

**Village of Point Venture  
Village Council Meeting  
Monday, July 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 7:32 P.M.
- B. Roll Call** – Mayor Hickman acknowledged that all Council Members were present: Council Members Edwards, Hestand, Nesheim, Strong and Stuart. Marshal Solpietro was absent.
- C. Consent Agenda**
- 1. Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2001 Village Council Meeting** – A motion was made by Stuart and seconded by Strong to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2001 Village Council Meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5-0.
- D. Citizen Inquiry** – There were no subjects brought up at this time.
- E. General Business and Action Items:**
- 1. Old Business**
    - a. Pedernales Electric Cooperative Update** – John Houser and David Partlow attended the meeting as representatives of Pedernales Electric Cooperative (PEC). Mayor Hickman introduced Mr. Houser. Mr. Houser presented a franchise check to the Mayor in the amount of \$2,584.18 to cover the fees for the months of April through June. The Mayor thanked Mr. Houser for the check. Mr. Houser then gave an update of the activities of PEC in Point Venture and took questions from the Council and the audience.
    - b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Uniform Fire Code Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that the Village of Point Venture would be adopting the 1994 Uniform Fire Code since that is the code that Lago Vista has enforced and the Lago Vista Fire Department (LVFD) would continue to service Point Venture. He then introduced Fire Chief Jesse Cecil who proceeded to give a brief explanation of some main issues covered in the fire code. He mentioned that fireworks are prohibited under this fire code. He also mentioned that fire lanes would need to be established at the golf course and at Shades. The LVFD would be conducting regularly scheduled inspections of the fire hydrants in the Village. Mayor Hickman explained that the Insurance Service Office rated the Village a 9 and that he and the Fire Chief were working to get the rating lowered which could mean lower home insurance premiums for everyone. Strong made a motion, seconded by Stuart, to pass an ordinance of the Village of Point Venture, Texas, adopting the 1994 edition of the Uniform Fire Code; providing for the following: findings of fact; a purpose; definitions; exceptions; an effective date; enforcement clause including injunctive relief and a fine not to exceed \$500; severability; and proper notice and a meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5 – 0. (Ordinance number 2001-07-01)

- c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Emergency Management Plan** – Mayor Hickman explained that adopting the Emergency Management Plan would give the Mayor and the Village Council powers in case of an emergency. We need to ensure that we are prepared for emergencies that may arise. Discussion followed. Strong made the recommendation that a change be made to Section 8.B. and it should read as follows: “Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. A person convicted of a misdemeanor under this ordinance shall be subject to a fine or penalty not to exceed \$500.00.” Edwards made a motion, seconded by Nesheim, to pass an ordinance establishing a program including mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery phases of comprehensive emergency management; acknowledging the office of Emergency Management Director; authorizing the appointment of an Emergency Management Coordinator; and providing for the duties and responsibilities of those offices; identifying an operational organization; granting necessary powers to cope with all phases of emergency management which threaten life and property in the Village of Point Venture, Texas; authorizing cooperative and mutual aid agreements for relief work between this and other villages, cities or counties and for related purposes; prohibiting certain actions and making violations a misdemeanor. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5 – 0. (Ordinance number 2001-07-02)
- d. Report from Animal Control Committee with Discussion and Possible Action** – Nesheim informed everyone that the draft for the Animal Control Ordinance was posted on the Village website, [www.vopv.org](http://www.vopv.org). He encouraged everyone to review the draft ordinance, especially the sections referring to the leash law, and provide him and the Committee with any comments. He explained that he was working on an agreement with the Lago Vista PAWS organization to see if they would accept a limited number of dogs per year. It is possible that the organization might consider accepting approximately twelve dogs a year from Point Venture at a set fee per dog. Nesheim stated that the Committee was ready to order registration forms and tags so we would be ready to start registering dogs once the ordinance is passed, which he hopes will be at the next meeting, or no later than the September meeting.
- e. Report on Waste Collection Franchise Ordinance with Discussion and Possible Action** – Nesheim mentioned that the draft franchise ordinance was sent to Longhorn and Mid Tex in May. Longhorn responded by saying they wanted a change made in the ordinance so they would be given notice to remedy a violation of the ordinance within a certain timeframe before a penalty would be imposed. Mid Tex finally responded today and were unhappy about them having to file a report showing their revenues from Point Venture for last year and the fact that the Village Council could inspect their records pertaining to Point Venture. Mayor Hickman told Nesheim that he should set up a meeting with Mid Tex to see if a resolution could be found quickly so that we can move forward with this ordinance.
- f. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2001-2002 Village Budget** – Mayor Hickman stated that the budget year for the Village is October 1 through September 30 each year. He recommended to the Council that they should set up a work session on Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. and all agreed. Strong provided the Council with some recommended budget figures. Mayor Hickman explained that estimated expenditures for 2001-2002 were between \$51,000 and \$52,000 and that approximately \$28,000 would come from sources other than property tax. He stated

that we were able to cut down on estimated attorney fees due to the amount of work that Strong was doing in preparing ordinances and our using the Texas Municipal League attorneys as much as possible. The Mayor also stated that we were starting to accumulate money now for the road maintenance fund so that would be built up by the time the Village becomes responsible for the road maintenance.

- g. Discussion and Possible Action On Unlicensed Motor Vehicles Ordinance –** Mayor Hickman explained that last month the Council was presented with a draft ordinance regarding unlicensed motor vehicles such as golf carts, all terrain vehicles and go-carts and that the ordinance was motivated by vandalism that occurred within the Village by individuals on golf carts. The Mayor stated that Strong had further researched how Lago Vista and Lakeway handle this issue and found that they follow the state law. State law and the transportation code state that the vehicles mentioned above are illegal on public roads and should not be driven on public roads by unlicensed drivers. In addition, golf carts should not be driven at night. Discussion followed with comments by Council Members and the following citizens: Mary Banbury, Larry Ryden and Paul Denison. The Council decided to take Strong's recommendation and table the unlicensed motor vehicles ordinance and enforce the state law and the transportation code regarding these issues.
- h. Report from Village Marshal –** Mayor Hickman gave the marshal's report in Marshal Solpietro's absence. He stated that on June 7<sup>th</sup>, Dennis Allen, Marshal Solpietro and the County Sheriff apprehended two boys driving a golf cart at night on the golf course. The damage done was minor and no arrests were made. There have been no further incidents of golf course vandalism reported. There were a few mishaps at the park where individuals did not want to leave the park at midnight. These incidents were handled without arrests being made. In addition, there was some vandalism at the marina. One citizen reported that he observed an individual removing cut stone from private property. Mayor Hickman stated that our first line of defense for this type of offense is the county sheriff.
- i. Report from Village Treasurer –** Hestand reported that there were four transactions this month. He made an \$80 deposit from a building permit and three checks were written today totaling \$611.68. He stated that we were up to date on all of our taxing units and that we needed to pass a budget and then we would set a tax rate.

## **2. New Business**

- a. Discussion Regarding Interlocal Agreement with Lago Vista Municipal Court –** Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he had met with Kelvin Knauf and Mayor Dennis Jones of Lago Vista regarding a possible interlocal agreement with Lago Vista where Point Venture could use their municipal court. Mayor Jones informed Mayor Hickman that he would have to discuss this with the Lago Vista City Council and see how they would consider handling this. Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he saw benefits in our doing it this way to be able to collect fines assessed for violations of Point Venture ordinances. The Mayor made the above recommendation to the Council and they agreed that he should move forward with this idea.
- b. Discussion Regarding Courtesy Booth –** Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he talked to TML regarding our Courtesy Booth and informed them that the guards at

the booth were there to provide information and directions. He was told that it is not illegal for us to keep the Courtesy Booth. Mayor Hickman will recommend to the Point Venture Property Owners Association to continue this service.

- c. Discussion Regarding Annual Audit** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that the Village is required to have an annual audit. He has three recommendations of firms that are credentialed to do municipal type audits and plans on interviewing the three firms and making a recommendation to the Council as to which firm would be best to handle our audit.

**d. Mayor's Report:**

- (1) **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade/Picnic** – Mayor Hickman reminded the Council about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and picnic. The parade will start at 11 A.M. and the picnic will follow at the parking lot of the Point Venture office complex.
- (2) **Neighborhood Watch Night Out** – Mayor Hickman reminded the Council that the Neighborhood Watch Night Out is to be held on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 P.M. Carroll Hestand is chairing this committee.
- (3) **Newcomer Program** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that Carole Thomas has volunteered to head up the Newcomer Program and that Emmy McDaniel has agreed to assist her. Anyone interested in taking part in this activity should contact the Mayor or Carole Thomas.
- (4) **CARE** – Mayor Hickman explained that CARE was a new program we are initiating in the community. CARE stands for Community Awareness and Response to Emergencies. Any citizen who may need special care or attention in the event of a minor emergency such as a power outage, loss of telephone service, etc., can register for this program. Also, we are in need of volunteers who would check on the citizens in the program in the event of a minor emergency. Forms are available at the PVPOA office and the Village office.
- (5) **Historian** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that Mel Kurth has volunteered to be the Village Historian. Mr. Kurth moved to Point Venture at the age of 16. Anyone willing to share information they have about the history of Point Venture should contact the Mayor or Mr. Kurth.
- (6) **Photo Copier Purchase/Time Warner** – Mayor Hickman reminded the Council that we received a \$1500 donation from Time Warner for the purpose of purchasing a photo copier for the Village office. The Mayor recommended we purchase a digital copier from Office Depot for \$799, Xerox model XL2140. Nesheim made a motion, seconded by Strong, to purchase the copier. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5 – 0.
- (7) **Meeting with Travis County Commissioner Karen Sonleitner** – Mayor Hickman stated that he and Strong met with Commissioner Karen Sonleitner to see if the county would assist the Village of Point Venture in obtaining signage needed for the streets of the Village. The commissioner said that she would look into this issue and get back to the Mayor.
- (8) **Report on EMS Interlocal with Travis County** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that we now have a signed EMS Interlocal with Travis County.
- (9) **Bond for Treasurer** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he spoke with Alan Bojorquez, Village Attorney, regarding the amount of bond we should obtain for the Village Treasurer. At the attorney's recommendation, the Mayor has applied for a \$20,000 bond and the cost will be \$100 per year.

- (10) Report on Travis County Sheriff** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that the Travis County Sheriff’s Department is patrolling the streets of Point Venture and will be issuing warning tickets to violators of the speed limits, stop signs, etc. The Mayor has asked them to be liberal but it will be the sheriff’s final decision as to whether a violator will receive a ticket or a warning. The main issue here is that we want Point Venture to be a safe place for all of us.
- (11) Bickerstaff Seminar** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that three Village officials attended a seminar given by Alan Bojorquez and his colleagues at the Bickerstaff, Heath office on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The seminar covered open meetings, open records and ethics. Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary, presented the Council Members that were unable to attend with a copy of the handouts from the seminar.

**F. Adjournment** – A motion was made by Hestand and seconded by Stuart to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5-0. Mayor Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:03 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON August 6, 2001

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Terry Hickman, Mayor  
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

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Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary