

**Village of Point Venture  
Village Council Meeting  
Monday, February 4, 2002, 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, Hruby, Nesheim and Stuart. Council Member Strong was absent.
- C. Consent Agenda**
- 1. Approval of Minutes – January 7, 2002 Village Council Meeting**  
A motion was made by Stuart and seconded by Hruby to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2002 Village Council Meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 4 – 0.
- D. Citizen Inquiry** – No one had any items to present.
- E. General Business and Action Items:**
- 1. Old Business**
- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Lot Clearing Ordinance/Building Ordinance Work Session** – Mayor Hickman proposed that the Council schedule a work session to begin work on developing a building and lot-clearing ordinance. It will be an open meeting therefore an agenda will be posted. The Mayor asked the Council to check their schedules and notify the Village Secretary if they are available to meet on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Report from Animal Control Officer** – Stuart wanted to publicly thank the Lago Vista Police Department (LVPD) for the time they spent giving him a tour of their animal control equipment and facilities, and training him on animal control procedures. Lt. Reyes and Officer Garrett were most helpful and offered to assist Stuart with emergency animal control situations. LVPD is willing to share their impound facilities with us, for short term impoundment of dogs, and requested that we develop an interlocal agreement to protect them from liability if we use the facility. Stuart informed the Council that if a citizen is issued a citation, the fines are modest, but the citizen would also be required to pay court costs, which would be forwarded on to the state, and, if the animal is impounded, the owner would pay an impound fee. Mayor Hickman stated that he would personally thank Mayor Jones for all of the help that we have received from Lago Vista.
- c. Report from Village Treasurer** – Hestand reported that we are receiving checks from the Texas Comptroller for sales taxes and mixed beverage taxes, and from the Travis Central Appraisal District for property taxes. In addition, we are receiving franchise fee checks from Pedernales Electric Cooperative and Time Warner Cable, and should begin receiving checks from the solid waste management companies

shortly. To date, for this fiscal year, the Village has had receipts \$45,204.72 (which include \$6,656.37 starting balance carried over from last year), expenditures of \$5,729.55, leaving a balance of \$39,475.17. He also reported that Travis County has estimated we would receive ad valorem taxes in the amount of \$30,500.36. We have received \$6,609.85 so we expect to collect \$23,890.51 this year.

- (1) **2000/2001 Fiscal Year Financial Statement** – Hestand informed the Council that last year's financial report was complete and will be on file at the Village office. The Mayor, Village Secretary, and Village Treasurer prepared and reviewed the report before submission.

Mayor Hickman Informed the Council that the Point Venture Property Owners Association's road project is moving quickly toward completion which means that the Village will become responsible for road maintenance. We will continue to build a road maintenance fund to prepare for future needs.

## 2. New Business

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Anti-Littering Ordinance** – Stuart requested that the Council consider developing some type of litter control ordinance, possibly to include a beautification program. Stuart proposed that we set up an action committee to research this issue. Carole Thomas suggested that this possibly be combined with the Adopt-A-Street Committee. Mayor Hickman and Stuart agreed to meet to start the ball rolling.

- b. **Mayor's Report:**

- (1) **Southwestern Bell Project Status** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that Southwestern Bell did not meet their target date for overhauling our phone system but are working diligently to complete the project as soon as possible. Part of the Village has been switched to the new lines and the rest should be switched in the next few weeks. A question was asked if Southwestern Bell would replant grass and repair driveways that were damaged during this project. Mayor Hickman stated that the company has been very responsive to our requests of repairing areas that were damaged during the project so he expects that they will continue to do so.
- (2) **Municipal Court Status** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that the Village Secretary swore in the judge and court clerk so we are prepared for our first tentative court date of March 20<sup>th</sup>. If no citations are issued before that date, the court session will be cancelled.
- (3) **Personal Street Address** – Mayor Hickman reminded the Council and the citizens that they should check to see how their address was listed with Southwestern Bell. You can do this by checking the Southwestern Bell telephone directory. We have become aware of a problem where certain residents have incorrect addresses showing up on the screen when they dial 911 for an emergency. EMS uses Southwestern Bell's database so if your address is listed incorrectly with them, you might encounter a problem with an incorrect address appearing on the screen when you dial 911.

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**F. Adjournment** – A motion was made by Nesheim seconded by Hruby to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 4 - 0. Mayor Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:13 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON March 4, 2002

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Terry Hickman, Mayor  
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

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Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary