

**Village of Point Venture  
Village Council Meeting  
Monday, February 3, 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 7:33 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 – January 6, 2003 Village Council Meeting**  
Strong stated that on the draft minutes in item D, Ron Zimmer should read Ron Zink. A motion was made by Nesheim and seconded by Thomas to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2003 Village Council meeting with the change as mentioned above. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5-0.
- D. Citizen Inquiry** – Mayor Hickman took this time to thank Bruce Covill, a reporter for the LOG, for his thorough reporting of our last meeting.
- E. General Business and Action Items:**
- 1. Old Business**
    - a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Traffic Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman mentioned that he had put an article in the POA newsletter regarding the traffic ordinance to inform the citizens of the new ordinance that the Council had passed in November. He wanted to ensure that everyone had ample notification before starting to enforce it. He informed the Council that he posted an advisory notice on two vehicles in Point Venture that were improperly parked. He also informed the Council that he met with some Travis County deputies, and Captain Burroughs, regarding the various ordinances that have been passed that will be enforced by the Travis County Sheriff's Department.
    - b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Travis County Traffic Engineering Interlocal Agreement** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he received the signed interlocal agreement from Travis County's traffic engineering department. The county engineer and his staff will do an analysis of Point Venture and review our stop signs, speed limit signs, and make recommendations if we need more traffic signs or traffic control devices. The Mayor will meet with them next week.
- Mayor Hickman took item E.2.a. out of order at this time and introduced Chief Jesse Cecil.
- c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Telephone Franchise Fee** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that the telephone franchise fee had been approved and should be activated in the next month or so.

- d. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Building Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman stated that he has revised the building permit and that developing certificates of occupancy and stop work orders will be a way that the Council can police builders to ensure they are cleaning up their areas and following the rules. He gave a draft antenna facilities ordinance to the Council and asked them to review the ordinance before next month's meeting. In addition, he asked them to consider a height restriction. This ordinance would require a public hearing before the ordinance is passed.
- e. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Firearms Ordinance** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that Strong was developing the amendment to the firearms ordinance to include crossbows and bows and arrows. This item will be tabled till the next meeting. Stuart recommended that we should not be specific in stating crossbows and bows and arrows, but maybe use language such as lethal projectiles which would also include items such as spears, sling shots, etc.
- f. Report from Animal Control Officer** – Stuart thanked Nesheim for handling the animal control issues while he was on vacation. Stuart stated that 90% of the dogs registered in Point Venture last year have had their registrations renewed. He stated that many people have asked why we charge for dog tags every year and Stuart explained that we are trying to have the animal control program be self sustaining. Nesheim stated that he picked up one stray dog in January that was taken to Lago Vista PAWS. Mayor Hickman thanked Stuart and Nesheim for the great job they are doing with animal control.
- g. Report from Village Treasurer** – Hruby informed the Council that we had \$105,713 in the bank and \$1,810 of that was in the fire station fund. Mayor Hickman stated that he, Hruby, and Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary, did a financial audit which is required by law. The audit was filed on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor proposed that next year we have an outside audit done and the cost would be approximately \$2500. Hruby suggested maybe we could have an audit committee do the audit which would save the Village some money.

## **2. New Business**

- a. Report from Chief Jesse Cecil** – (This item was taken out of order.) Mayor Hickman introduced Chief Jesse Cecil. Chief Cecil stated that we had some additional residents in Point Venture who have volunteered to be ECA's. He hopes to recruit additional volunteers to assist in Point Venture. He also explained the Urban Wildland Interface Project. He stated that there is a possibility that ESD#1 may obtain a grant from the American Heart Association that enabling them to purchase some AED's (automated external defibrillators).
- b. LCRA Report** – Nesheim attended a meeting held by the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition. He gave an overview of the meeting. He recommended that Roy Sedwick, our LCRA representative, should speak at one of our Council meetings. The Mayor will contact Mr. Sedwick.
- c. Mayor's Report:**

- (1) **1431 – Lohman Ford Report** – Mayor Hickman informed the Council that he spoke with the highway department about the dangers on 1431 and Lohman Ford. Strong made a motion seconded by Nesheim that Mayor Hickman write a letter to the County Commissioner and the Senators asking them to look at the dangerous conditions on 1431 and Lohman Ford. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0. Mayor Hickman stated that Ron Zink would work with him on this issue.
- (2) **Trespass Ordinance Report** – Mayor Hickman spoke with the Village Attorney about cutting trees on property that is not yours. Apparently there is a state law that covers this issue and violations within Point Venture could be adjudicated in our municipal court. The attorney is doing additional research on this issue.

**F. Adjournment** – A motion was made by Strong and seconded by Stuart to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed, 5-0. Mayor Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:31 P.M.

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

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Terry Hickman, Mayor  
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

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Charlotte Banasik, Village Secretary