

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday, December 2, 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 Council Members were present: Hruby, Nesheim, Strong, Stuart and Thomas.
- C. Consent Agenda**
- 1. Approval of Minutes – November 4, 2002 Village Council Meeting**
 - 2. Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2002 Village Council Meeting**
A motion was made by Stuart and seconded by Thomas to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2002 and November 9, 2002 Village Council Meetings. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 4 – 0 (Nesheim arrived late for the meeting so he was not present when this vote was taken).
- D. Citizen Inquiry** – Colleen Hickman thanked all who took part in the poinsettia sales and reminded everyone of the community tree lighting ceremony to take place on Saturday, December 7th at 7 P.M. Those who would like to should bring an ornament to decorate the tree. Refreshments will be served after the caroling.
- E. General Business and Action Items:**
- 1. Old Business**
 - a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Traffic Ordinance** – The traffic ordinance will result in more paperwork for the Village Secretary once tickets start getting issued because that position also acts as the deputy court clerk. The Mayor mentioned the possibility of having to find a part-time worker as Ms. Banasik will not have the time to devote to the court clerk duties. Nancy Leathers suggested a notice be put in the newsletter asking for volunteers to assist with the additional workload.
 - b. Discussion of November 2002 Election** – (This item was taken out of order.) Mayor Hickman reported that all incumbents were reelected, possibly indicating the people's contentment with the way the Village has been governed. The Mayor thanked Mark Hipskind for taking the time and interest in running and expressed a hope that he and other citizens will continue to take an interest in Village affairs. Mayor Hickman stated that County Commissioner Margaret Moore was not reelected and will be missed. Todd Baxter was elected to the legislature and hopefully will continue to be a friend to Point Venture. No contact has been made with the new county commissioner.
 - c. Discussion Regarding Travis County Traffic Engineering Interlocal Agreement** – (This item was taken out of order.) Mayor Hickman stated that the county lost the copy of the agreement but Strong has supplied them with another. The Village is waiting on the county assessment before any traffic signs are ordered.

- d. **Report from Animal Control Officer** – Stuart reported that someone in Point Venture shot a deer with a crossbow. He thanked Hank Reimer for reporting it and Mr. Reimer, Joe Solpietro, Witt Dill, and Mike and Nancy Leathers for helping in the search for who did it. The Mayor asked for assistance in identifying the person responsible. Discussion of an ordinance restricting the use of bows and arrows will be put on a future agenda. Strong stated that bows and arrows were already restricted in Point Venture in the deed restrictions. The Animal Control Committee is studying the cat problem in Point Venture. Dog registration has begun with 32 dogs registered to date. Registration days for in person registration are December 13th and 20th from 9 A.M. till noon. Citizens should be aware that registering your dog needs to be done annually. Stuart's animal control officer certification has been delayed due to a misunderstanding. Hruby recommended that Stuart be reimbursed the cost of his certification when it is complete.
- e. **Report from Village Treasurer** – Hruby informed the Council that the Village bank account balance was \$72,576.92, and \$1,750.00 of that amount is in the Fire Station #3 Fund.

2. New Business

- a. **Report on Lago Vista Independent School District – Visions of the Future** – Strong attended a meeting held by the Texas Association of School Board (TASB) at Lago Vista ISD as a representative of Point Venture. Thirty-five people attended. The purpose of the meeting was to set goals for the future in three areas: students, faculty and staff, and community participation. Strong will return on January 11th to complete the project. The group was commended for their efforts by the TASB and Mayor Hickman thanked Strong for attending.
- b. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Lago Vista PAWS Contract** – Nesheim stated that four dogs were taken to PAWS in the last year at a cost of \$50 per dog. He recommends the amount be raised to \$75 per animal to cover the cost incurred by the organization in caring for the animals. Stuart made a motion that Nesheim negotiate a new agreement with PAWS to accept up to twelve animals per year for a fee of \$75 per animal, paid when the animals are brought to PAWS. Strong seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5–0.
- c. **Mayor's Report**
 - (1) **ESD Meeting** – An ESD community meeting is to take place at Point Venture on December 12th at 7 P.M. All are invited to attend.
 - (2) **Road Project** – The final phase of the road project is well under way despite the bad weather.
 - (3) **Advisory – Ordinance Violations** – Mayor Hickman has printed advisory notices to be put on illegally parked cars. Sufficient warning will be given to violators before citations are issued.
 - (4) **Sound System** – Mayor Hickman has been looking at sound systems for use at Council meetings and community events. The cost would be approximately \$800. There is about \$125 left from Time Warner's donation and the Mayor hopes to raise the rest from private donations. Previously \$400 had been collected but was returned to the donors when the system was returned. Nesheim asked why the Village didn't just buy one and Mayor Hickman explained that he has a hard time

justifying the use of tax money for that purpose. Nesheim will assist the Mayor in the search for a good sound system.

- (5) Building Permit Processing** – Mayor Hickman would like to change the wording on the building permits to prevent the mess made by some builders. He would like the builders to sign off on the regulations to indicate awareness of the litter ordinance. Hruby is working with the Mayor on developing a new permit. Strong asked that an occupancy certificate be required at the completion of construction. Strong is checking on compliance with numbering of buildings per the fire code.

- F. Adjournment** – A motion was made by Nesheim and seconded by Thomas to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5 – 0. Mayor Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON January 6, 2003

Terry Hickman, Mayor
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary