

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

**AUGUST 2, 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)
Council:	Bill McGahen	(P)
	Sharon McClure	(P)
	Jim Cooley	(P)
	James Osteen	(P)
	Mark McGill	(A)
Attorney:	Janice Baldwin	(A)
Secretary:	Brenda Rutt	(P)
Chief of Police:	Mike Wethington	(A)

3. 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. Review the Effective and Rollback Tax Rates and Propose a Property Tax Rate for 2018. The effective rate of \$0.4081 would raise approximately \$212,799; the rollback rate of \$0.4407 would raise approximately \$229,798; and the maximum small taxing unit rate of \$0.5000 would raise approximately \$260,720. Mayor Mansee estimates there will be an 8% increase over last year's budget. Alderman McGahen stated that he would like to go back to the \$0.5000 small taxing unit rate and stay at that rate forever. In lieu of the \$0.5000 rate, Alderman McGahen would like to stay at last year's effective rate of \$0.4595 per \$100. Alderman McGahen said we need the additional revenue because we need to purchase a new tractor in addition to repairing roads. Alderman Osteen said the \$0.4595 rate would be his choice as well. Alderman Cooley said he does not want to raise taxes. Alderman Cooley proposed the rollback rate of \$0.4407. City Secretary Rutt reported that the City has only received \$204,000 in ad valorem tax payments through July 31, 2018, and we had anticipated receiving taxes in the amount of \$213,535, so we have a shortfall in revenue. Alderman Osteen asked about the average value of a house in Stagecoach. City Secretary Rutt said the average value of a home in Stagecoach is \$283,488. Alderman Osteen said the amount of taxes levied on a \$300,000 home at the \$0.4959 rate (\$1,302) versus the taxes levied on a \$300,000 home at the \$0.4407 rollback rate (\$1,258) would be difference of less than \$50.00. Alderman McGahen motioned to propose a property tax rate of \$0.4595 per \$100 of valuation for the 2018 property tax rate. Alderwoman McClure 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was passed with the following vote:

For:	Alderman McGahen, Alderman Osteen and Alderwoman McClure
Against:	Alderman Cooley
Absent:	Alderman McGill

Alderman McClure informed Council that she will be out of town for our next Council meeting on August 21, 2018. Alderman Osteen said he will also be out of town on that date. City Secretary Rutt said she did not know if Alderman McGill will be in town on that date or not. Mayor Mansee proposed having a special meeting to adopt the budget and the tax rate to make sure that we have a quorum for the meeting. Mayor Mansee proposed having the special Council meeting on Tuesday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. City Secretary Rutt said we must approved the budget before we can adopt a tax rate. Therefore, the public hearing on the budget will be Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mansee asked if anyone had any objections to how we currently have items in the budget allocated. Alderman McGahen said he wants to put purchasing a tractor in the budget.

6. There being no further business, Alderman Osteen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Alderman McGahen 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was all in favor.

*Brenda Rutt*

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Brenda Rutt, City Secretary-Treasurer-Court Clerk

