

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

**JUNE 21, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

State of Texas  
County of Montgomery  
City of Stagecoach

1. Mayor Pro Tem Bill McGahen 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	(A)
Aldermen:	Sharon McClure	(P)
	Jim Cooley	(P)
	James Osteen	(P)
	Mark McGill	(P)
	Bill McGahen	(P)
Attorney:	Janice Baldwin	(P)
Chief of Police:	Mike Wethington	(P)
City Secretary:	Brenda Rutt	(P)
3. The Invocation was given by City Attorney Janice Baldwin and 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 May 17, 2016 General Meeting. City Secretary read the corrections that were submitted. Alderman McGill motioned to approve the minutes, as amended. Alderwoman McClure 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was all in favor.
6. Annexation of a portion of the City's extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) by the Wood Trace Municipal Utility District No. 1. City Attorney Baldwin reported that she has received the paperwork from the MUD and the paperwork appears to be in order. City Secretary Rutt read the suggested wording for the resolution for the land to be annexed into the MUD. Chief Wethington believes that most of the land is swampy. Council expressed concerns about how Wood Trace is going to develop the land. It was Council's understanding from the previous meeting that there would not be any development of the land in question. There are concerns about further development causing potential flooding in our City. City Attorney Baldwin will contact the attorney for Wood Trace to have the representatives of the MUD come and address Council at the July council meeting. Alderwoman McClure said she would like a written plan as to what will be done with the property that the MUD wants to annex and we need to determine what effect that development will have on the City. Table for now.
7. Ordinance O-2015-68 – future building requirement for 33327 Silver Spur. Planning & Zoning member James Schexneider explained that the property owners did not obtain

engineered foundation plans for their patio addition. P&Z suggested making the requirement that the patio addition cannot be enclosed without the property owner first obtaining engineered plans to substantiate that the foundation will support the structure. The structure was almost finished before a building permit was obtained by the property owner. Chief Wethington explained what has taken place to date and the various problems that were encountered. The project was finally approved by P&Z on June 14, 2016 as an open air structure. A structural engineer has approved the patio as built, but not as an enclosed structure. Alderman McGill motioned to waive the requirement for engineered plans for the foundation with the constraint that the property owner cannot enclose the porch area unless they obtain an engineered foundation assessment verifying that the foundation is adequate. Alderwoman McClure 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was all in favor.

8. Road paving and culvert repairs. Director Rutt reported that the most significant road damage is at the corner of Stagecoach Road and Old Coach Road. There are two culverts on Surrey that need to be repaired. The culvert near Joe Gonzalez at 16602 Surrey Lane needs to be extended. About 10 loads of dirt have been dumped in that culvert to start building it up; however, it will need additional loads of dirt and concrete poured on top of it. The other culvert on Surrey is a 48-inch metal culvert that has failed. The pipe on the entry point side is much lower than the exit side. That culvert is currently blocked off to traffic. FEMA will not pay to replace culverts with larger culverts without obtaining a hydrological survey. Therefore, we will replace the culvert with a 48-inch PVC culvert and pack it with dirt and concrete. It will cost approximately \$2,500 for the PVC culvert and at least that much in material costs, plus about two days of labor. The weir on Lake Hardin started to boil out near the top and Chief Wethington filled in the hole with dirt and packed it in with the backhoe. A lot of the backside of the spillway at Lake Apache has washed away. The City has put in several loads of dirt and we will need to bring in many additional loads of dirt as well as make repairs to the back of the spillway. James Schexneider said that two trees fell at the spillway after the storm due to the dirt being washed away from the spillway. We hope that FEMA will reimburse us for some of the repairs to the culverts and dam. Chief Wethington said we can use the dirt that we will be digging out of ditches to put on the backside of the dam. We will also need to put in crushed concrete. Chief Wethington is hoping that FEMA will provide us with an engineer to make substantial repairs to the spillway, possibly a weir like we have on Lake Hardin. Director Rutt reported that the USDA has helped the City of Patton Village make repairs in their City. Lake Hardin is not really an issue but we need assistance with Walnut Creek and Lake Apache. Lake Apache is being silted in as is the creek. The silting reduces the lakes capacity and may be contributing to flooding. The City received between 19 to 21 inches of rain in a 24-hour period. No action required.
9. Flood damage and repairs to City Center. City Secretary Rutt reported that there was a lot of damage to the City Center. The bay area had around 20 inches of water and the office had about 16 inches of water. We are going to get the generator, the Humvee and the tractor checked out by a diesel repairman. Two of our police cars, the 2006 and the 2010, were totaled in the flood. A lot of the equipment in the bay was also ruined. The trailer for the stagecoach will need a new floor and a new winch and we have contacted a person to make those repairs. City Secretary Rutt and Alderwoman McClure are going to pick out tile for the building. The City Secretary's computer was flooded and has been replaced. All of the paperwork that was stored in the bottom drawers of file cabinets was flooded and the essential papers have been sent off for drying. In the future, we will keep backup drives offsite and will not store any documents in the bottom drawers. Captain Abercia had to use the Humvee for some high water rescues. The houses on both sides of the City Center

flooded up to the roof. City Secretary Rutt reported that Chief Wethington has been working long hours including on his days off for flood related issues. James Schexneider and Robert Lee have also been helping a lot. Chief Wethington reported that 10 cars were washed into Walnut Creek during the floods. Alderman McGahen asked about the status of ServePro finishing the buildout. City Secretary Rutt reported that unfortunately we do not have a time frame for the building repairs. No action required.

10. Status of new home construction projects within the City and requests for permit applications. Planning & Zoning Commission Commissioner Evans was not present. Commission member James Schexneider reported that a building permit was approved for the patio addition for the Andrepoints at 33327 Silver Spur and a building permit was issued to the McDonalds at 14315 Stagecoach for an addition to their residence. No action required.
11. Status of properties having ordinance violations. No action required.
12. Status of Public Works projects and activities. No action required.
13. Financial statements for May 2016. No action required.
14. Reports:
  - a. Chief of Police: Passed out the monthly statistics report. Chief Wethington reported that Reserve Officer Dewitt recently held three robbery suspects at gunpoint at the Valero gas station. Chief Wethington thanked his officers for helping out with the flood and he thanked Captain Abercia for stepping up and running the department while he was busy with flood related matters. The 2006 and 2010 police cars were totaled and the 2008 has minor damage. Chief Wethington, Public Works Director Rutt and City Secretary Rutt attended a FEMA meeting in Conroe recently. We were told that FEMA is a last resort agency and that they will only assist after all other avenues have been exhausted. We are still waiting on the official declaration for FEMA assistance for public agencies. Chief Wethington announced that Reserve Officer Anez is back from Iraq. Chief Wethington thanked Robert Lee and James Schexneider for all of their work.
  - b. Flood Plain Administrator: City Secretary Rutt reported that Fred Hagans has been in contact with FEMA and he is assisting FEMA with a damage report for all of the properties in the City that are in the flood plain that had water damage.
  - c. P & Z Commissioner: No report.
  - d. City Attorney: No report.
  - e. City Secretary: City Secretary Rutt announced that Chief Wethington's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday is on Thursday. Chief Wethington said that he will be taking that day off. Public Works Director Rutt said that the City has no clue how lucky we are to have Chief Wethington. Director Rutt reported that Chief Wethington even had to fix the dump truck for the people who delivered dirt to the City for the culverts and the dam.

- f. Aldermen: Alderman Cooley said the citizens appreciate everything the police and volunteers have done and it makes him proud to live in such a community. Alderman McGill said a lot of the citizens, himself included, had no idea what was going on during the flooding and many citizens do not realize everything our City's employees do for the City. Alderman McGahen said there was not a lot of policing going on this month but there were other things being done. Chief Wethington said a lot of things are done by the police that people do not see or realize are being done, such as vacation watches, assisting motorist and checking to see if there are people who do not belong in the city. Checking the speed on the road is not as important as protecting people's property. Alderman McGahen said Captain Abercia was patrolling the City in the Humvee that had plastic bags over the windows. Chief Wethington said it is hard to explain everything that Captain Abercia does for the department.
- g. Mayor: Not present.

15. There being no further business, Alderwoman McClure motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Alderman McGill 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was all in favor.

*Brenda Rutt*

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Brenda Rutt, City Secretary-Treasurer-Court Clerk

