

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

OCTOBER 4, 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)
Mayor Pro Tem:	Bill McGahen	(P)
Aldermen:	Sharon McClure	(P)
	Jim Cooley	(A)
	James Osteen	(LA)
	Mark McGill	(P)
Attorney:	Janice Baldwin	(A)
Secretary:	Brenda Rutt	(P)
Chief of Police:	Mike Wethington	(P)

3. The Pledges of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag were said.
4. Persons desiring to appear before City Council: Bill McGahen said one of his neighbors has complained about a resident revving his engine at night. Chief Wethington said he has spoken to the resident in question and the resident has agreed not to rev his engine at night.
5. Purchase of 2017 Tahoe for the Police Department for an amount not to exceed \$39,000.00. Mayor Mansee passed out a sheet summarizing the purchase of our current vehicles. Chief Wethington explained that a Harris County Constable ordered a Tahoe from Parkway Chevrolet, the Constable is unable to pay for the vehicle, and the dealership is willing to sell the vehicle at a reduced price. The dealership is giving us a \$7,000 discount on the vehicle as well as a municipal discount. Chief Wethington informed Council that the rods are knocking on the 2008 police car; the car needs \$750 of new tires; it has over 190,000 miles on it (the odometer is broken), and the front end and the valve train need to be repaired. Chief Wethington said that he realizes that purchasing a vehicle is not in the budget and there will not be any hard feelings if Council votes against purchasing the car. The new Tahoe will need a computer, camera, and radar system and we can take all of those items out of the 2008. However, the camera system in the 2008 is very outdated and needs to be replaced. The new Tahoe would be white. Alderman McGill asked about financing and what kind of interest rates we can get. Alderman McGill suggested contacting Amegy Bank to see what kind of rate they will offer. City Secretary Rutt explained the government lease to own option. Alderman McGahen motioned to purchase a new vehicle for an amount not to exceed \$39,000. Alderman Osteen asked about the cost to repair the 2008 and how long it would last if we put about \$9,000 into it. Chief Wethington said the car is not worth fixing and it would make more sense to purchase another Crown Vic with less miles on it. Alderman McGill asked about the mileage on the 2014 Tahoe and City Secretary Rutt said it has around 66,000 to 68,000 miles. Chief Wethington said the only real maintenance on the Tahoes has been to replace the wheel bearings and an alignment. He said that the 2014

and 2016 Tahoe are very different vehicles, the 2014 rides like a truck and the 2016 rides like a Cadillac. He hopes the Tahoes will last around 200,000 miles like the Crown Vics did. Mayor Mansee said the Ford Explorers have had a lot of problems. Alderwoman McClure said her 1999 Tahoe still runs great and has about 200,000 miles on it, although they did replace the transmission on it. Alderman McGill acknowledged that we will have to replace the 2008 at some point and we need to make sure that whatever vehicle our police are driving is safe. Alderman McGill is indifferent about purchasing a new vehicle at this time. Alderwoman McClure said it would be nice to have more than one dependable vehicle if a vehicle is out of service for repairs. Alderman Osteen said he has given some thought about what it would cost to overhaul the 2008 and he does not think that purchasing a new vehicle would cost much more per year to operate. Alderman McGahen again motioned to purchase a 2017 Tahoe for an amount not to exceed \$39,000 with financing to be determined later. Alderwoman McClure 2nd. The vote was all in favor.

6. There being no further business, Alderman McGahen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Alderman McGill 2nd. The vote was all in favor.

Brenda Rutt

Brenda Rutt, City Secretary-Treasurer-Court Clerk

