

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday, May 7, 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 7:30 P.M.
- B. Roll Call** – Mayor Hickman acknowledged that all council members and the village marshal were present: Aldermen Edwards, Hestand, Nesheim, Strong and Stuart, and Marshal Solpietro.
- C. Consent Agenda**
- 1. Approval of Minutes – April 2, 2001 Village Council Meeting** – A motion was made by Strong and seconded by Hestand to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2001 Village Council meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5-0.
- D. Citizen Inquiry** – Colleen Hickman expressed her concern regarding the number of trees being destroyed in Point Venture. She would like to see some type of program passed that if you cut down a tree within the boundaries of the village, you would be required to plant a tree. Jean Nipper said that she purchased the lot behind the lot her house is built on and that she would not want to be restricted as to how many trees she is allowed to cut down.

Jeanne Calvi mentioned that she designed a tee shirt for the Point Venture 4th of July Celebration and that you can place your order by contacting her or Colleen Hickman.

E. General Business and Action Items:

1. Old Business

- a. Report From Pedernales Electric Cooperative** – John Houser and David Partlow attended the meeting as representatives of Pedernales Electric Cooperative (PEC). Mayor Hickman informed the Council that the franchise agreement was complete and that Pedernales agreed to make the franchise fees retroactive to August 15, 2000. Mr. Houser presented the Mayor with a check in the amount of \$7,442.24. He announced that the Pedernales annual meeting would be on June 16, 2001 at 2 P.M. in Johnson City. He also informed the Council that PEC is currently replacing transformers and underground cable in Point Venture. Jean Nipper thanked PEC for the proactive activity they were taking on pre-maintenance within the Village.
- b. Report on Time Warner Franchise Ordinance with Discussion and Possible Action** – Glenn Garry attended the meeting as a representative of Time Warner. He stated that the franchise agreement was complete. Mayor Hickman asked if there was any discussion regarding the agreement and there was none. Strong made a motion, seconded by Edwards, to pass an ordinance granting a cable television franchise to Time Warner Entertainment-Advance/Newhouse Partnership, its successors and assigns, to construct, operate and maintain a cable television system in the Village of Point Venture, Texas; providing for the following: short title; definitions; grant of authority; compliance with applicable laws and ordinances;

territorial area involved; franchise term; franchise non-exclusive; written notice; repair of streets and property; construction and use of facilities; legal obligations; customer service standards; liability insurance; performance standards; transfer or assignment of franchise; franchise renewal; city's right to revoke; revocation procedures; removal upon revocation; force majeure; service area; unauthorized connections or modifications; franchise fee payments of 5% of gross receipts; consent/approvals; severability; repeal of ordinances; city hall connection and service; acceptance; proper notice and meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0. (Ordinance number 2001-05-01)

- c. Report from Animal Control Committee with Discussion and Possible Action** – Nesheim announced that the Animal Control Committee had met on April 11th, 18th, and May 2nd and that the latest draft of the animal control franchise ordinance was on the Village website. At the next committee meeting the main topics of discussion will be fee structure for registration and a fine structure for ordinance violations. Extensive discussion followed. Highlights of discussion: Alderman Stuart mentioned that he might consider training to become a certified Animal Control Officer; the danger of allowing unleashed dogs in the PVPOA park; weekenders, vacationers, and guests bringing dogs into Point Venture; posting signs stating “leash law in effect” under the “no fireworks” signs.
- d. Report on Waste Collection Franchise Ordinance with Discussion and Possible Action** – Nesheim informed the Council that a draft of the waste collection franchise ordinance was sent to Longhorn and Mid Tex for their comments and approval. The franchise fee suggested is 3%.
- e. Report on Southwestern Bell Telephone** – Mayor Hickman and Jack Tyler met with representatives of Southwestern Bell Telephone (SBT). SBT is currently working on the fiber optics line into the village, and everything is progressing nicely.
- f. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Intergovernmental Risk Pool** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that the application was submitted to the Texas Municipal League for Point Venture to take insurance through the Intergovernmental Risk Pool. He informed the Council that the insurance was not available commercially and that for the coverage we will receive, the cost of \$1,428 was a bargain. The question was asked that if we use an animal control officer (ACO) will that effect the insurance and the Mayor stated that the ACO would be under contract and not an employee of the village, so that should not effect the insurance. Strong made a motion, seconded by Edwards, to authorize Mayor Hickman to move forward with purchasing the insurance. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.
- g. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Bond for Treasurer** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he is obtaining information regarding the bond for the Village Treasurer and will report back to the Council.
- h. Discussion Regarding Uniform Fire Code Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that we would be complying to the uniform fire code from 1994 since we will be receiving the services of the Lago Vista Fire Department and that was the code they were currently using. The Uniform Fire Code Manual for 1994 has been ordered.

- i. **Discussion Regarding Building Code Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman stated that the deed restrictions currently in place through the Architectural Control Committee would remain the same at this time.
- j. **Report on EMS Interlocal with Travis County** – Mayor Hickman, Alderman Strong and Marshal Solpietro have been working with Karen Sontleitner on the EMS Interlocal with Travis County. The EMS Interlocal for Point Venture will be similar to Lago Vista's. There will not be a substation in Point Venture and the ambulance housed in Lago Vista will service the Village. A motion was made by Hestand and seconded by Stuart to authorize Mayor Hickman to sign the EMS Interlocal agreement with Travis County which will continue ambulance and helicopter service to Point Venture. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.
- k. **Report from Village Marshal** – Marshal Solpietro informed the Council that he had provided each of them with a draft for their review of the registration form for the volunteer special assistance program that we were hoping to establish within the Village. He also informed the Council that he and Mayor Hickman would be meeting with the Captain from the Travis County sheriff's department that is in charge of this area.
- l. **Report from Village Treasurer** – Hestand distributed a report to the Council showing that there was \$470.41 in the village account. He informed the Council that he would be depositing the \$7,442.24 check from Pedernales Electric Cooperative and \$28 in cash donations. Strong informed the Council that we requested Time Warner to make their franchise fees retroactive to November 1, 2000 and they were unable to do that, but they will be sending us a donation of approximately \$1,500 instead.

2. New Business

- a. **Unofficial Sales Tax Election Results** – This item was taken out of order. Mayor Hickman informed the Council that our unofficial sales tax election results were as follows: 113 votes for the sales tax and 18 votes against. He stated that approximately 35% of the registered voters in Point Venture voted in the May 5, 2001 election. He stated that the canvass of the election results would take place at a Village Council meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2001, at 9:00 A.M. at the Village office.
- b. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Emergency Management Plan** – Marshal Solpietro informed the Council that they currently had the latest draft of the Emergency Management Plan for their review. The plan should be ready for a vote within the next month or two.
- c. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2001-2002 Village Budget** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he was in the process of developing a draft for the 2001-2002 Village budget. The Council reviewed the draft figures that Strong had presented. Extensive discussion followed. Highlights of discussion: residents want a safe, secure place to live; how to handle traffic violations; underage drinking in the park; contract with Travis County Appraisal District to collect property tax; estimate 2001-2002 budget will be between \$30,000 and \$35,000 short for Village operating expenses; it is anticipated that a five cent per \$100 property tax will be assessed.

d. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Traffic Control Ordinance – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that we were not in a position to act on this item. He stated that he suggests lowering the speed limit within the Village to 30 M.P.H. and putting speed bumps close to stop signs to deter drivers from running stop signs. Discussion followed. There was concern that drivers were using the road by the swimming pool and this was very dangerous; scooters were being used in the pool area; drivers were speeding in and out of the park.

F. Adjournment – A motion was made by Strong and seconded by Hestand to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5-0. Mayor Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:16 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON June 4, 2001

Terry Hickman, Mayor
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary