

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday, November 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 7:32 P.M.
- B. Roll Call** – Mayor Hickman acknowledged that all Council Members were present: Hruby, Nesheim, Strong, Stuart and Thomas.
- C. Consent Agenda**
- 1. Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2002 Village Council Meeting**
 - 2. Approval of Minutes – October 15, 2002 Village Council Meeting**
A motion was made by Stuart and seconded by Thomas to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2002 and October 15, 2002 Village Council Meetings. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5 – 0.
- D. Citizen Inquiry** – Colleen Hickman reminded the Council and audience that the order for poinsettias will be going in on Friday. Anyone still wanting to order should contact either Colleen or Jeanne Calvi as soon as possible. In addition, Ms. Hickman announced that the Christmas tree lighting and community sing-a-long will take place on Saturday, December 7th in front of the office complex. There will be bell ringers, caroling, hot cider and cookies.

Chief Cecil informed the Council that a grant project was submitted to PEC and they are working with Strong to see if we can get funding to assist in the operation of Fire Station #3 here in Point Venture. Currently there is \$1,705 in donations received by the Village for the Fire Station #3 fund. The Chief also informed the Council that there was an issue with the security guard when EMS was on a call here in Point Venture. The guard requested some information on the patient involved in the call, but was informed that the information requested was confidential and could not be released to the guard due to the HIPPA act.

E. General Business and Action Items:

1. Old Business

- a. Discussion of Lot Clearing Issues** – Mayor Hickman stated that the Village Council rescinded the lot clearing ordinance and he opened the floor to discussion of possibly developing a new lot clearing ordinance in order to limit deforestation, promote reforestation, and restrict property owners and builders to cutting trees only on their property. Extensive discussion followed with many pros and cons being addressed. At this time there will be no action but the Mayor asked that Council Members still consider this issue.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Building Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman stated that we were waiting for the building code books to arrive before passing the building code ordinance and all the code books have been received. The Mayor explained that having a building code ordinance will help the Architectural Control Committee by putting the force of the law behind the building inspections and it will

put us in compliance with state law. The Council was given a list of minor changes that were made to the draft of the ordinance that was in their packets, mainly adding the international fuel gas code to the ordinance and correcting some wording. A motion was made by Strong, seconded by Thomas, to approve, with mentioned changes, an ordinance of the Village of Point Venture, Texas, adopting the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings, the International Building Code, the National Electrical Code, the International Plumbing Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Energy Conservation Code Regulating and Controlling the Design, Construction, Quality of Materials, Erection, Installation, Alteration, Repair, Location Relocation, Replacement, Addition To, Use or Maintenance of One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Townhouses in the Village, and the International Fuel Gas Code; providing for revisions to code; issuance of permits and collection of fees; enforcement, including fines and penal ties not to exceed \$500; a repealer; severability; and proper notice and meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5 – 0. (Ordinance No. 2002-11-01)

(1) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment of Building Official

– Hruby volunteered to become the Building Official. Mayor Hickman stated that the building official might get involved with disputes with inspectors. He will also set the enforcement process in motion. He may serve on the Architectural Control Committee. Strong made a motion, seconded by Nesheim, to appoint Ron Hruby as the Building Official for the Village of Point Venture. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5 – 0.

- c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Traffic Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman stated that the main points covered in the proposed traffic ordinance were: speed limit throughout the Village will be 30 MPH, with caution signs showing recommended lower speeds in certain areas; legitimize stop signs and add 10 to 15 additional stop signs in the Village; ban parking on paved portion of the right-of-ways. The ordinance would be enforced by the sheriff's department. Discussion followed. Stuart made a motion, seconded by Hruby, to approve an ordinance of the Village of Point Venture, Texas, establishing traffic regulations for the Village; providing for the following: findings of fact; a purpose; definitions; establishing a speed limit in the Village; traffic control devices; prohibitions on interference with traffic control devices and the display of unauthorized signs, signals or markings; prohibition against on-street parking; exceptions; an effective date; enforcement clause including injunctive relief and a fine not to exceed \$500; severability; and proper notice and a meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed 4 – 1, with Nesheim voting against the ordinance due to his concerns about the on-street parking prohibitions. (Ordinance No. 2002-11-02)
- d. Discussion of November 2002 Election** – Village Secretary, Charlotte Banasik, informed the Council that there were 73 early voters and reminded everyone that the polling place would be open tomorrow from 7AM till 7PM.
- e. Report on Waste Franchise Fees** – Nesheim informed the Council that the Village received their quarterly franchise fee payment from IESI. We also received a payment from Longhorn, but it was still incorrect. Nesheim recommended that the Village turn this matter of incorrect payment by Longhorn over to an attorney. Mayor Hickman and Nesheim will formulate a plan.

- f. Report from Animal Control Officer** – Stuart informed the Council that the West Nile Virus had hit Travis County and that everyone should be on the outlook for symptoms of the illness. He also stated that he and Nesheim will begin mailing dog registration renewals. There will be open registration in November and December. Anyone interested in having Stuart come to their house to register their dog and have the dog's picture taken can contact him and make an appointment. Nesheim suggested that we increase our fees to Lago Vista PAWS from \$50 to \$75 per dog, and he is working on renewing our contract with the organization. This item will be put on next month's agenda.
- g. Report from Village Treasurer** – Hruby informed the Council that the Village bank account balance was \$69,566, and \$1,705 of that amount is in the Fire Station #3 Fund. Stuart personally thanked Wesley and Dorothy Anne House for their generous contribution to the Fire Station Fund.

2. New Business

- a. Discussion Regarding 2001/2002 Audit and Financial Statement** – Mayor Hickman proposed to the Council that we do an internal audit again this year and that next year we would have an independent audit done. A vote was taken and all agreed (5 – 0) that an internal audit would be done this year.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Village Attorney** – Mayor Hickman stated that the Council met on October 15th in a special meeting to discuss our village attorney. Alan Bojorquez left the firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Keever & McDaniel, LLP to start a new firm specializing in small municipalities, Bovey, Akers & Bojorquez. The Council decided to maintain Mr. Bojorquez and his new firm as the Village Attorney, but will still use the firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Keever & McDaniel for certain expertise if needed.
- c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Senate Bill 5 Resolution** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that the state legislature mandates that certain Texas counties, which includes Travis County, must pass a resolution establishing an energy saving goal of 5% annually for the next 5 years for the Village's consumption of electricity by Village facilities. A motion was made by Thomas, seconded by Stuart, to approve a resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Point Venture, Texas adopting a goal as set forth in and in accordance with Senate Bill 5 (Section 388.005, Texas Health and Safety Code) regarding the Village's consumption of electricity by Village facilities; directing the preparation of an electric energy conservation plan; providing for reporting to the State Energy Conservation Office and designating a contact person; providing an effective date. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5 – 0. (Resolution No. 2002-11-01(R)).
- d. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Village Hall Hours** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that we do not get many people coming into the office during the current Village Hall office hours of 8:30 – 12:30 every Monday. He proposed to the Council that we officially change the office hours to 9:00AM – 12:00 (Noon) on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. If said Monday is a holiday, the office will be open the following day. In addition, phone numbers will be posted and the Mayor will meet with anyone on an appointment basis. Nesheim made a motion, seconded by Hruby,

to change the Village Hall office hours to 9:00AM – Noon on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5 – 0.

- e. Discussion Regarding Travis County Traffic Engineering Interlocal Agreement –** Mayor Hickman informed the Council that the Travis County Traffic Engineering Interlocal Agreement was passed at last Tuesday's Commissioner's Court meeting. The Mayor will obtain a copy of the agreement and begin arrangements to have Travis County engineers assist in ensuring that the Village traffic signs will be properly installed.

- F. Adjournment –** A motion was made by Strong and seconded by Hruby to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5 – 0. Mayor Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON December 2, 2002

Terry Hickman, Mayor
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary