

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday January 3, 2005 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 7:30 P.M.
- B. Roll Call** – Mayor Ratfield acknowledged that Council Members, Leathers, 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 6, 2004 Village Council Meeting** – A motion was made by Nesheim and seconded by Hruby to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2004 Village Council Meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried 5 – 0.
- D. Administrative Reports**
1. **PEC Report** – Pete Brooks and Roy Montemayr of Pedernales Electric presented the Mayor and Council with the quarterly franchise check of \$3,522.45. Brooks stated that a credit would be applied to all electric bills for New Years Eve and New Years Day. Brooks reported that applications for student scholarships are available in the office. He discussed improvements that were to be made in the near future.
2. **Treasurers Report** – Hruby reported income for the first quarter to be \$37, 332.00 and expenses to be \$17, 183.00. The expenses consisted mostly of insurance, attorney fees and street maintenance and that brought the balance to \$213,475. Of that balance \$176,578.00 is in the MM account and \$36,896.00 is in the operating account. Hruby answered questions from the council. Hruby reported that Tom Burk had conducted a review of the books for the year 2004 and made a few suggestions such as two signatures will be required on any check written for more than \$2,000.00. Burk also suggested that two people should be responsible for reconciling the checkbook.
3. **Animal Control Report** – Stuart reported that there were 29 incident reports for the month of December and discussed several of them. Stuart thanked Nesheim for all his hard work in getting out registration notification letters. Stuart announced that open registration will be tomorrow and the 8th 9:00 A.M. till noon for all new dogs in Point Venture. Nesheim stated that if anyone wanted to adopt an animal or donate to P.A.W.S., now would be a good time to do it.
4. **Emergency Management Report** - There was no report.
4. **Mayor's Report** – Ratfield wished everyone a Happy New Year. Ratfield reported that the sheriff had been out Friday night and there were no firework complaints. Ratfield stated that the Village had accomplished a lot this past year and one of the main things was taking over the streets and maintenance from the P.O.A. and the Capital Metro funding of \$34,000.00 for 2004 and later in 2004 was approved for \$40,000.00 to maintain the streets. He also stated

that a lot of ordinances had been adopted in the last year to protect the community. Ratfield also noted that because of a lot of volunteers in this community many things had been accomplished that would not have if it had not been for them. He stated that they were finishing up and waiting to receive the interlocal agreement to get 20 hour traffic enforcement from the Sheriff's Department. Ratfield hoped to get that started sometime this month or next month. He stated that the interlocal agreement with the county had been sent back to the county to be approved. He stated that the details have been completed for getting Courtney Waters and Laurie Baisdon on board to assist in the different village activities. Hickman reported that Courtney had made his final inspection today of drainage project and hydra mulch will be done tomorrow. Hickman stated that after the interlocal with the county is complete the village will begin working on getting signs in place and that engineers will be coming out even before the agreement is approved. Based on the interlocal and other things Hickman predicts that it will be late this year before any progress on repairs is seen. Hickman reported that Hruby had contacted the county about the overhanging branches along Lohman Ford Rd. but so far nothing has been done. Hickman reported that he had talked with a new contact and that they have a meeting every Monday and that he would see to it that the matter was taken care of. Stuart inquired about a white stripe at the stop sign on Lohman Ford. Hickman stated that crack sealing will have to be dealt with and then striping would take place taking care of the stripe that Stuart was referring to.

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. – No one wished to speak.

F. General Business and Action Items:

1. Old Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Impact Fees – After review and discussion Stuart made a motion to go ahead with the recommendation to see if it is worth or not to move forward on the Impact Fee issue. Thomas seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 5 – 0.

2. New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Appointment of Carole Hanson, Ray Burch, Hank Riemer, Terry Hickman, and Ron Hruby as the Building Commission. – Nesheim made a motion to appoint Carole Hanson, Ray Burch, Hank Riemer, Terry Hickman and Ron Hruby to the Building Commission. Stuart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 5 – 0.

b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Abolition of the Water Related Special District (WCID) and Combining it with the Village. – After general discussion, Stuart made a motion to form a fact finding committee to look into the abolition of the water related special district (WCID) and combining it with the Village, naming Stuart the head of this committee. Thomas seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 5 – 0. Nesheim requested an agenda item for defining the process of introducing a new ordinance be placed on the agenda for the February meeting.

F. Adjournment

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Hruby made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Bill Ratfield, Mayor
Village of Point Venture, Texas

ATTEST:

Jeanine Oglesby, Village Secretary