

**Village of Point Venture  
Public Hearing  
Monday, February 5, 2001, 7:00 P.M.  
Venture Room at Point Venture  
555 Venture Boulevard S.  
Point Venture, Texas**

**MINUTES**

- A. Call to Order** – Mayor Hickman called the hearing to order at 7:04 P.M. to receive input from the audience on the proposed 2000/2001 budget for the Village of Point Venture.
- B. Roll Call** – Mayor Hickman acknowledged that all of the Council members were present (Aldermen Edwards, Hestand, Nesheim, Strong and Stuart).
- C. Citizen Discussion** – Carole Thomas, 18601 Lakeland Drive, inquired if a decision was made to only contract with one waste collection company. Mayor Hickman informed her that a decision was not made and that this item was on the upcoming Council meeting agenda.

Jeanne Calvi, 616 Deckhouse, asked what our budget fiscal year was. Mayor Hickman informed her that our fiscal year ran from October 1 through September 30 each year.

Alderman Stuart suggested that the Mayor explain some of the anticipated revenue for the Village. Mayor Hickman replied that there were four possible sources of revenue: 1. donations; 2. franchise fees; 3. sales tax; 4. general property tax. He explained that the communication revenue and the sales tax revenue showed \$0 on the budget because we did not expect to receive any money from these two sources during the current budget year.

Dorothy Eckert, 210 Lakefront Drive, stated that she thought the Village and the Point Venture Property Owners Association (PVPOA) would become one entity. Mayor Hickman explained that the PVPOA was a private owner of property and that they would continue to own and maintain their property. He explained that our incorporating and becoming a Village did not mean we were merging with the PVPOA. This would enable our park, tennis courts, swimming pool, etc., to remain private. If these entities were turned over to the Village, they would become public.

Lourdes Welsh, 606 Augusta Circle, stated that she felt the \$60 per month PVPOA fee should be lessened and inquired if the money could be turned over to the Village. Mayor Hickman explained that the PVPOA \$60 fee goes toward rebuilding the roads, maintaining the roads, and maintaining the entities that are owned by the PVPOA. Once the road project is completed, there is a chance that the fee may decrease.

Ted Hendricks, 313 Venture Boulevard South, inquired as to why on the page 1 worksheet there was no percentage shown for the electric franchise revenue but there was a percentage shown for the cable and sanitation franchise revenues. Alderman Strong explained that he went with an estimated amount of revenue provided by Pedernales Electric that will either be figured on a percentage or kilowatt-hour basis. Mr. Hendricks then inquired about the telephone revenue. Mayor Hickman explained that the franchise

fees that will be imposed on the various companies will be charged through the company to the consumer and then paid to the Village by that company. He also explained that the sales tax, if passed, would not only come from Point Venture residents, but also people outside of the community that use the golf course and go to Shades.

Alderman Edwards inquired as to why the building inspection revenue and the animal control revenue shown on page 2 of the budget were not included in the list on page 1. Mayor Hickman explained that we were just following the design of budgets from other municipalities and that those two amounts were included in the total general fund projected revenue on page 1.

Ted Hendricks, 313 Venture Boulevard South, inquired about the \$480 building fees that were charged by the PVPOA. Mayor Hickman explained that of the \$480 collected by the PVPOA, \$400 was for inspections and the \$80 was for a building permit. The Village now collects the \$80 fee and grants you a permit to build, which was previously done by the County. This is not an additional fee...the change is who collects that fee. Currently there should be no change in the amount of money it costs you to start building a house.

Kathy Chase, 208 Lakefront Drive, inquired about the \$1,500 shown as the liability insurance on page 3 and the worksheet for that page. She thought that was swimming pool insurance and should be covered by the PVPOA. Mayor Hickman explained that this would be a liability insurance funded through the Texas Municipal League to cover activities of the Village Council and the Village. It has nothing to do with the swimming pool.

Ted Hendricks, 313 Venture Boulevard South, inquired as to why the building rent (lease with PVPOA) showed \$0. Mayor Hickman explained that the payment of the rent is being deferred to the end of the year and therefore would not be paid from this budget.

Tom Gardner, 18911 Venture Drive, asked about making information available to the citizens. Mayor Hickman explained that all of our meetings are open to the public. Attending these meetings would be the best way to keep informed on what is happening within the Village. The Council would only have a closed session if they had to discuss a confidential legal matter. Ordinances will be posted in the same places that we post the meeting agendas. He also stated that at this time we do not plan on developing a newsletter due to the cost involved. Alderman Strong informed the audience that the public could inspect the meeting minutes, ordinances and resolutions. He also mentioned that a copy of the budget was available at the PVPOA office since January 25<sup>th</sup> for the public's review and that fact was published in the LOG. Mr. Gardner stated that one way to possibly get information on the meetings out to the public would be to assign a designated reporter who could publish information from the meetings in the LOG.

Marvin Wenzel, 18920 Venture Drive, inquired why we showed street maintenance on page 9 of the budget. Mayor Hickman stated that the PVPOA plans to continue to redo and maintain the roads until the road project is complete. The Village needs to start building up a surplus of money for the purpose of maintaining the roads once the PVPOA is no longer responsible for them. Alderman Stuart mentioned that we would also need money for new street signs as well as repairs to the signs.

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Kathy Chase, 208 Lakefront Drive, inquired if the Village Council is considering fines to people who feed the deer. Mayor Hickman explained that we have an Animal Control Committee and that would be an issue for them to consider.

**D. Adjournment** – Mayor Hickman adjourned the public hearing at 7:36 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON March 5, 2001

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Terry Hickman, Mayor  
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

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Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary