

**Village of Point Venture  
Village Council Meeting  
Monday, August 6, 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 the following Council Members were present: Council Members Edwards, Nesheim, Strong and Stuart, and Marshal Solpietro. Council Member Hestand was absent.
- C. Consent Agenda**
- 1. Approval of Minutes – July 2, 2001 Village Council Meeting**
  - 2. Approval of Minutes – July 17, 2001 Village Council Budget Workshop Meeting**  
A motion was made by Strong and seconded by Stuart to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2001 Village Council Meeting and the July 17, 2001 Village Council Budget Workshop Meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 4-0.
- D. Citizen Inquiry** – Mike Maritz made an inquiry as to how a citizen can get an item on the Village council meeting agenda. Mayor Hickman informed him that he could attend a council meeting and state that he would like an item on the next agenda; he could call up the Village office and make the same request; or he could talk to the Mayor and request that an item be put on the agenda. Judy Maritz stated that she had talked to the Mayor about the need for a deer crossing sign near the entrance of the community and the item was not on the agenda. In addition, she had talked to Jack Tyler about the Comanche Lane street sign and that was not on the agenda. Mayor Hickman informed Mr. And Mrs. Maritz that just talking to him about an issue did not ensure it would appear on the agenda. They needed to specifically request that an item/issue be put on the agenda.
- Mayor Hickman congratulated Emmy McDaniel, a Point Venture resident, who won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the apple pie contest/adult category at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas International Apple Festival in Medina.

**E. General Business and Action Items:**

**1. Old Business**

- a. Report from Animal Control Committee with Discussion and Possible Action** – Nesheim stated that the Animal Control Committee had been working on the animal control ordinance for about six months. There had been numerous complaints about citizens being accosted by dogs when walking, running or biking in the community and this is what initiated this ordinance. Nesheim explained the main issues covered in the ordinance. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Council Members and the following citizens expressed concerns and opinions: Jeanne Calvi, Mel Kurth, Judy Maritz, Jean Nipper and Newt McDonald. Stuart made a motion, seconded by Strong, to pass, as presented with minor corrections stated by Nesheim, an ordinance of the Village of Point Venture, Texas, controlling the presence of dogs and the health and safety of dogs and other animals; providing for the following: findings of fact; a

purpose; definitions; registration and vaccination of dogs; prohibitions; administration; an effective date; enforcement clause including injunctive relief and fines and fees not to exceed \$500; severability; and proper notice and a meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 4-0. (Ordinance number 2001-08-01)

**b. Report on Waste Collection Franchise Ordinance with Discussion and Possible Action** – (This item was taken out of order and discussed before item E.1.a.)

Nesheim stated that he had been working on the waste collection franchise ordinances with Longhorn and Mid Tex for months. The reason for the Village collecting franchise fees from the waste collection companies is because the Village maintains the roads that the waste collection companies use while providing their services to the community, and it would allow the Village to have some control of the number of companies providing this service and the quality of their service. Some of the main points covered in the ordinance are the 3% franchise fee of the gross revenues for services rendered in Point Venture, the insurance requirements, and the service level. A motion was made by Strong, seconded by Edwards, to pass an ordinance of the Village of Point Venture, Texas, granting to Longhorn Disposal, a Division of Waste Management of Texas, Inc., its successors and assigns, the right to operate and maintain trash and refuse collection routes within the Village of Point Venture; providing a non exclusive franchise; providing for insurance requirements, franchise fees, effective dates, severability and other provisions related to the grant of franchise. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 4-0. (Ordinance number 2001-08-02) A motion was made by Strong, seconded by Edwards, to pass an ordinance of the Village of Point Venture, Texas, granting to IESI – Mid Tex Waste Systems, its successors and assigns, the right to operate and maintain trash and refuse collection routes within the Village of Point Venture; providing a non exclusive franchise; providing for insurance requirements, franchise fees, effective dates, severability and other provisions related to the grant of franchise. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 4-0. (Ordinance number 2001-08-03) Reese Banbury asked how the issue of residents putting toxic materials and batteries in the trash receptacles, causing oil, etc., to leak onto the streets. Mayor Hickman stated that it would be hard to police that problem and he hoped that the residents of Point Venture would not dispose of those items in their trash receptacles.

