

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

NOVEMBER 15, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

State of Texas
County of Montgomery
City of Stagecoach

1. Mayor 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 City Attorney 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: Chris Little addressed Council about the burn pile at 16215 Old Coach Road. Mr. Little said that he appreciates everyone who works for the City. Mr. Little said that he normally does not attend council meeting; however, he reads the minutes online so he knows what is going on with City. Mr. Little expressed his concern over some plastic culverts that are on the burn pile on the vacant lot. He stated that pursuant to City ordinance, you cannot burn domestic waste and pursuant to state law you cannot burn rubbish on less than 5 acres. Mr. Little wants the City to follow State law and City ordinances and requests that the plastic pipes not be burned. He believes if City does that then other residents will burn trash also. Chief Wethington explained that the pipes are behind the burn pile because he is hiding them until he can get the sand and dirt out of them. He dug the culverts up when digging out the ditch at 16910 Boot Hill and he has not had a chance to dispose of them yet. The pipes will be cut up and disposed of in the trash. Chief Wethington stated that there are also some pallets behind the burn pile that will be disposed of. Chief Wethington said the ditch has not been completed and pipes disposed of because he has been busy patrolling and the ground has been too wet to finish the ditch. Chief Wethington also placed a dead dog on the burn pile this week. Chief Wethington said that the contractors trimming trees for CenterPoint have been dumping the waste mulch on the lot and that we will be spreading the mulch out. Mr. Little said that he is willing to help maintain the lot.
5. Public Hearing: A public hearing to discuss an Ordinance regulating signage in the City limits. City Council discussed proposed changes to the Ordinance. Chris Little addressed

the sign that is up all the time and he said that he would like to see the new ordinance passed as soon as possible. City Secretary Rutt will prepare another draft incorporating the suggested changes, send it out for review, and schedule a Special Council Meeting for early December to pass the new sign ordinance.

6. Approval of Ordinance No. O-2016-126, Signage Ordinance. Table for now.
7. Council reviewed the minutes of the October 18, 2016 General Meeting. Alderman McGahen motioned to approve the minutes. Alderwoman McClure 2nd. The vote was all in favor.
8. City Secretary Rutt presented the proposed 2017 holiday schedule, which reflects the same holidays as 2016. Alderman Osteen motioned to adopt the 2017 employee holiday schedule as presented. Alderwoman McClure 2nd. The vote was all in favor.
9. Cancellation of the City Council General Meeting for Tuesday, December 20, 2016. Alderman McGahen motioned to cancel the City Council General Meeting for Tuesday, December 20, 2016. Alderwoman McClure 2nd. The vote was all in favor.
10. Status of new home construction projects within the City and requests for permit applications. City Secretary Rutt reported that no new applications were submitted for review in November. Kenny Velez is waiting on an insurance check to finish repairs to the damage to his home caused by the flood. No action required.
11. Status of properties having ordinance violations. Chief Wethington reported that there are a large number of dogs roaming at large. He will be requesting Montgomery County Animal Control to assist him with picking up the dogs. Chief Wethington will deliver a letter to all residents warning them that the dog ordinance is going to be strictly enforced. Chief Wethington stated that he has had to redirect several walkers due to dogs being out. Chris Little stated that he has had to pepper spray dogs several times. Mr. Little does not believe we are following our own ordinances – the ordinance says the owners are to be fined \$50. He thinks we need to enforce the Ordinance and that will keep owners from letting their dogs run loose. Chris Little believes we should fine the owners and not send a warning letter. Chief Wethington wants to warn everyone that we will begin ticketing owners and picking up dogs. Chris Little stated that a black dog has been running around the City for about a month. City Attorney Baldwin suggested making the second offense more expensive. No action required.
12. Status of Public Works projects and activities. Chief Wethington reported that the cylinders on the backhoe have been repaired and reinstalled on the backhoe. He reported that the Humvee batteries have been replaced. The batteries were damaged in the flood. He might put more rock on the backside of the culverts on Surrey Lane. Director Rutt stated that he is off work next week so he will try to fix some of the potholes. No action required.
13. Financial statements for October 2016. Mayor Mansee has met with Amegy Bank and he is working on getting a new bank account set up. No action required.
14. Reports:
 - a. Chief of Police: Chief Wethington passed out the monthly statistics report. He thanked the police officers who participated in the hayride. He reported that someone tried to break into a fenced yard on Stagecoach Road. He believes they were scared off

because they were not able to get into the yard. Reserve Officer Anez is back from overseas and he is working the 10 pm to 6 am shift. Chief Wethington said that we are trying to keep criminals out of the City; we still have one of the lowest crime rates in Montgomery County. Captain Abercia hit a deer in the 2014 Tahoe which did minor damage to vehicle.

- a. Flood Plain Administrator: No report.
 - b. P & Z Commission: No report.
 - c. City Attorney: No report.
 - d. City Secretary: City Secretary Rutt thanked the officers for participating in the hayride and she thanked Alderman Cooley for driving one of the trailers. She reported that this year was the biggest turnout so far and it was a great event. Chief Wethington said the demographics in our city have changed over the last few years and it is nice to have a lot of kids in the city again.
 - e. Aldermen: Alderman Cooley said the police officers did an excellent job with the hayride. He also said that the kids on his trailer were very polite and well behaved.
 - f. Mayor: No report.
15. There being no further business, Alderman Osteen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Alderwoman McClure 2nd. The vote was all in favor.

Brenda Rutt

Brenda Rutt, City Secretary-Treasurer-Court Clerk

