

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday, October 7, 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 7:32 P.M.
- B. Roll Call** – Mayor Hickman acknowledged that Council Members Hruby, Strong and Stuart were present. Council Members Nesheim and Thomas were absent.
- C. Consent Agenda**
- 1. Approval of Minutes – September 3, 2002 Village Council Meeting**
A motion was made by Stuart and seconded by Strong to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2002 Village Council meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 3 – 0.
- D. Citizen Inquiry** – Stuart spoke on behalf of Jean Nipper, who was not present at the meeting, and asked if there was anything the Village could do regarding residents and property owners who do not cut their grass. The high grass is a health and safety hazard. Colleen Hickman informed the Council and audience that there will be a community sing-a-long on the first Saturday in December and it will take place around the Village Christmas tree in front of the office complex. In addition, anyone willing to volunteer to assist with Christmas decorations around the Village should contact either Jeanne Calvi or Colleen Hickman.
- E. General Business and Action Items:**
- 1. Old Business**
 - a. Discussion of Lot Clearing Issues** – Mayor Hickman stated that he would like the Council to discuss the possibility of a lot clearing ordinance to replace the one that was rescinded last month but he suggested that discussion wait until all of the Council Members are present.
 - b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Building Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman stated that we were still waiting for the building code books to arrive and tabled this item until the next meeting.
 - c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Traffic Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman thanked Strong for all the work he did in developing the list of stop signs currently in the Village, as well as the recommended new signs that might be needed. The Mayor stated that we should put a draft copy of the traffic ordinance on the Village web page so that citizens could review the draft before the ordinance is passed, which might be at the November Council meeting. He summarized that the proposed speed limit in Point Venture would be 30 mph with recommended lower speeds shown on caution signs for sharp curves, etc.; that the main traffic control devices proposed to be used in Point Venture would be stop signs and that no speed bumps would be installed in the Village without a majority of the Council voting for them; and the possibility of

having a parking ban on the paved portions of the right-of-ways. He then opened the floor for discussion. Main points of the discussion were: having the speed limit signs up before the holidays; yield signs instead of stop signs at some intersections; parking restrictions. The Mayor stated that once the ordinance is passed, we can have the sheriff's department enforce the speed limit and parking ban.

- d. **Anti-Littering Ordinance Enforcement** – Mayor Hickman stated that the anti-littering ordinance is being enforced. Letters have been sent to the worst offenders and most of them responded and have corrected the problem. Those that did not correct the problem have been sent a second letter. Another round of letters will go out to property owners and builders that are not in compliance with the ordinance. Mayor Hickman thanked Strong and the PVPOA for the community burn that they organized. We had a favorable response and we will plan another burn day in the future. Stuart proposed that we purchase magnetic signs for the truck the Village is using so that people will know that they are receiving an official citation from a Village appointed official. The signs will have the Village seal on them and be black and white. The estimated cost for 2 magnetic signs would be \$70. Hruby made a motion, seconded by Strong, to purchase 2 magnetic Village of Point Venture signs for the truck. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 3 – 0.
- e. **Discussion of November 2002 Election** – The Village Secretary, Charlotte Banasik, reminded everyone that there would be a general election held on November 5, 2002 to fill three Council Member positions. Early voting will be held from October 19th through November 1st, Monday through Saturday, from 9AM till noon. The four candidates running are Mark Hipskind, Jim Strong, Ron Hruby and Ed Stuart. A drawing was held to determine how the names would be listed on the ballot. Ms. Banasik thanked the citizens who volunteered to help during early voting and on election day: Colleen Hickman, Carole Hanson, Virginia Hoover, Joe McGarrah, Helen McGarrah, Mary Rugaard and Armor Lee Gardner.
- f. **Report from Animal Control Officer** – Stuart gave his animal control report. In addition he informed everyone that there would be a free spay and neuter clinic at Lago Vista PAWS on October 15th and it is required that the animal have its rabies shots. He read a letter from the Texas Department of Health stating that rabies has hit Travis County. The new dog tags were in so the renewal of dog licenses will soon begin. It is intended that all of the renewals will be handled by mail.
- g. **Report from Village Treasurer** – Hruby informed the Council that the Village bank account balance was \$60,612, and \$1,005 of that amount is in the Fire Station #3 Fund.

2. New Business

- a. **Report from Pedernales Electric Cooperative** – Mayor Hickman introduced Mike Collins from Pedernales Electric Cooperative who gave a report on the current activities of PEC in our region. Mr. Collins presented the Mayor with last quarter's franchise fee check in the amount of \$4,010.66.
- b. **Report from Fire Chief Jesse Cecil** – Chief Cecil informed the Council that he has grave concerns in our area of an urban interface fire. He wants to get the community

involved and informed about the dangers we could face in Point Venture if we did have an urban interface fire. He hopes to start surveying Point Venture beginning in mid-November and informing residents of potential danger to their homes if we have a major fire develop here. His staff plans to do an analysis of the outside surroundings of each home and present this information to the homeowner. This way the homeowner will know what he can do to improve his chances of total devastation to his home in the event of an urban interface fire. Mayor Hickman offered any assistance that we might be able to render to Chief Cecil and his staff.

c. Mayor's Report

- (1) **Road Project Status** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that the final phase of the road project has begun.
- (2) **PUC – SBC** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that to date we have not received any money from Southwestern Bell. Strong had delivered the paperwork to SBC over a year ago and apparently the paperwork has been lost. It has been resubmitted and Point Venture will be on the agenda of the next Public Utilities Commission meeting.
- (3) **Waste Franchise Fees** – Mayor Hickman stated that we are still having problems receiving the correct amount of money from Longhorn. Nesheim is working with them to correct the problem.
- (4) **Zoning – Lot Splitting** – As an informational item, Mayor Hickman informed the Council that one of our property owners has three lots and would like to make two lots out of the three. There are no zoning laws in Point Venture so the property owner has filed his request with the county. The PVPOA will work with the owner to ensure everything is still within the deed restrictions. There should be no loss of taxation.
- (5) **Senate Bill 5 – Energy Efficiency** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that Senate Bill 5 is a state mandated law for certain counties in Texas. He will write a resolution showing Point Venture's support of this law and adopting a goal for Point Venture to attempt to lessen consumption of electricity at the Village's facilities. This resolution will be presented to the Council at the next meeting.

F. Adjournment – A motion was made by Strong and seconded by Hruby to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 3 – 0. Mayor Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:14 PM.

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

Terry Hickman, Mayor
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary