

**CITY OF STAGECOACH
CITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING**

E.S. Williams City Center
16930 Boot Hill Road
Stagecoach, Texas 77355

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 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	(A)
	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. Approval of the minutes of the August 21, 2018 General Meeting. City Secretary Rutt read the corrections that were submitted. Alderman McGill motioned to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2018 General Meeting, as amended. Alderman McGahen 2nd. The vote was all in favor.
6. Installation of a streetlight on Surrey Lane. City Secretary Rutt reported that it costs approximately \$25 to \$30 a month for a street light. The light must be installed on a pole that belongs to CenterPoint. City Secretary Rutt said that there are children that live on Surrey Lane that will have to wait for the bus in the dark and one of the mothers has requested that a light be installed in front of her house. Alderman Osteen asked what the City's liability would be if a light is not installed and something happened. City Attorney Baldwin said the City does not have any liability if something happens. Alderman McGahen said the resident should put up her own light if she wants a light at the end of her driveway. Terry Rutt said that there is no uniformity if everyone is putting up their own light. City Attorney Baldwin said she would put up her own light for her kids if she wanted a light. Linda Kienzle said we should canvas the neighbors to see if everyone would like a street light. Some people do not like light pollution and there have been complaints about street lights being installed in the past. Alderman McGill said the kids might have to congregate at one spot in the future for bus pickup and then we would have to install a light at another location. Alderman Osteen said we need to determine if a light is really necessary and if the neighbors want a light. City Secretary Rutt will canvas the people on the street to see if they want a street light on Surrey. Chief Wethington will ask the bus driver if she thinks a light is necessary. Table for now.

7. Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Montgomery County to replace the 65' x 4' culvert and concrete spillway at Stagecoach Road and Lake Hardin Bridge. Brenda Rutt explained that we must enter into an interlocal agreement with the County to replace the culvert under Lake Hardin Bridge. Don Dean with Montgomery County has inspected the culvert, but we do not know what the cost will be to replace the culvert, or if the County will replace it for us. It will cost a lot less to have the County replace the culvert, with the City paying for the cost of materials, than to have to bid the job out. Terry Rutt said an interlocal agreement allows us access to County contractor rates. Chief Wethington said there are two projects that need to be done – the bridge at Lake Hardin and the bridge on Silver Spur. Chief Wethington believes the Silver Spur bridge is more critical than the Lake Hardin bridge. The culvert on the Silver Spur bridge is four feet in diameter; however, only a few inches are currently showing. Chief Wethington said we may have to put in a temporary road while the Lake Hardin bridge is being repaired and that will be very expensive. Alderman McGill motioned to enter into a new interlocal agreement with the County to replace the culvert and spillway at Lake Hardin bridge. Alderman Osteen 2nd. The vote was all in favor.
8. Executive Session - Texas Government Code, Section 551.074: Personnel Matters. Discussion of the proceeds from the sale of the stagecoach and overtime pay for Hurricane Harvey emergency work. It was the consensus of Council that they recess into Executive Session to discuss and deliberate the proceeds from the sale of the stagecoach and overtime pay for Hurricane Harvey emergency work and Council convened into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Council reconvened into regular session at 7:55 p.m.

9. Designation of a Representative and an Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2019 General Assembly. Alderman McGahen motioned to designate Mayor Mansee as the Representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2019 General Assembly, with Alderman McGill as the alternate. Alderman McGill 2nd. The vote was all in favor.
10. Status of new home construction projects within the City and requests for permit applications. P&Z Commissioner James Schexneider reported that dirt work has begun for the new house at 16049 Stagecoach Road. The property owners are going to install a drip aerobic system. The house at 15905 Wagon Wheel has been painted on the outside; however, they still have temporary utilities in place. The outer walls are up at 16303 Wagon Wheel, but the roof rafters are not in place. The siding has been started at 16111 Wagon Wheel. At 16912 Wagon Wheel, they have begun putting up drywall, but they have not installed an electric can. Chief Wethington said the property owner is having a problem with CenterPoint. Commissioner Schexneider said if an electrical can has not been installed then they should not be putting up drywall. Alderman McGahen asked if the accessory building at 16912 Wagon Wheel was approved. City Secretary Rutt said it is a 1,600 square foot accessory building and it was approved separately from the new house. Bill Berger asked about the 20% lot coverage requirement for the structures at 16912 Wagon Wheel, and Commissioner Schexneider said they are within the 20% coverage because most of lot is still wooded. No action required.
11. Status of properties having ordinance violations. Chief Wethington reported on the status of properties having ordinance violations. The shipping containers at 33129 Silver Spur have been moved. The Cookes have not repaired Mrs. Willis' yard and ditch. Alderman McGill asked Chief Wethington to talk to all the builders about using dumpsters for construction debris and trash. Chief Wethington reported that a resident was issued a citation for a dog at large because the dog has been harassing the neighbors. No action required.

12. Status of Public Works projects and activities. Chief Wethington reported on the status of public works projects. Chief Wethington said he put new blades on the mower. He will mow the Cimmaron/Surrey loop when the weather clears. Chief Wethington has replaced all culverts under the roads except for a culvert on Surrey Lane. We did not know if FEMA was going to approve replacing the culvert on Surrey; however, FEMA has agreed to replaced it.. Chief Wethington has not been able to put the gabion basket on the weir on Lake Hardin because of weather delays. The basket has been built and he will fill it with rocks and crushed concrete once it is in place. Chief Wethington reported that he still needs to put in approximately 80 feet of culverts on the City's lot on Old Coach Road. Alderman McGahen asked if we have heard anything on the grant. City Secretary Rutt said that we have not heard anything from the State on the status of the grant. Chief Wethington said another FEMA project that needs to be done is to fill in the emergency spillway area along Old Coach Road to Stagecoach Road with stabilized sand. Chief Wethington is also going to put a basket on the backside of the earthen bridge at Lake Hardin. Terry Rutt asked if we have fished out the metal support beams for the Lake Apache spillway. Chief Wethington said we have not done that yet. Mayor Mansee asked if anyone has volunteered to be Director of Public Works and City Secretary Rutt said that no one has come forward. No action required.
13. Financial statements for August 2018. Mayor Mansee said we are behind on ad valorem collections. The County tells us what we can possibly collect, however, we do not always collect that amount. No action required.
14. Reports:
- a. Chief of Police: Passed out the monthly statistics report. Chief Wethington wrote three tickets in one day for people driving over 50 mph on Stagecoach Road. Chief Wethington's father is replacing the city street signs and so far he has replaced eight signs.
 - b. Flood Plain Administrator: No report.
 - c. P & Z Commissioner: No report.
 - d. City Attorney: City Attorney Baldwin said we are waiting for a ruling by the Attorney General for a pending open records request involving Robert Lee.
 - e. City Secretary: City Secretary Rutt said that the City will have a National Night Out event at Lake Hardin Park on Tuesday, October 2, 2018. The event is being coordinated by Mr. and Mrs. Groschke.
 - f. Aldermen: No report.
 - g. Mayor: No report.
15. There being no further business, Alderman McGill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Alderman McGahen 2nd. The vote was all in favor.

Brenda Rutt

Brenda Rutt, City Secretary-Treasurer-Court Clerk

