

**Village of Point Venture  
Village Council Meeting  
Tuesday September 7, 7:30 P.M.  
Venture Room at Point Venture  
Point Venture, Texas**

**MINUTES**

- A. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.
- B. Roll Call** – Mayor Ratfield acknowledged that Council Members , Thomas, Nesheim, Hruby, and Stuart were present, Strong 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 – August 2,, 2004 Village Council Meeting** – A motion was made by Nesheim and seconded by Thomas to approve the minutes of the August 2,, 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 \$136,166.00 in the money market account and \$57,047.00 in the checking account giving a total balance of \$193,213.00. Hruby stated that there was one month left in the year and all taxes have been collected. Hruby also stated that the year will end with income of \$60,000.00 over expenses.
- 2. Animal Control Officer Report** – Stuart reported August as being a busy month with 31 incidents; attack by a cat on a person, attack by a dog on a person, 5 dead fawns. He reported cat calls coming from certain neighborhoods and suggested that perhaps a cat ordinance was needed. Stuart reported 6 loose dogs and thanked Nesheim for his help in rounding them up and returning them to the owner. The cat attack was discussed as well as barking dogs and trouble with obtaining registrations. Stuart stated that he really appreciates having the truck. Stuart thanked the council for the equipment he was allowed to purchase for his job.
- 3. Emergency Management Coordinator Report** – Putman was absent and Terry Hickman spoke on his behalf. Putman wants to pursue some grant money for two-way radio equipment, he wants to join the Austin-Travis County Incident Management System which is the greater Austin agency which will provide information and training for emergency preparedness and wants to arrange for an emergency assessment report to let us know what needs to be done that is not being done at this time. Hickman asked for permission for move forward on this; Ratfield gave his permission. Stuart thanked the water company for the back hoe that is the only piece of heavy equipment on hand for use in emergency situations.
- 4. Special Projects Manager Reports** – Hickman reported that the crack sealing is finished. The project ended up spending \$17, 693.00 representing somewhere in excess of 56,000 linear feet of cracks. Hickman reported working with the contractor on culvert and drainage issues. Over half of money allocated by Cap Metro has been spent and the

culvert work will take care of the rest of it, but if any is left over it will stay in place and be available for next year. Questions from council were addressed. The second treatment of grass has been completed by volunteers so that the savings could be used for flags at the entrance. Hickman reported that the holiday patrol by the sheriffs department didn't quite work out due to being shorthanded. Questions and general discussion from the council and citizens followed. Nesheim on the subject of security suggested the council consider putting on a future agenda an item regarding a paid constable and shifting duties of security between the city and the P.O.A.

5. **Mayor's Report** – Ratfield reported, in regards to Cap Metro payments, that 50% payment would be made subsequent to the conclusion of conditions. Cap Metro agrees in the contract that upon receipt of billing receipts the second 50% payment would be made in 45 days. Ratfield reported spending \$17,693.00 over the \$17,176.50 allocated and that he would be making a report to Cap Metro. Ratfield also reported that today was the last day to file for office. Ratfield announced that Strong would not seek reelection but Mike Leathers had filed for his position. Also, Stuart and Hruby have filed for their council positions.

E. **Citizen Inquiry** – No one signed up to speak before the council.

F. **General Business and Action Items:**

1. **Old Business**

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Zoning Issues** – Ratfield reported reading the sample zoning ordinance and stated that it covered everything but could be pulled together to make a compatible ordinance for use by the Village of Point Venture. After general discussion it was decided that the mayor should pursue the matter.
- b. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Point Venture Flag** – After general discussion Thomas was asked to head a committee to judge flag designs and ideas.

2. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Amendment of the Building Ordinance Requiring licensing of Electricians and plumbers, Requiring That a Bond be Posted with New House Permits, Requiring that Construction Begin Within 90 Days of Issuance of a Building Permit, Construction be Completed Within One Year, Extensions be Granted Under Special circumstances, and the Addition of Impact Fees** – After general discussion, Hruby made a motion to give Hickman the authority to go ahead with getting the ordinance changed. Nesheim seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0. Hickman reported his findings on impact fees from other municipalities. There was general discussion regarding impact fees. Nesheim made a motion and seconded by Thomas giving Hickman the authority not to exceed \$1000.00 to pursue the matter of a consultant. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0.
- b. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Providing of Heavy Trash Pick-Up Facilities** – Hickman reported on the trash pickup in the past and suggested the expenditure of the city for a dumpster or two to be placed at various locations.

Nesheim made a motion and seconded by Thomas to have a fall clean up and one in the spring. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0.

**c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Village Traffic Issues –**

1. Regulating Unlicensed Drivers of Motor Vehicles – Hickman stated that the state law has been liberalized to point that the Sheriff's Dept. is no longer effective in controlling the underage drivers. TML informed Hickman that municipalities can have their own ordinances dealing with this issue. General discussion followed.
2. Hickman brought up the issue of sidewalks for Venture Dr. and Venture Blvd. and need for them. He is looking into the cost. General discussion followed.
3. Hickman reported having a meeting with David Greer who is the director of traffic programs. Greer recommended no striping in new section except 200ft. before the stop sign. Also recommended, that as roads were resurfaced like Venture Dr. and Venture Blvd., they should be double yellow lined the entire length.
4. Greer also said that a 3-way stop sign would be the most practical solution at the intersection for Venture Dr. and Venture Blvd. Hickman stated that Greer's recommendations come from the Manual Uniform Code of Calming Devices.
5. Hickman stated that in the case of speed humps, that striping should be 200ft. before the hump and 200ft. after. Hickman discussed dashed stripes and double line stripes and what they mean. Dashed lines mean it is permissible to pass and double line stripes mean no passing. Hickman reported that Greer also recommended curve speed limits warning signs below the speed signs. Hickman explained one criteria for determining the warning speed is the butt test. Hickman stated that Greer said the radar speeding calming device that had been used here would slow drivers about 5 mph. Hickman stated that a device with a light on it has down effect and one with a camera has a greater effect. Ratfield discussed camera/radar equipment used in Arizona that did not require an officer to be present. Hickman reported that a neighborhood watch program dealing with traffic is also possible.

**d. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Proposed 2004/2005 Budget –** A motion was made by Nesheim and seconded by Thomas to adopt an ordinance by the Village of Point Venture, Texas pursuant to Chapter 102, Vernon's Texas Codes Anotated, Local Government Code, section 102.003 adoption of budget, whereby the Village Council of the Village Council of the Village of Point Venture, Texas hereby adopts the budget for the fiscal year 2004-2005 as set forth in the attached copy of budget as part of this ordinance. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0. (Ordinance No. 2004-09-01).

**e. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Proposed Tax Rate –** A motion was made by Hruby and seconded by Nesheim to adopt an ordinance levying Ad Valorem Taxes for use and support of the municipal government of The Village of Point Venture, Texas for the 2004-2005 fiscal year; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0. (Ordinance No. 2004-09-02).

**F. Adjournment**

Nesheim made a motion to adjourn and Thomas seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

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Bill Ratfield, Mayor  
Village of Point Venture, Texas

**ATTEST:**

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Jeanine Oglesby, Village Secretary