

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday January 5, 2004 7:30 P.M.
Venture Room at Point Venture
555 Venture Boulevard S.
Point Venture, Texas**

MINUTES

- A. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M.
- B. Roll Call** – Mayor Ratfield acknowledged that all Council Members Strong, Thomas, Nesheim, Hruby and Stuart were present.
- C. Consent Agenda:** All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Village Council and will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired, that item will then be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.
- 1. Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2003**
A motion was made by Strong and seconded by Nesheim to approve the minutes. A vote was taken and the motion carried 5-0.
- D. Administrative Reports**
- 1. Village Treasurer Report** – Hruby reported the Village having \$154,745.37. in the bank. Of that figure, 49,122.26 is in the operating account and 105,623.11 is in the Money Market account. Hruby stated that tax money will be coming in the next few months.
- 2. Animal Control Officer Report** – Stuart thanked everyone for their sympathy and concern during their recent family tragedy. Stuart reported that one dog had been quarantined. Nesheim reported the registration program was underway and that 46 registrations out of the 106 expected had been received. Nesheim stated that they had a program working on feral cats. One cat that had been altered was killed in a car accident.
- 3. Mayor's Report** – Ratfield thanked the Activities Committee for the decorations around the Village, the tree lighting evening and the successful donation and food drive. He reported that more people had attended than in the past.
- E. Citizen Inquiry:** In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council is prohibited from acting on or discussing (other than factual responses to specific questions) any items brought before them that are not on the agenda.
- 1.** Terry Hickman of 116 Lakefront Drive reported that the Roadrunner issue had been resolved just this afternoon through their Library program. Hickman stated that it would require volunteers with laptops to give a few hours a week or whatever could be worked out to teach citizens how to use the internet and to allow them use of the internet. Hickman reported that two people had already volunteered. He suggested advertising through newsletters, bulletin

boards and word of mouth.

2. Mike Leathers of 18305 Lakepoint Circle asked that discussion and possible action regarding short term rental ordinance be placed on a future agenda. General discussion followed. Ratfield stated that the matter would be taken under advisement to add to a future agenda.

F. General Business and Action Items:

1. Old Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Restaurant and Swimming Pool Ordinance

Ratfield state he would forego the meeting with Austin attorney and the city attorney would represent council sometime in January. Ratfield reported finding out that Austin and Travis County Departments were one department. Strong stated that property owners would like inspections for protection and health concerns. General discussion followed. It was decided that Nesheim would accompany Monty Ackers to see the Austin attorney to check into cost and advisability. Nesheim will bring the findings to the next meeting.

- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Maintenance Right of Ways** – Thomas reported having a meeting and e-mails with Jack Tyler regarding street maintenance items. She stated that she has a map and list of what the POA is responsible for and what the city is responsible for. Following general discussion Hickman suggested that legal council might be needed to define what is public property and what is private property.

- c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Capital Metro Funds** – Ratfield reported that the contract had been signed and returned and awaiting final approval. Ratfield stated that 50% would be received and once the project is completed the other 50% would be received.

- d. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Speed Limit Compliance** – Terry Hickman discussed speed limit compliance suggesting to have the sheriff out more often and speed bumps. Ratfield and Nesheim discussed Cedar Parks adopted residential traffic management program located on their website and possible options. Ratfield stated that there are 3 stages, the first state being low cost. Stage 2 would involve speed bumps and other things. Strong discussed rather or not to purchase a speed monitoring device. There was general discussion about a survey going through the newsletter and having the survey later when more people are here. Thomas moved to purchase a Bushnell speed monitor. Strong seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 5-0.

2. New Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Switching Bank Institutions** – Hruby stated that there should be a postponement until he is able to obtain more information. Hruby discussed the TML seminar he attended and that a investment plan is needed for the city.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment of an “Emergency Management Coordinator”** – Stuart reported having talked to the fire chief in Lago Vista

and that he would be willing to be the EMC. Stuart stated that he would be willing to look into this and come back with information at the next meeting and maybe have Chief Cecil speak to council.

- c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Control of Feral Cat Population** – Ratfield felt that more discussion was needed as to the effect on the budget. General discussion followed. Strong moved to resolve that \$2500.00 be spent on spaying and neutering of feral cats. Nesheim seconded the motion and the motion carried 4 – 0 with Hruby abstaining. (Resolution 2004-01-05).

 - d. Report from Pete Brooks of Pedernales Electric Cooperative** – Brooks presented council with a check for \$2634.32. Brooks reported that connect & disconnect collars will be installed starting in the near future. He also reported that bugs in the high volume call service are being addressed. Brooks stated that people could bring their trees in for shredding and be given a free seedling.
- F. Adjournment** – Strong moved that the meeting be adjourned Nesheim seconded. The motion Carried 5 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

**Bill Ratfield, Mayor
Village of Point Venture**

Attest:

Jeanine Oglesby, Village Secretary