**c. Discussion Regarding 2001/2002 Village Budget** – Mayor Hickman explained that the 2001/2002 Village budget covered the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002. He stated that he was presenting a proposed budget to the Council for their consideration. The mission of the Council is to provide for the safety and security of the citizens and property of the Village of Point Venture with a minimum of expense/tax burden to our citizens. The Village will continue to partner with the Point Venture Property Owners Association, Inc., Point Venture Townhouses, Inc., the Point Venture Water Control and Improvement District and volunteer groups to achieve these goals. The Mayor stated that there were some changes that needed to be made to the budget making the total general fund projected revenue and total expenditures figures change from \$56,020 to \$56,620. The Mayor thanked Council Member Strong for all the work that he has done which resulted in keeping our attorney fees to a minimum. The Mayor opened the floor for discussion, questions and comments. Questions and comments were made by various Council Members and the following citizens: Jeanne Calvi, Howard Belmore, Mike Maritz, Jim Hawkins, Greg Dvorak and Bob Guerin. Mayor Hickman stated that there would be a public

hearing regarding the budget at 7 P.M. on Tuesday, September 4, 2001, prior to the Village Council Meeting.

- d. Discussion Regarding Interlocal Agreement with Lago Vista Municipal Court** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he spoke with the Mayor and General Manager of Lago Vista regarding a possible interlocal agreement with the Lago Vista Municipal Court to see if they might be willing to handle Point Venture court cases on a case by case basis. The Mayor of Lago Vista informed him that this issue would need to be discussed with the Lago Vista City Council.
- e. Report from Village Marshal** – Marshal Solpietro informed the Council that Dennis Allen reported some vandalism at the golf course again which was caused by golf carts driving on the greens. In addition, Marshal Solpietro reminded the Council and citizens about the Neighborhood Watch Night Out that was going to be at 7 P.M. on Tuesday, August 7, 2001, at the Point Venture clubhouse.
- f. Report from Village Treasurer** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council and citizens that the Village had purchased a copy machine with the money donation received from Time Warner Cable.

## **2. New Business**

- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Interlocal with Travis County Sheriff** – Strong informed the Council that he had provided Captain Scott Burroughs with a draft proposal for an interlocal agreement. Strong used the interlocal agreement that the Travis County Sheriff's Department has with Briarcliff and revised it to meet the needs of Point Venture.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Property Tax** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he was recommending an estimated property tax rate of \$0.04 per \$1,000 property value to be initiated for Point Venture to cover the shortfall of the budget. This issue will be put before the Council at the September 4, 2001 Village Council Meeting.
- c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding November 2001 Election** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that there will be a November election to elect the next Village Council for the Village of Point Venture and he would be preparing an election order to be presented to the Council at the September 4, 2001 Village Council Meeting.
- d. Mayor's Report:**
  - (1) 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade/Picnic** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and picnic were a great success and he thanked all of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee members for all their efforts.
  - (2) Neighborhood Watch Night Out** – Mayor Hickman reminded the Council and citizens that the Neighborhood Watch Night Out is to be held on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 P.M.
  - (3) Newcomer Program** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that Carole Thomas was chairing the Newcomer program and that Emmy McDaniel has agreed to

assist her. Anyone interested in taking part in this activity should contact Carole Thomas.

- (4) **Photo Copier Purchase/Time Warner** – This item was discussed in item E.1.f.
- (5) **Update Personal Address to Point Venture** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council and citizens that it was important that they update their address to read Point Venture instead of Lago Vista or Leander to ensure that the Village received all sales tax that it is entitled to.
- (6) **Picnic in the Park - October** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council and citizens that the same Committee that did the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and picnic had suggested that the Village have a picnic in the park in October. They will need volunteers to assist with this endeavor. Please contact Jeanne Calvi if you are willing to help. Carole Thomas, Chair for the Adopt A Street Program, stated that she would like to have a gathering for the Adopt A Street Program and that maybe the two could be combined.
- (7) **Report on Water District Meeting** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he was approached by a friend who owned an extra lot in Point Venture and inquired about donating that lot to the Village to be kept as a natural area or greenbelt. The Mayor stated that this was being researched and if it can be done, the donator would receive a one time tax write-off, and it was proposed that they would no longer have to pay the monthly property owner dues. Strong explained the issues that were covered during the August 1, 2001 Water District meeting.

**F. Adjournment** – A motion was made by Nesheim and seconded by Strong to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 4-0. Mayor Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:23 P.M.

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

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Terry Hickman, Mayor  
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

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Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary