

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday August 2, 7:30 P.M.
Venture Room at Point Venture
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 Council Members Strong, Thomas, Nesheim, and Hruby were present, Stuart was absent.
- 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 – July 6, 2004 Village Council Meeting** – A motion was made by Strong and seconded by Thomas to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2004 Village Council Meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0.
- D. Administrative Reports**
- 1. Village Treasurer Report** - Hruby reported that the village has a total of \$211,820.00 in the bank, of this \$136,166.51 is in the money market account and the balance in the checking account. Hruby stated that franchise tax, sales tax and property taxes still to be collected will be approximately \$10,000.00. Hruby stated that he had the proposed budget ready for everyone to review and that it had to be filed with the Village Secretary by Friday. He would like any changes to be forwarded to him by Thursday.
- 2. Animal Control Officer Report** – Nesheim reported that Stuart was on vacation and he was going to give his report for him. The first case of West Nile was reported in Orange County. In Travis County there were 110 cases of rabies, two dogs, 27 bats and 78 skunks reported between January 2004 – June 2004. Nancy Leathers has been doing a good job with the cat issues and Nesheim congratulated her for all her work. Nesheim reported a snake in a living room incident and there was no procedure in place. Nesheim stated that if the situation occurs again to call 911. The Fire Department will take care of it. Nesheim stated that they had in their budget request, catch-all poles that could also be used on snakes. Nesheim also thanked the Water Company for providing training for three firefighters. Nesheim reported on the activities the past month.
- 3. Emergency Management Coordinator Report** – Putman reported that he had picked up two NOAA radios. He stated that he was trying to work out a deal with LCRA to get a Travis County radio to coordinate operations. Putman stated that he would like to pursue obtaining a grant. Ratfield stated that they would work on that online.
- 4. Mayor's Report** – Ratfield reported receiving a certificate from Governor Perry. Ratfield also reported phone calls on a number of issues including: loose dogs, speeding and feeding the deer. He stated that there may need to be a tougher stance on loose dogs, initial steps have been taken in regards to slowing people down. Ratfield asked Strong to put something in the next P.O.A. newsletter in regards to the three issues. He reported

receiving letters from the Townhouses Association and P.O.A. requesting more surveillance from the Sheriff's Department. Ratfield stated that notices regarding fireworks were being posted and that there was a plan in place for December 31st dealing with fireworks issues. Ratfield asked Hickman to report on his activities regarding the projects in progress. Ratfield announced tomorrow nights "Night Out" activities such as building your own sundaes and invited everyone to attend.

E. Citizen Inquiry –

1. Hickman reported the crack sealing has been going on for a couple of weeks and the job is going to be considerably more extensive than at first thought. Hickman complimented the contractor for the work done so far. The work will be about \$7500 above the proposal. Hickman proposed to move forward with the project. The contractor has reduced the price to \$.30 from \$.33 which is 80% less than United Technologies. Hickman discussed concern as to what Cap Metro will do in the future about funding the street projects with the Light Rail situation. He spoke with Cap Metro and they have extended the program until 2006. The Village's portion for 2005 is \$40,000.00 and the letter requesting this has been written. Should light rail be voted in then it is possible that Cap Metro would change their minds but probably not for 2005.
2. Hickman went over the changes to be made to the interlocal agreement presented to the council. Hickman that he would move forward with this with the attorney and get it back to the County Commissioner as soon as possible
3. Hickman discussed the building ordinance language change and stated that it had done the job that was intended.
4. Melissa Richter inquired as what could be done with a structure on her lot. After discussion she was told that she would be required to build in accordance with the ordinance dealing with maximum height restrictions.
5. Hickman stated that he would send a letter to the attorney asking him to proceed with prosecution of litter violation.
6. Hickman presented a design by a citizen for the PV flag. General discussion followed.

F. General Business and Action Items:

1. Old Business

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Restaurant and Swimming Pool Ordinance** – Strong reported meeting with the City of Austin regarding the interlocal agreement. The City of Austin wants to change the wording to read that the Village of Point Venture will issue permits and collect fees in accordance with their fee schedule. Strong read the changes discussed at the last council meeting. Strong made a motion to incorporate the changes in the two ordinances passed at the last meeting and amend the ordinances to reflect these changes. Nesheim seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0.
(Ordinance No. 2004-08-01) and (Ordinance No. 2004-08-02).

- b. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Impact Fees** – Ratfield stated that from previous discussions a couple of suggestions came up as to how to deal with damage to the village streets. He stated that Strong suggested a bond but Hickman stated that while there is damage to the streets, there is deterioration over time due to contractors coming in on the streets. Ratfield stated that more time was needed for discussion. Ratfield called for general discussion. After general discussion Ratfield stated that he would pursue information on all the options.
- c. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Zoning Issues** – Ratfield reported having a zoning ordinance example but has not been through it yet. Ratfield discussed the certificate of approval issued to the Edwards. Nesheim inquired about what potential problems the village might have without a zoning ordinance. General discussion followed about various problems that might arise concerning commercial lots in the subdivision. Strong stated that something should be in place such as a simplified planning and zoning committee. Ratfield state that he would try to go through the sample ordinance and pick out what is relevant and see what he comes up with.

2. New Business

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding November 2004 Election** – A motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Hruby to adopt an ordinance ordering a general election to be held in The Village of Point Venture, Texas to elect Village three Council members. Making provisions for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such governing law; severability; proper notice and open meeting; and effective date. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0. (Ordinance No. 2004-08-03)
- b. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2004/2005 Budget** – Ratfield stated that a copy of the proposed budget will be filed with the village secretary Thursday, August 5, 2004 and a public hearing will be held September 7, 2004 to discuss the proposed budget.
- c. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Tax Rate for 2005** – Ratfield called for a public hearing to be held September 7, 2004 to discuss the adoption of the 2005 tax rate.

F. Adjournment

Strong made a motion to adjourn and Thomas seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Bill Ratfield, Mayor
Village of Point Venture, Texas

ATTEST:

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Jeanine Oglesby, Village Secretary