

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday, January 6, 2003, 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, Nesheim, Strong and Thomas were present. Council Member Stuart was absent.
- C. Consent Agenda**
- 1. Approval of Minutes – December 2, 2002 Village Council Meeting**
A motion was made by Nesheim and seconded by Hruby to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2002 Village Council meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 4-0.

Mayor Hickman took item E.2.a. out of order at this time and introduced John Houser from PEC.

- D. Citizen Inquiry** – Ron Zimmer spoke of his concern about serious accidents that have occurred on 1431 and recommended that concerned citizens contact our county commissioner to request something be done on the dangerous curves on 1431. He also mentioned that Boggy Ford Road is dangerous. He feels that the speed limit in the Village of Point Venture should be enforced since there are no sidewalks and a lot of residents walk and jog on the streets. He also recommended that the Village Council consider installing speed humps throughout the Village.

E. General Business and Action Items:

1. Old Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Traffic Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman explained that the main purpose of the traffic ordinance was to ensure the overall safety of our community.
- 1) Enforcement and Administration** – The Mayor stated that the Travis County Sheriff will begin enforcing the speed limit, stop signs and parking ban in the Village. Once tickets are issued, we will begin using our municipal court and more administrative work will be involved. It will be necessary to get additional office help, which will involve paying someone. He suggested that the Council think of how we are going to move forward.
- 2) Traffic Control Devices** – The Mayor recommended that we install some speed humps in the Village as a traffic control device. On the administrative side, this could possibly lessen the amount of tickets issued which could lessen the amount of administrative work needed. On the safety side, it would require drivers to keep their speed down. Discussion followed.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Travis County Traffic Engineering Interlocal Agreement** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that the interlocal with

Travis County's traffic engineering department was finalized and he plans on meeting with them in the near future for their recommendations on traffic signage and control devices in the Village.

- c. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Telephone Franchise Fee** – Mayor Hickman handed out a proposal dated December 18, 2002 from the Public Utility Commission of Texas showing the maximum access line rates for Point Venture for telephone franchise fees. These fees could generate approximately \$8,000 per year in income for the Village. Strong made a motion, seconded by Thomas, to endorse the rates as stated in the proposal. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 4-0.
- d. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Building Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman stated that a lot of builders and contractors are not keeping their job sites in order. He is recommending that the Village not only require building permits, but that we also issue certificates of occupancy and stop work orders, if needed. In addition, he recommended that the Council consider an ordinance that would require a permit for anyone wanting to install a commercial antenna so we can regulate the height and location of such devices. Nesheim suggested that we move forward with an ordinance.
- e. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Firearms Ordinance** – It was brought to the attention of the Council that a deer had been killed within the Village limits by a crossbow. Discussion followed. Strong recommended that we draft language for an amendment to the firearms ordinance to include crossbows and bows and arrows, or that we develop a separate ordinance. He will research the issue.
- f. **Report from Animal Control Officer** – Nesheim informed the Council that he had a verbal agreement with Lago Vista PAWS to accept 12 dogs and 12 cats within a one year timeframe from the Village at a cost of \$75 per animal. The agreement is in draft format and should be finalized in the near future. Not all dogs in the Village have had their registration renewed so Nesheim has sent out reminder letters.
- g. **Report from Village Treasurer** – Hruby informed the Council that we had \$88,250 in the bank and \$1,810 of that was in the fire station fund.

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 (\$2,484.45) for franchise fees to the Mayor. Mr. Houser then reported on the status of our district.
- b. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Lot Clearing Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman opened the floor to discussion on whether an ordinance should be developed prohibiting the cutting of vegetation not on your property. Discussion followed. Strong asked Nesheim to investigate what adjoining villages do (if anything) to address this issue before proceeding any further.
- c. **Mayor's Report:**

(1) **LCRA Activities** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that there would be a meeting of the Texas Colorado River Flood Plain Coalition, which is the organization responsible for flood plain management, and that they are backed by FEMA. The Mayor asked anyone interested in attending to contact him.

F. Adjournment – A motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Strong to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 4-0. Mayor Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:02 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON February 3, 2003

Terry Hickman, Mayor
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary