

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday December 6, 2004 7:30 P.M.
Venture Room at Point Venture
Point Venture, Texas**

MINUTES

- A. Call to Order** – Mayor Ratfield called the meeting to order at 7:26 P.M.
- B. Roll Call** – Mayor Ratfield acknowledged that Council Members, Leathers, Nesheim, Hruby, and Stuart were present. Council Member Thomas 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 – November 1, 2004 Village Council Meeting** – A motion was made by Nesheim and seconded by Hruby to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2004 Village Council Meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0.
- D. Administrative Reports**
1. **Village Treasurers Report** – Hruby reported income for the month as being \$18,846.78, expenses for the month were \$10,841.74 and the net income as being \$8,005.04. Total cash in the bank is \$201,341.70 and of that \$156,462.12 is in the MM account and \$44,879.58 is in the operating account. \$1800.00 of the 2004 taxes has been collected so far. Hruby stated that it was time for an audit and the Mayor said that he would set that up soon. Hruby also stated that Jim Strong should be removed from the list of authorized check signers and Joel Nesheim added in his place.
2. **Animal Control Officer Report** – Stuart reported 17 incidents for the month of November. Stuart reported on several of the incidents and in particular, the non-compliance of a resident not to register his dog. Stuart stated that at this time there was no court clerk and suggested that Jeanine Oglesby act as court clerk for the Village should it become necessary to proceed with legal proceedings in this matter. Nesheim proposed that the village give PAWS \$500.00 now, due to the considerable stress that PAWS was under at this time. Stuart made a motion to give PAWS \$500.00, Nesheim seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0. Stuart stated that registration was beginning for 2005.
3. **Emergency Management Coordinator Report** – Stuart reported that there was no report at this time.
4. **Mayor's Report** – Ratfield welcomed Leathers to the council. Ratfield thanked everyone who worked on the Chili and Star Gazing event. He also thanked everyone involved in the Christmas decorations and tree lighting ceremony. Ratfield reminded everyone that the food drive is on again this year and the drop off box is located near the guard shack. He reported that he was in the process of updating the interlocal agreement with the Sheriff's office to have a sheriff patrol in the village 20 hrs a month starting in January. Ratfield reminded Captain Burroughs that he wants him here for New Years Eve and to concentrate on fireworks. With regards to the 20 hours a month Ratfield wants the sheriff's patrol to focus on speeding and stop sign violations. This patrol service will cost \$49.07 an hour or about

\$1,000.00 a month. Ratfield discussed the Cap Metro sign at the corner of Venture Dr. and Venture Blvd. as being a requirement when the cost of the project is over \$10,000.00. He is putting together the rest of the report to Cap Metro. The village has not received the contract, agreement, or funding of the \$40,000.00 for 2005 as yet. Ratfield stated that the interlocal agreement with Travis Co. is here and he will be reading and studying it and if it's acceptable move forward on the striping, repairs and sign replacement. The mayor reported that he would be getting together with the consultants concerning the intersection of Venture Blvd. and Venture Blvd. South and getting their recommendations for that area as well a other areas of concern. Ratfield reported that Colleen Hickman asked that someone else take over as the Floodplain Administrator and that Joe Putman has agreed to take over that position. Ratfield reported that he should have a preliminary commercial property ordinance ready to put before the council at the next meeting. Ratfield reported that he and Terry Hickman have been working to finish up the agreement and contracts for Courtney Waters and Laurie Baison to perform contract duties for the village.

- E. Citizen Inquiry** – Zane Carson of 731 Deckhouse Dr. spoke to the council on the need for more volunteer firemen and that there should be a drive to get more volunteers. Hruby said that there should be something in next POA newsletter concerning this matter. Carson discussed requirements and when he would be willing to train volunteers. Carson stated that an engine is needed and that a letter should be sent to Chief Jesse concerning this. Carson also stated that air packs were needed. Stuart discussed the starting of an auxiliary of firemen. Stuart also discussed the liability and insurance issues. Ratfield suggested putting up a notice on the bulletin board, using the POA newsletter and events to advertise for firemen.

F. General Business and Action Items:

1. Old Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Amendment of the Building Ordinance Requiring the Licensing of Electricians and Plumbers** – Nesheim made a motion to adopt the amendment to the building ordinance requiring the licensing of electricians and plumbers with the amendment to add mechanical contractors. Hruby seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0. (Ordinance No. 2004-12-01)
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Amendment to Building Ordinance Requiring that a Bond be Posted with New House Permits** – Hruby made a motion to adopt the amendment to the building ordinance requiring that a bond be posted with new house permits. Leathers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0. (Ordinance No. 2004-12-02)
- c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Modification of the Building Commission Ordinance** – Nesheim made a motion to adopt the modification of the Building Ordinance and Hruby seconded. A vote was taken and motion carried 4 – 0. (Ordinance No. 2004-12-03)

2. New Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Appointment of a new Mayor Pro-Tem** – Mayor Ratfield suggested appointing Joel Nesheim as the Mayor Pro-

Tem. Hruby made a motion to appoint Joel Nesheim as Mayor Pro-Tem, Stuart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0.

F. Adjournment

Nesheim made a motion to adjourn and Hruby seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 P.M.

Bill Ratfield, Mayor
Village of Point Venture, Texas

ATTEST:

Jeanine Oglesby, Village Secretary