

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday, July 1, 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 all of the Council Members were present: Council Members Hestand, Hruby, Nesheim, Strong and Stuart.
- C. Consent Agenda**
- 1. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2002 Village Council Public Awareness Meeting**
 - 2. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2002 Village Council Meeting**
A motion was made by Strong and seconded by Hruby to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2002 Public Awareness and Village Council meetings. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5-0.

Mayor Hickman took some items out of order at this time in order to introduce visitors that were in attendance (see items E.2.a. and E.2.b.) He introduced Greg and Colin from the North Lake Travis Log.

- D. Citizen Inquiry** – Carole Thomas asked if poles without signs could be moved if they interfered with the placement of driveways. As traffic ordinance was on the agenda, Mayor Hickman answered that reasonable requests by property owners would be considered.
- E. General Business and Action Items:**

1. Old Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Lot Clearing Ordinance/Building Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman stated that the building ordinance was not ready for discussion. The lot clearing ordinance was presented with the following changes suggested by Council Member Strong: Page 3, Section 4A(2) delete and substitute the following: (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to cut, poison, or otherwise remove protected trees on any lot or other property within the Village without first securing a Lot Clearing permit issued by the Building Official; Page 3, Section 6A delete and substitute the following: A lot clearing permit is not required for trimming of trees less than four (4) inches in diameter with the exception of those protected trees designated in 3.4.b. which can be trimmed if the diameter is less than one (1) inch. For a protected tree, a lot clearing permit is not required for routine trimming of tree branches that have a diameter less than fifty percent (50%) of the diameter of the trunk. The diameter of tree branches must be measured at the attachment point to the trunk or the lateral stem; Page 6, Section 8 delete the word “burned” from the first line and add “or ground into chips.” in the second line so the second line reads as follows: ...must be taken from the site or ground into chips within fifteen (15) days of the completion of...; Amend the third line as follows: Chipped brush and wood waste must either be:...

Nesheim questioned if the language made it clear that stump removal is required. It was agreed to add the phrase "in or on the ground" after "All vegetation, trees and tree stumps..." in the first sentence.

It was discussed that a time limit could be included in the lot clearing permit and did not need to be a part of the ordinance. Mayor Hickman wanted language that permit would be issued only when the owner is ready to build. Nesheim moved that the ordinance be passed with the above mentioned changes. Strong seconded and the vote was 4 to 1, Stuart voting against.

- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Anti-Littering Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman reported that ten letters had been sent to property owners to comply with littering ordinance, with about half responding. Registered letters will be sent to those who have not responded. The question was raised if the Village can handle the cleanup and then bill owners for the cost incurred.
- c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Traffic Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman stated that the traffic ordinance was not ready for discussion.
- d. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Point Venture Fire Station** – Strong reported that he had contacted PEC's grants department. State Farm Insurance and The American Heart Association also have grant programs. PEC will help the Council with grant requests. A letter from Fire Chief Cecil was quoted stating needs for two pumps and an Automated Heart Defibrillator at a total cost of \$10,300. Stuart would like to set up a table at the 4th of July celebration to receive donations for the fire station.
- e. Report from Animal Control Officer** – Stuart reported that state law required the Village to deal with the problem of rabies. That is why he has destroyed a sick deer and raccoon. Citizens should call the ACO if having problems with high risk animals.
- f. Report from Village Treasurer** – Mayor Hickman stated that there would not be a treasurer's cash report this month.

2. New Business

- a. Report from Pedernales Electric Cooperative** – (This item was taken out of order.) Mayor Hickman introduced John Houser who presented the quarterly check (\$2,339.39) for franchise fees to the Mayor. Mr. Houser then reported on the status of the district. If there are customers who need help reading their meters, they can request an electronic meter be installed at their homes.
- b. Report from Travis County Commissioner Margaret Moore Including Discussion of Transportation and Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) Issues** – (This item was taken out of order.) County Commissioner Margaret Moore was introduced and spoke on the RMA issues. This concerns counties being able to build toll roads. Travis and Williamson Counties are working together on plans for regional roads. Highway 183A is an integral part of the plan. Commissioner Moore presented maps displaying the proposed roads. She is looking for the approval of the various municipalities in her precinct. When the project is further along, she would like Point Venture and others

to support the plan by passing resolutions to that effect. She then spoke of the project to extend Anderson Mill Road to 1431. This is a project that has funds available and is in the works. Mayor Hickman thanked Commissioner Moore for her presentation. He encouraged Council Members to pass a resolution approving further investigation by Travis County.

- c. **Resignation of Council Member** – (This item was taken out of order.) Council Member Hestand has submitted his resignation effective June 30, 2002 since he has moved and is no longer a resident of Point Venture. Under state law, he will continue to serve until a replacement is named.
- d. **Proclamation – July 1, 2002** – (This item was taken out of order.) Mayor Hickman read a proclamation naming July 1, 2002 as Don Hestand Day. He thanked Council Member Hestand for his service to Point Venture. A ten minute break was then taken. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M.
- e. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment to Fill Vacant Council Member Position** – This item will be discussed in Executive Session.
- f. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment of Village Treasurer** – Council Member Ron Hruby has agreed to serve as treasurer. Strong made a motion, seconded by Nesheim, to appoint Ron Hruby as Village Treasurer. A vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Hruby abstaining.
- g. **Discussion Regarding Anti-Solicitation Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman felt that no discussion was needed at this time on this item.
- h. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Interlocal with Travis County Health Department** – Mayor Hickman reported the possibility of an interlocal agreement with the Travis County health Department for inspections of the swimming pool and Shades Restaurant.
- i. **Mayor's Report:**
 - (1) **Road Project Status** – Strong reported that the PVPOA was in process of getting bids for the final phase of the road project.
 - (2) **Fourth of July** – 55 entries have been submitted for the 4th of July parade. The PVPOA has hired an additional guard for the holiday weekend with one to be stationed at the park. The Village has hired a sheriff deputy from 6 P.M. to midnight for the four days, July 4th – July 7th. The sheriff's office was invited to take part in the parade. Strong reported that the sheriff would be giving citations for fireworks violations.
 - (3) **LCRA Meeting** – Mayor Hickman attended an LCRA meeting where a scenario was presented of what could happen if we received ten inches of rain. The LCRA has raised the crest level of the lake and has offered to present the findings to the Council.
 - (4) **Hazardous Waste Disposal** – Travis County has an agreement with the City of Austin regarding hazardous waste disposal. On the next cleanup day the Village

will offer to pick up or collect these items from property owners within the Village limits so they can be properly disposed of.

- (5) **FEMA** – The application and the ordinance sent to FEMA have been approved so Point Venture residents should now be able to obtain flood insurance.

The Council went into Executive Session at 9:54 P.M. to discuss item E.2.e., appointment to fill vacant Council Member position.

Executive Session – Discussion was held regarding candidates to fill the position vacated by Council Member Don Hestand. The session was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

- 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 10:17 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON August 5, 2002

Jim Strong, Mayor Pro Tempore
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary