

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

APRIL 18, 2017 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 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. Council reviewed the minutes of the March 21, 2017 General Meeting. City Secretary Rutt read the corrections that were submitted. Alderman McGill motioned to approve the minutes, as amended. Alderwoman McClure 2nd. The vote was all in favor.
6. Update on variance request to extend the expiration date of the building permit issued on January 29, 2015 for the construction of a residence at 15450 Shady Oaks Drive. City Secretary Rutt reported on the progress of the house. The garage has passed final inspection and the Hinojosas have called for an electrical and mechanical inspection for the main house. Alderman McGill thinks the Hinojosas are moving along nicely and that they have completed a lot of work. Alderman McGill said we need to work with the Hinojosas in order to finish the house in a reasonable amount of time. Chief Wethington said that someone has been working on the house every day. Alderwoman McClure thinks the Hinojosas should live in their other house until it is sold. Alderman Cooley would like to inspect the house before the next council meeting. Alderman McGill said that if Hinojosas need an extension of time beyond May 2017 then they will need to provide a detailed timeline for completion of the house. No action necessary.

7. Review Municipal, County and State weapon laws and ordinances. Chief Wethington said it is simple, the City is going to abide by existing federal, state and local laws. He does not think that the City needs to have an additional ordinance to enforce existing laws. Chief Wethington said if someone is shooting recklessly, the police can file deadly conduct charges against them. Chief Wethington asked, how do you separate firing a gun to shoot a snake in the yard versus shooting an AR15? Chief Wethington said that people need to shoot in a responsible manner regardless of how many acres they have. Alderman McGill said we previously concluded that the City would follow state, federal and local laws and that there was no need to have weapons ordinance. Bill Berger asked about the person shooting on Easter Sunday. Chief Wethington said that no one called in a complaint to the department or dispatch. No action necessary.
8. Executive Session - Texas Government Code, Section 551.074: Personnel Matters. It was the consensus of Council that they recess into Executive Session to discuss and deliberate the flood proceeds and Council convened into executive session at 7:32 p.m.
9. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:50 p.m.
10. Status of new home construction projects within the City and requests for permit applications. Planning & Zoning Commissioner Chuck Evans was not present. City Secretary Rutt reported that a building permit was issued for an addition to an accessory building for Jimmy Cones at 14326 Stagecoach Rd. and a building permit was issued to Jake Beller at 15911 Singletree for a 240-sq. ft. shed. No action required.
11. Chief Wethington reported on the status of properties having ordinance violations. Two people were issued citations for soliciting without a permit. No action required.
12. Status of Public Works projects and activities. Director Terry Rutt was not present. Chief reported that the City Center was mowed. We are waiting for the ground to dry up to mow the ditches. Alderman McGill asked about the lines going in on Stagecoach Rd. Chief Wethington reported that the lines are for AT&T and that the contractors trashed a person's driveway. No action required.
13. Financial statements for March 2017. No action required.
14. Reports:
 - a. Chief of Police: Passed out the monthly statistics report. Chief Wethington commended the officers for the number of warrants closed. Chief Wethington reported on an incident that happened two weeks ago on Cimmaron Drive. Nine officers were dispatched to arrest a resident for a probation violation. Chief Wethington said that the incident could have been handled much differently. If the County would have called the Chief, Chief Wethington believes the person would have come out willingly. The County responded to the call based on it being a felony warrant for assault on a peace officer. Chief Wethington said that the County officers can be overzealous at times and that is why we recently advised a resident to not carry gun a rifle while walking down the street. Several people had called the matter into the County. Alderman Osteen said he has trained with the rifle for several years and that he was not doing anything illegal. Alderman Osteen volunteered to stop but said that if it had been anyone other than our police officers asking, he would have stood on his rights. Alderwoman McClure said that citizens are told to call in anything suspicious and if she did not know him that she would have called it in as well.

- b. Flood Plain Administrator: No report.
 - c. P & Z Commission: No report.
 - d. City Attorney: She went to a prosecutor seminar last month. There is a possibility that we will need to change our sign ordinance. She asked us to not issue any tickets for the sign ordinance at this time but said that it is okay to pull them up. A religious sign violation in small city recently went all the way to the Supreme Court. She is going to get a general sign ordinance from the attorney that taught the class. City Attorney Baldwin advised Council that the court case with the Stagecoach Municipal Court is still ongoing. She suggested that we hire a special prosecutor for the case.
 - e. City Secretary: No report.
 - f. Aldermen: Alderman McGill said that he found a venue to sell the stagecoach. He asked City Secretary Rutt to contact the auctioneers at the 46th annual spring carriage auction in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Alderman McGill said that his dad did a lot of the leather work on the stagecoach for Roger Daigger.
 - g. Mayor: No report.
15. There being no further business, Alderman McGill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Alderman Osteen 2nd. The vote was all in favor.

Brenda Rutt, City Secretary-Treasurer-Court Clerk

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