

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday, November 5, 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 Hestand, Nesheim, and Strong, and Marshal Solpietro. Council Members Edwards and Stuart were absent.
- C. Consent Agenda**
- 1. Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2001 Village Council Meeting**
A motion was made by Nesheim and seconded by Strong to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2001 Village Council Meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 3 – 0.
- D. Citizen Inquiry** – Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary, thanked Mayor Hickman on behalf of the citizens of the Village of Point Venture for his efforts as the first mayor of the Village of Point Venture. The Mayor was presented with a gavel.
- E.**
- F.** Charlotte Banasik informed the Council that as of November 1, 2001, Point Venture would appear as an alternate city for the zip code 78645 and again requested that all citizens update their address showing Point Venture as the city.
- G.**
- H.** David Partlow, Community and Economic Developer for Pedernales Electric, informed the Council that he would like to meet with the Mayor and Village Secretary to develop a community profile showing the demographics of Point Venture. Also he would like to discuss the needs of the Village to see if we could apply for any grants that are available. This is a service provided free of charge through his company.
- I. General Business and Action Items:**
- 1. Old Business**
- a. Discussion Regarding Lot Clearing Ordinance** – Strong informed the Council that the Lot Clearing Committee has met twice and are still doing research on developing a lot clearing ordinance.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Interlocal with Travis County Sheriff's Department** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that the text of the interlocal with the Travis County Sheriff's Department had been corrected and that he would be receiving the corrected interlocal for his signature. The Mayor reminded the Council that at the October meeting they authorized him to sign the interlocal with the dollar amount for services not to exceed \$33 per hour. The new rate for 2002 is \$33.90 per hour. A motion was made by Hestand and seconded by Strong to amend the previous motion made in October to conform to the 2002 rate of \$33.90 per hour. A vote was taken and the motion passed 3 – 0.

- c. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Travis County Sign Shop Interlocal** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he has been working with Commissioner Karen Sonleitner’s office to develop an interlocal with the Travis County Sign Shop regarding the purchase of street signs. A motion was made by Strong and seconded by Hestand to authorize Mayor Hickman to sign the interlocal agreement. A vote was taken and the motion passed 3 – 0.
- d. **Report from Village Marshal** – Marshal Solpietro informed the Council that there had been two recent incidents in the Village: 1) some signs were damaged in the POA park; and 2) a humvee was racing in the park.
- e. **Report from Village Treasurer** – Hestand summarized the treasurer’s report for the Council. He stated that the Village showed \$15,312.11 in revenues and \$2,060.70 in expenditures for the current year which began on October 1, 2001, leaving a balance of \$13,251.41. \$6,656.37 was the balance forwarded from last year. He explained one of the entries on the treasurer’s report, a receipt of \$4,480.70. This was for mixed beverage tax for August 2000 through September 2001 from Shades. In addition, not showing on the report was our first property tax payment of \$73.10. Hestand informed the Council that he received information from the tax appraisal office showing the Village’s tax levy at \$30,528.50 for 1,094 parcels, and that our fee to the Travis County Appraisal District will be \$973.66.

2. New Business

- a. **Proclamation – Village Council, et al.** – (This item was taken out of order after the Mayor’s Report.) Mayor Hickman read a proclamation honoring Marshal Joe Solpietro for his service as the Village Marshal and thanked him for his service. In addition, the Mayor informed the Council that each Council Member and the Village Secretary would be receiving a proclamation in honor of their service during the Village’s first year of operation. The Mayor stated that it was an honor, pleasure and privilege serving with the Council and that we will all miss Council Member Edwards and Marshal Solpietro.
- b. **Mayor’s Report:**
 - (1) **Terms of Office/Election** – Mayor Hickman reminded the Council that Ordinance Number 2001-10-02 was passed at the last meeting declaring unopposed candidate in the November 6, 2001 general Village election elected to office and canceling the election. In addition, he stated that the Mayor was elected for a two year term, and that two Council Members would serve two year terms, and the other three Council Members would serve one year terms. At the December Village Council Meeting we will hold a lot drawing to determine which Council Members will serve the two year and one year terms.
 - (2) **Report on Waste Collection Franchise Ordinance** – Nesheim reported that both Longhorn and Mid Tex started collecting a franchise fee in October and we will be receiving our first payment from them in January 2002, and quarterly thereafter.
 - (3) **Animal Control Enforcement** – Nesheim gave an overview of what has been happening regarding animal control in the Village. The POA has agreed to allow the Animal Control Officer to use one of their trucks for patrolling. A stainless

steel cage was purchased for picking up stray dogs. To date, 77 dogs have been registered. Currently we are in an education stage of enforcing animal control, which will be followed by a period of handing out warnings. After the first of the year the plan is to start issuing citations for violations of the animal control ordinance. The Animal Control Committee is in the process of developing a citation which will be reviewed by the Village Attorney. Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he is working on an interlocal with Lago Vista regarding use of their municipal court.

(4) Guide to Point Venture Services – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that a chart was developed showing which services in the Village are handled by the various organizations: Village of Point Venture, Point Venture Property Owners Association, Point Venture Townhouses, and WCID. Charts are available at the back of the room for the citizens.

(5) Discussion of Valley Hill Drive and Staghorn Drive – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that there were two streets that needed review between the Point Venture and Waterford boundaries: Valley Hill Drive and Staghorn Drive. Staghorn Drive between Summit Ridge Drive South and the water tower was not paved as a street, so that was not currently a problem, but boulders currently blocked Valley Hill Drive on the Waterford boundary and the Mayor would like the Council to consider taking out that small section of street between Summit Ridge Drive and the Waterford boundary. Extensive discussion followed. The Mayor introduced this issue but is not prepared to make a recommendation to the Council at this time. It will be on the agenda for the December meeting.

F. Adjournment – A motion was made by Nesheim and seconded by Hestand to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 3 - 0. Mayor Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:06 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON December 3, 2001

Terry Hickman, Mayor
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary