

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 4, 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 were present: Council Members Edwards, Hestand, Nesheim, Strong and Stuart. Marshal Solpietro was absent.
- C. Consent Agenda**
- 1. Approval of Minutes – August 6, 2001 Village Council Meeting**
 - 2. Approval of Minutes – August 20, 2001 Village Council Meeting**
A motion was made by Nesheim and seconded by Edwards to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2001 and August 20, 2001 Village Council Meetings. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5 – 0.
- D. Citizen Inquiry** – No one had any items to present.
- E. General Business and Action Items:**
- 1. Old Business**
 - a. Report from Animal Control Committee Regarding Implementation** – Nesheim reviewed the main points of the animal control ordinance that was passed in August. Dog registration will take place on September 21st, 22nd, 28th and 29th from 9 A.M. till noon. The ordinance will be enforced beginning October 1, 2001. Weekenders will be able to obtain a registration form at the courtesy booth to register their dogs, free of charge, as long as the dog is properly registered elsewhere. Stuart mentioned that no fine was listed in the ordinance for a first offense of no rabies shot. Strong suggested that we make that change at the time we amend the entire ordinance. Stuart will act as the animal control officer. He volunteered to go to homes of those that are unable to attend the scheduled dog registration and handle their registration.
 - b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2001/2002 Village Budget** – Edwards made a motion, seconded by Strong, to approve an ordinance of the Village of Point Venture, Texas adopting a budget for the fiscal year 2001-2002, setting forth the detail of the budget; effective date; severability; and proper notice and a meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5 – 0. (Ordinance number 2001-09-01)
 - c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Property Tax** – Stuart made a motion, seconded by Nesheim, to approve an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the Village of Point Venture, Texas for the 2001-2002 fiscal year; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5 – 0. (Ordinance number 2001-09-02)
 - d. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding November 2001 Election** – Mayor Hickman read an order of election for the Village of Point Venture, ordering an

election to elect a Mayor and five Council Members to be held on November 6, 2001. He reminded everyone that the mayor and two council members will run for two year terms and the other three council members will run for one year terms. He stated that anyone wishing to run for office should contact Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary, to obtain a candidate packet and application. The deadline for filing a candidate application is 5:00 P.M. on Monday, September 24, 2001.

- e. **Report from Village Marshal** – In Marshal Solpietro’s absence, Mayor Hickman informed the Council that everything was peaceful in the Village.
- f. **Report from Village Treasurer** – Hestand summarized the treasurer’s report and the financial report for the Council. He stated that the current budget will need to be amended after the fiscal year ends. Mayor Hickman stated that the unused budget money will carry forward to next year’s budget.

2. New Business

- a. **Discussion Regarding Lot Clearing Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman stated that he and others are concerned with the number of trees that are being cut down in Point Venture trying to make the lots more saleable. Extensive discussion followed. A motion was made by Hestand and seconded by Stuart to have Mayor Hickman appoint a committee to develop a lot clearing ordinance. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5 – 0.
- b. **Discussion Regarding Traffic Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he recommends they consider developing a traffic ordinance. He feels there is a traffic problem in Point Venture. Strong suggested that if we do pass a traffic ordinance it should be consistent with state law, one advantage being we would be able to put up 30 MPH speed limit signs. Extensive discussion followed. Hestand made a motion, seconded by Nesheim, to appoint a committee to research and develop a traffic ordinance. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 3 – 0 with 2 abstaining (Edwards and Stuart).
- c. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Change to LCRA Water Management Plan** – Mayor Hickman reviewed a memo he received from the Mayor of Lakeway regarding one of LCRA’s water management plans affecting Lake Travis and Lake Buchanan. There was concern that Lake Travis was losing too much water during rice season. Extensive discussion followed. Hestand made a motion, seconded by Nesheim, to pass a resolution of the Village of Point Venture, Texas, proposing to the LCRA Board of Directors that the irrigation drawdown procedure be revised in a way that is fair to both Lake Travis and Lake Buchanan. This resolution would be sent to the LCRA. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 2 (Hestand and Nesheim) – 1 (Edwards), with 2 abstaining (Strong and Stuart). (Resolution number 2001-09-01(R))

d. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Abolition of Village Marshal Office – Mayor Hickman explained that when we first incorporated, we had to elect a Marshal. Joe Solpietro agreed to run for the position. Marshal Solpietro had suggested to Mayor Hickman that with the interlocal that was in process with Travis County Sheriff's Department, he felt there would be no need for the Marshal's position in the future. Mayor Hickman proposed to the Council that we abolish the position of Marshal at the end of this term. Discussion followed. Strong made a motion, seconded by Stuart, to pass an ordinance of the Village of Point Venture, Texas dispensing with the office of Marshal, and conferring the duties of said office upon a duly authorized peace officer of the county; providing for: the abolishment of the office; an effective date of such abolishment; naming of a peace officer; entering into an interlocal agreement with the named peace officer's governmental entity; severability and proper notice and a meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5 – 0. Marshal Solpietro will remain in office until November 12, 2001. (Ordinance number 2001-09-03)

e. Mayor's Report:

- (1) Newcomer Program –** Mayor Hickman informed the Council that Carole Thomas was chairing the newcomer program and that Emmy McDaniel was helping her. If anyone is interested in helping with this program, please notify Carole. Carole and Emmy have developed a package of material for newcomers and plan on meeting with newcomers to welcome them to the Village.
- (2) Update Personal Address to Point Venture –** Mayor Hickman reminded 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 receive all the revenue it is entitled to.
- (3) Picnic in the Park - October –** Mayor Hickman reminded everyone of the picnic in the park scheduled for October 20, 2001. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jeanne Calvi.
- (4) Report on Waste Collection Franchise Ordinance –** Mayor Hickman stated that we have not received the signed franchise ordinances back from Longhorn or Mid Tex.
- (5) Interlocal with Travis County Sheriff –** Mayor Hickman stated that we have not received the signed interlocal from Travis County.
- (6) Travis County Sign Shop –** Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he was in process of getting information about obtaining signs for the Village from Travis County. Commissioner Sonleitner's office informed him that we must have an interlocal from them. We should be receiving a price list soon.

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 8:47 P.M.

September 4, 2001
Village Council Meeting Minutes

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON October 1, 2001

Terry Hickman, Mayor
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary