

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

JULY 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	(A)
	Bill McGahen	(P)
Attorney:	Janice Baldwin	(P)
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 June 16, 2015 General Meeting. City Secretary Rutt read the suggested amendments to the minutes. Alderman McGahen motioned to approve the minutes, as amended. Alderman Cooley 2nd. 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. Representatives for the District addressed the issue of homes in the City that were flooded in May. Bill Ehler with LJA Engineering presented a map which depicts the watershed drainage area and effective flood plain for the Wood Trace development. The addresses of the homes in the City that were flooded in May were added to the Wood Trace watershed map. There is a slight overlap with Wood Trace's watershed drainage area and our City's watershed drainage area. Alderman McGahen said that the City wants to make sure that Wood Trace's drainage is not causing flooding in our City. Mr. Eller said the Wood Trace development was reviewed by Montgomery County and the engineers interacted with FEMA as applicable to ensure proper drainage. They were required to follow certain criteria when they designed the sewer and storm systems to ensure that adjoining communities would not be affected. The Decker Tributary One is in our ETJ and there will not be any development in that area. The lots in Wood Trace leading up to that area will be developed but the majority of the property in our ETJ will be left in a natural state. The District has put in a road across the dam at the lake in Wood Trace and

there is a levee that is being repaired. Wood Trace is doing erosion repairs on the levee next week. Mr. Eller said that water comes into the Wood Trace community and is held in their man-made lake. The other tributary in Wood Trace will be kept in its natural state. There is a control structure and a weir which creates a retention area in Wood Trace. Mr. Eller believes that Wood Trace's control efforts have helped with flooding, if anything, rather than causing additional flooding. Mr. Eller said the May flooding was an 18-inch rain event and a 100-year rain event is typically around 12 inches of rain. Alderwoman McClure had previously asked for a written plan as to what will be done with the property. The representatives for the District said that most of the area in question will be maintained as a nature reserve. A few of the lots that overlap our ETJ will be developed. Chief Wethington believes a lot of the water that came into the City in May came from High Meadow Ranch, not Wood Trace. Chief Wethington said that Council had expressed concerns about losing control over the development rights. Peter Harding, the attorney for the District, said that any development increases runoff and that is why they are building retention ponds which are designed to work with a 100-year rain event. The watershed drainage from Wood Trace does not drain into our City. Mr. Eller explained that a detention pond holds water for a short period of time and is allowed to release runoff at a controlled rate. A retention pond is not designed to release water. The Wood Trace lake is a retention pond, as are the lakes in Stagecoach. Mr. Harding will send a petition to City Attorney Baldwin before the next meeting for Council to vote on. Table for now.

7. Approval of the Montgomery County Emergency Communication District's Budget for Fiscal Year 2017. A representative for the District was not at the meeting. Table for now.
8. Purchase of 2016 Chevy Tahoe police vehicle not to exceed \$50,000. Chief Wethington said the new vehicle will basically be the same as the 2014 Tahoe. There was a \$5,000 price increase from the 2014 model. The new Tahoe will include all of the equipment that came on the 2014 Tahoe, in addition to a new camera system and radar unit which adds approximately \$5,000 to the cost of the vehicle. The alternative to the vehicle is a Ford Taurus or a Ford Explorer. Chief Wethington would prefer to have a Crown Victoria but they do not make that police vehicle anymore. Chief Wethington believes a Tahoe is the best option; he does not believe that the Ford Explorers are as reliable as the Tahoes. Mayor Mansee would like to finance the next vehicle and only put down the required down payment. We put 20% down when we financed the 2014 Tahoe. We have new decals for the 2014 Tahoe but we have not had an opportunity to have them put on the vehicle. The new vehicle will have the same decals. Alderman McGahen motioned to authorize the purchase of a 2016 Chevy Tahoe police vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and to finance the vehicle for three years. Alderman Cooley 2nd. The vote was all in favor.
9. Schedule for City's 2016-2017 Budget. City Secretary Rutt stated that there will be a public hearing on the budget at 6:00 p.m. on August 16, 2016.
10. Review the Effective and Rollback Tax Rates and Propose a Property Tax Rate for 2016. City Secretary Rutt stated that we will schedule a special meeting to discuss the tax rate once we receive the information from the Montgomery County Tax Assessor.
11. Excess Collections for 2015 Debt Service and Certification for Debt Service Collection Rate for 2016/2017. City Secretary Rutt read the information from the Tax Assessor/Collector: The anticipated collection rate for 2016 is 100%, as calculated under Sec. 26.012(2). Excess 2015 debt tax collections are \$0.00. This amount is to be used in the 2016 debt tax rate calculation because the 2015 actual debt tax collection rate met the anticipated 2015

debt collection rate which was equal to 100%, pursuant to Sec. 26.04(e)(3)(C), Texas Property Tax Code. Alderwoman McClure motioned to accept the information as presented. Alderman Cooley 2nd. The vote was all in favor.

12. Flood damage and repairs to City Center. City Secretary Rutt explained the flood expenses and status of payments and repairs to City Center to date. Mayor Mansee showed Council the tile that was selected for the City Center. Mayor Mansee is also looking at furniture so the City Secretary can move back downstairs as soon as possible. We are looking at wood furniture and wood-like furniture. Alleine McGahen said there is a used furniture place at Shepherd and West Montgomery. No action necessary.
13. Status of new home construction projects within the City and requests for permit applications. No new applications were filed this month. No action required.
14. Status of properties having ordinance violations at this time. Chief Wethington said he has talked to a resident about his fence that was knocked down during the May floods. He has also talked to a resident about the multiple trailers and RVs that the resident is storing on his property. City Secretary Rutt reported that the management company for 16015 Indian Springs has installed an aerobic septic system and they have finished the electrical repairs in the house. James Schexneider has been picking up signs for the sale of the property at 16015 Indian Springs that have been placed illegally around the City. No action required.
15. Status of Public Works projects and activities. Director Terry Rutt reported that there is not a lot going on because of the excessive heat and because the tractor cannot be used until it has been checked out for flood damage. One of the culverts on Surrey Road is still blocked off to traffic. They will repair the other culvert on Surrey as soon as the heat subsides. We have purchased lumber and rebar to form a bulkhead at the culvert on Surrey. Most of the clay that was put in the ditch will have to be taken out and put back in when the culvert is installed. The culvert will be replaced with a 48-inch culvert because FEMA will only pay to replace like with like; they will not pay anything if we replace it with a larger culvert. FEMA will also not cover any projects under \$3,000. Alderwoman McClure said part of the road on Lone Shadow is washed out under the pavement in front of her house. The road will break very easily with garbage and concrete trucks driving on it. Alderman McGahen reported that both sides of the culvert on Tomahawk need to be reinforced because they are washing out. Director Rutt said that the City needs to purchase a 24-volt jump start battery charger to replace the one lost in the flood. Ethan Krueger has been mowing around the City and Paul McCormick has been mowing the dams. No action required.
16. Financial statements for June 2016. The City Attorney and Judge were not paid last month and City Secretary Rutt reported that is why they received two payments each in July. Mayor Mansee requested City Secretary Rutt to move the Flood Expenses out of General Administration Expenses to Other Expenses at the bottom of the financial statements. No action required.
17. Reports:
 - a. Chief of Police: Passed out the monthly statistics report. Chief Wethington reported that we have had officers on a third shift from 10 pm to 6 am for the past several weeks.
 - 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 Cooley said the police are under a lot of stress and pressure and we need to thank them and support them as much as possible. Alderman Cooley asked Chief Wethington how our officers are handling all the stress with regard to the police incidents and deaths around the country. Chief Wethington said most of our officers have had a lot of experience and they are handling the situation well. Chief Wethington said the officers are all mad. It is not a race issue; it is against police officers. Alderman Cooley said to watch out for police officers, drive slow past them when they are stopped, and stay aware. Chief Wethington reported that a teenager was filming Officer Anez during a recent traffic stop where Officer Anez was arresting a person who had outstanding warrants. Officer Anez told the teenager that he was blocking the roadway and that he needed to move. Officer Anez asked the teenager who he thought would have been hit if the prisoner had started shooting. Chief Wethington said Officer Anez did not write the teenager a ticket but he could have for blocking the roadway. Alderman Cooley said the current situation is all our problem not just the officers' problem. Chief Wethington said a police officer dies every 17 minutes. City Attorney Baldwin is praying for all of the officers. Chief Wethington is going to clean the stagecoach tomorrow so we can put it back in the trailer and get it out of the bay. Alderwoman McClure said she appreciated the vacation watch on her home.

g. Mayor: No report.

18. There being no further business, Alderwoman McClure motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Alderman Cooley 2nd. The vote was all in favor.

Brenda Rutt

Brenda Rutt, City Secretary-Treasurer-Court Clerk

