

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday June 6, 2005 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 7:33 P.M.
- B. Roll Call** – Mayor Ratfield acknowledged that all Council Members Leathers, Nesheim, Hruby, and Stuart were present, 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.

Approval of Minutes May 2, 2005 Village Council Meeting

A motion was made by Nesheim and seconded by Hruby to approve the minutes. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0.

D. Administrative Reports

- 1. Treasurers Report** – Hruby reported a balance of \$260,011 in the bank, of that \$232,189 is in the Money Market Account and \$27,822.00 in checking. Hruby reported total income for the year as \$105,163.00 and expenses to date of \$38,487.00, leaving a net income of \$66,675.00. Hruby reported that Travis County is trying to collect \$103.00 from 2001 and, \$203.00 from 2002, \$252.00 from 2003, \$651.00 from 2004. Taxes still to come in of \$1,290.00. Hruby reported paying Deputy Givens. Deputy Miller issued 24 citations and Deputy Givens issued 8 citations. Hruby stated that about 98% of the taxes have been collected. Hruby reported receiving a generous donation to Animal Control.
- 2. Animal Control Officer Report** – Stuart reported 15 incidents for the month of May. Stuart reported having to purchase a new battery for the truck. Stuart also reported the abandonment of two Giant Pyrenes and trying to capture them. Stuart stated that he did find the owners. Stuart stated that it was fawning season and fawns were everywhere. He said that if you think they are abandoned, just leave them alone because the mother will show up eventually. Stuart reported getting calls on loose dogs and there were three large dogs in the park. Nesheim reported that of the \$600.00 that the village paid to P.A.W.S. for future intake of animals. So far 3 dogs and 3 cats were taken in so out of that \$600.00, \$450.00 has been spent.
- 3. Emergency Management Coordinator Report** – Putman reported attending a commissioners meeting May 10th where Chief Cecil recommended merging ESD #1 with ESD #7. It's just in the beginning stages and study is going on. Putman gave a copy of the proposal to Hickman to make copies and distribute to council members. He stated that ESD #1 has 5 board members and ESD #7 has 5 board members and by merging there would be one 5 member board. Putman stated that Point Venture should be represented on that board by one of its citizens. Putman stated that he would not seek reappointment as commissioner next fall. Colleen Hickman just wanted to let everyone know what was going on with FEMA at the meeting she attended recently. She stated that it looks like the flood elevation from 717ft to 722 ft is a done deal. FEMA maps will not be completed and ready for distribution until next year. The council will have to pass an ordinance accepting the new floodplain elevation. Should the village fail to do so, no one in Point Venture could buy insurance. Hickman stated that at a meeting today with TCRFC, which Point Venture is a member, that they have a new mapping database that anyone can access via the internet. That address is timf.lcra.org. There will be an instructional meeting next month on how to use it. Regarding insurance, any building in existence now prior to the floodplain level being passed next year would not be penalized for that six foot difference and would be graded the same as it is now. Hickman reported the new laws passed this legislation session regarding barriers put up in flood areas. Should anyone go around or remove a barrier they will be subject to receiving a citation. The other law passed by the legislature is that a mayor is now qualified to order evacuation.

5. **Project Managers Report** – Hickman stated that we do need and desire representation on the ESD board. The mowing was late getting started this week but will be done before the holiday next time. Hickman reported that there had been a lot of activity on the litter ordinance and it had cost some money but the community was looking better because of it. Hickman reported that Deputy Givens had given the village 15 extra hours this month accounting for some of the tickets given out.
 6. **Mayors Report**- Ratfield reported his findings on the Open Meeting Act from TML and publications that he has received. Because Point Venture is a small community and council members are active members on the boards of WCID Point Venture, Point Venture P.O. A., and Point Venture Townhome Assoc. presents a problem when several are in attendance at these meetings. It was suggested in order to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act that a notice be posted at the city office stating that there is a possibility that a quorum may be present at WCID, P.O.A., and Townhome meetings and list the dates of their meetings. If there is a change in the posted schedule it will be forwarded to Mike Leathers to post on the website. Ratfield also reported that regarding the setting up of committees, they should not have any council members on them. Ratfield stated that it is a violation of the Open Meetings Act to talk to one individual and then go on to another individual, another individual and so on and discuss issues. This is either in person or e-mail. Ratfield stated that from now on regarding agendas that a blind copy will go out to each individual and if there is a response it only comes back to him. Social gatherings are ok as long as no one gathers up in a corner and discusses public business.
- 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: Bobby Kuykendall of 287 Venture Blvd. S. stated that a registered sex offender is now a resident in this community. She gave the website address to locate sex offenders in any community. It is; scanusa.com. Kuykendall stated that she just wanted to let the community to know and didn't know if anything could be done about it. Hickman has gathered information that is in the council packets for study and consideration as a future agenda item.
- F. General Business and Action Items:**
1. **Old Business**
 - a. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Community Dumpster** – Hickman reported that there is a dumpster in place up behind the new fence in the Water District area. There is a fifty dollar a month fee for the dumpster and a \$400.00 dump fee each time it's dumped. The recommendation of the village council and Hickman is that the fifty dollar fee be split 50-50 and then prorated at the end of a period as to who has used the dumpster. Access to the dumpster would be by appointment only. Hickman recommends not charging the citizens the rest of this year to see how it works out. General discussion followed regarding scheduling.
 - b. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Agenda Setting Process** – Due to lack of a second to Nesheims motion to adopt the resolution regarding the agenda process with the addition of the P.O.A. as a posting sight, this item was tabled.
 - c. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Modifications to the Building Height Restrictions** – Hickman stated that the building commissioners had no further recommendations on that. Following general discussion the item was tabled.
 - d. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding an Ordinance Controlling Outbuildings** – Hickman presented the council with a draft ordinance which the council is to study until the next meeting. Item tabled until next months meeting.
 - e. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Road Resurfacing** – Hickman reported that due to the higher than anticipated costs of road repair by Travis County, he met with engineer Tim Haney. Haney stated that the city could continue with crack sealing and drainage work for another two years before general sealing work needed to be done. Hickman recommended continuing to accumulate Cap Metro funds and continue with crack sealing until early next year when the city needs to start looking into general sealing and drainage work.

f. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Impact Fees – Hickman reported that there was nothing new to report regarding impact fees.

2. New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Future Planning – After general discussion council agreed to have a planning meeting July 16, 2005 at 9:00 A.M.

b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the hiring of an ACO – Hurby stated that Stuart needed some help. Hrby suggested that Stuart could train someone part-time to take the load off Stuart. Stuart stated that he had someone in the Water District interested. After general discussion the council decided to research the matter and call a special meeting if needed.

c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Increased Village Staffing – Hickman stated that more help was needed at the city office. The city is anticipating more work in the areas of Municipal Court, helping the treasurer, being a liaison with TML, and assisting the Floodplain coordinator. The question brought up was to add hours to Laurie or hire someone else. After general discussion it was decided to put the numbers together as to costs and job description and bring to the planning meeting.

d. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding an Ordinance Adopting the Deed Restrictions - Hickman reported discovering that the Architectural Control Committee did not have insurance coverage. They discovered it would cost around \$500.00 if they incorporated and \$1000.00 a year. It was discovered that in the TML insurance coverage was coverage for committees of the city. The Architectural Control Committee can be added to the policy at no additional cost. Following extensive discussion it was decided to bring up again at the planning meeting.

e. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Abandoned Portion of Valley Hill – Jim Strong of 21550 Lakefront Dr. gave the history of the abandoned portion of Valley Hill. After general discussion Hickman made a recommendation that either nothing is to be done or address the drainage problem so that emergency vehicles could access the residents. Stuart made a motion to go ahead and develop a plan to address the drainage and security issues. Hrby seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed 4 – 0.

F. Adjournment – Leathers made a motion to adjourn and Hrby seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

Bill Ratfield, Mayor
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Jeanine Oglesby, Village Secretary