between the walls of the City Center and that caused the police department to flood. Love My Windows cleaned the gutters for free. Chief Wethington needs to take the dump truck to a Ford dealership that specializes in diesel engines. Alderman McGill asked if Chief Wethington has ever used Tomball Diesel and Auto in Tomball. No action required.

17. Financial statements for April 2016. No action required.

18. Reports:

- a. Chief of Police: Passed out the monthly statistics report. Chief Wethington reported that it has been a relatively quiet month. He has spent as much time on the tractor as he has spent patrolling. Two reserve officers have left the department, Officers Ayala and Gililand. The Department was recently audited by TCOLE. Four reserve officers were sent for drug screens and physicals. This is the first time we have had a complete TCOLE audit. The Department passed the audit with only a few minor problems and it was an extensive audit. The auditors were at the Department from 8:00 to 4:30. TCOLE audits are very important; they can result in agencies getting shut down. Chief Wethington stated that there have been several issues in the Department with regard to reserve officers. Chief Wethington informed Council that there are several elderly residents in the City that have health problems. Mrs. Kraatz, who has cancer, is back living at her house on Stagecoach Road. The officers try to check in on her at least once a day. Captain Abercia has changed out lightbulbs for her, and the City cut up the tree that fell across her driveway. Captain Abercia has also made sure that Mrs. Kraatz has had breakfast on several occasions. Chief Wethington thanked Captain Abercia for going above and beyond the call of duty.
- b. Flood Plain Administrator: No report.
- c. P & Z Commission: No report.
- d. City Attorney: City Attorney Baldwin has received the paperwork from the Wood Trace attorney. The paperwork needs to be reviewed by Council. The resolution that the Wood Trace attorney gave her will need to be revised. City Attorney Baldwin gave the paperwork to the City Secretary and it needs to be placed on next month's agenda.

e. City Secretary: No report.

f. Aldermen: Alderman Cooley thanked Chief Wethington for staying on top of everything with regard to TCOLE. He stated that there are so many rules and regulations that have to be followed in order to operate a police department. Alderman McGill thanked Chief Wethington for helping to clean up around the City. Alderman McGill addressed the burning ordinance and the issue of people leaving fires burning unattended. The lot across from Alderman McGill has been burning for about two weeks now. His wife and son both have asthma and the excess burning is causing breathing problems for them. Alderman Osteen also thanked the officers for going the extra mile. He stated that we live in Mayberry and he means that as a huge compliment. Alderman McGahen also thanked the police officers. Alderman McGahen said that he has been looking at the Montgomery County future road plans. He said that the County is planning on extending Butera all the way to 249, extending Nichols Sawmill down to Mueschke Road, and putting in a loop around Magnolia. Public Works Director Rutt said that could ultimately hurt our City because the County might say that Stagecoach Road no longer needs to be a County-maintained road because traffic will be going down Butera instead of Stagecoach Road.

g. Mayor: No report.

19. There being no further business, Alderman McGill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Alderman Cooley 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was all in favor.

*Brenda Rutt*

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Brenda Rutt, City Secretary-Treasurer-Court Clerk

