

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday, April 2, 2001, 7:30 P.M.
Venture Room at Point Venture
555 Venture Boulevard S.
Point Venture, Texas**

MINUTES

- A. Call to Order** – Mayor Hickman called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.
- B. Roll Call** – Mayor Hickman acknowledged that all council members were present: Aldermen Edwards, Hestand, Nesheim, Strong and Stuart.
- C. Consent Agenda**
- 1. Approval of Minutes – March 5, 2001 Village Council Meeting** – A motion was made by Hestand and seconded by Strong to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2001 Village Council meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5-0.
- D. Citizen Inquiry** – Newt McDonald expressed his thanks to whoever was responsible for putting the new signs on Venture Boulevard South showing the townhouse addresses. Mayor Hickman stated that Jack Tyler and Alderman Strong had the signs installed.

The 4th of July Committee reported that there would be a picnic and parade on July 4th. Committee members are: Jeanne Calvi, David Foulkes, Colleen Hickman, Doug Plummer and Mic Wertz.

E. General Business and Action Items:

1. Old Business

- a. Report From Animal Control Committee with Discussion and Possible Action** – Nesheim reported that the Animal Control Committee had two meetings, March 6th and 19th, since his last report. The Committee is in the process of editing the draft ordinance for dogs to include concerns such as registration, vaccination, at large dogs, what to do with dogs that are a threat, etc. Mel Kurth informed the Council that he had done some research on dog ordinances and was disappointed that there were two unpublicized meetings held by this Committee. Mr. Kurth felt this ordinance was important to a lot of citizens and voiced concern that it would be passed without the public knowing what the contents were. His recommendation to the Council was that once the draft is complete, it be published somewhere so that citizens can review it and provide comments and concerns to the Committee. The Mayor stated that the Council would try to post upcoming committee meetings on the Village website, www.vopv.org. More discussion followed.
- b. Report from Pedernales Electric Cooperative Franchise Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that the Board of Directors of Pedernales Electric will act on the franchise ordinance during the third week of April and approval is expected.
- c. Report on Waste Collection Franchise Ordinance with Discussion and Possible Action** – Strong informed the Council that he was finalizing the franchise ordinance

that Nesheim had been working on. He expected to have the redraft completed by the end of the week.

- d. Report on Time Warner Franchise Ordinance with Discussion and Possible Action** – Mayor Hickman and Strong met with the Time Warner representative on March 29th. They are rewriting a sample ordinance to fit the needs of Point Venture.
- e. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution to Accept Streets Within Boundaries of Village of Point Venture for Purpose of Maintenance and Regulation** – Mayor Hickman stated that Hestand had worked with the Point Venture Property Owners Association (PVPOA) in developing the agreement for the PVPOA to continue to rebuild and maintain the roads at no cost to the Village until the road project is complete. This agreement was approved at the March 5, 2001 Village Council Meeting. The agreement states that the Council will pass a resolution to accept the streets within the boundaries of the Village of Point Venture for the purpose of maintenance and regulation. The agreement and this resolution would work in tandem. Nesheim made a motion, seconded by Stuart, to pass this resolution. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 3-0, with Strong and Edwards abstaining. (Resolution number 2001-04-01(R))
- f. Report on Sales Tax Election** – Mayor Hickman reminded the Council that the deadline for registering to vote in the May 5, 2001 Special Election regarding a one percent sales and use tax in the Village is April 5, 2001.
- g. Report on Southwestern Bell Telephone** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he was talking with the engineering supervisor from Southwestern Bell about improving telephone service in Point Venture. Southwestern Bell will be installing fiber optics to the Village and replacing underground cable. Also scheduled are replacement and updating of the control units in front of each home.
- h. Report from Village Marshal** – Marshal Solpietro informed the Council that he was drafting an Emergency Management Plan for the Village. He is using plans that are in place in Cedar Park and Jonestown and developing a plan to meet the specific needs of Point Venture. He expects to have a draft of the ordinance to the Council within two weeks.
- i. Discussion Regarding Submittal of Draft EMS Interlocal to Travis County** – Strong informed the Council that he had developed the draft of the EMS Interlocal and was ready to send it to Travis County for their review. There were no comments or changes and Mayor Hickman authorized Strong to forward the draft to Travis County.
- j. Report from Village Treasurer** – Hestand informed the Council that at last month's meeting the Village bank account balance was \$540. There were two \$80 deposits made to the account, both for building permits, and an \$85.02 phone bill was paid, leaving a balance of \$614.98.

2. New Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Term of Office for Elected Officials** – Strong explained the ordinance to the Council regarding future terms of office for elected

village officials. To stagger the terms so that the entire Council would not be replaced at one time, the Mayor and two council members will run for two year terms starting in November 2001, and the other three council members will run for a one year term in November 2001, followed by two year terms thereafter. The Marshal will continue to run for one-year terms. Hestand made a motion to pass an ordinance of the Village of Point Venture, Texas, providing for two-year staggered terms of office for the Mayor and Council Members of the Village, and Edwards seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5-0. (Ordinance number 2001-04-01)

- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Intergovernmental Risk Pool** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he had started the process to have the Village join the Intergovernmental Risk Pool with the Texas Municipal League.
 - c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Bond for Treasurer** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he had started the process to obtain the bond for the Village Treasurer.
 - d. Discussion Regarding Teen Curfew Ordinance** – This item and item E.2.e. (Discussion Regarding Noise Ordinance) were discussed together. Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he put this on the agenda since these issues were brought up during last month's Citizen Inquiry. He stated that the Village had more acute needs than developing a teen curfew or noise ordinance at this time. Pat Shirejian commented that she felt these items were discriminatory. Mary Banbury stated that these issues don't seem to be a big problem at this time and they could be addressed on a one on one basis with the residents that are a problem. Discussion followed. Mayor Hickman informed the Council that these issues could be revisited in the future if they become a problem.
 - e. Discussion Regarding Noise Ordinance** – This item was discussed at the same time as item E.2.d. (Discussion Regarding Teen Curfew Ordinance). See above.
 - f. Discussion Regarding Uniform Fire Code Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he met with Fire Chief Cecil from Lago Vista. We are planning on adopting the uniform fire code which they are using since Lago Vista's fire department provides us with service. There will be a meeting on April 10, 2001 and the Mayor will give an update at the next Council meeting. Questions and discussion followed. Mary Banbury inquired about who is responsible for testing the fire hydrants. Joe McGarrah will check to see if the responsibility falls within the realm of the W.C.I.D.
 - g. Discussion Regarding Building Code Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman explained that the Architectural Control Committee was the governing body regarding our building codes. They are currently reviewing the codes and will make recommendations to the Council at a future date.
- F. Adjournment** – A motion was made by Strong and seconded by Edwards to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5-0. Mayor Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:41 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON May 7, 2001

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Terry Hickman, Mayor
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary