

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday July 5, 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 7:30 P.M.
- B. Roll Call** – Mayor Ratfield acknowledged that all Council Members Leathers, Thomas, Nesheim, and Stuart were present, Hruby 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 June 6, 2005 Village Council Meeting

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

D. Administrative Reports

- 1. PEC Report** – Pete Brooks of PEC reported that the annual meeting had been held June 18, 2005. Brooks spoke about “Green Power” and if anyone was interested there was a necessary procedure to go through in order to get it. He stated that there were fewer outages this year than at the same time last year. Brooks reported the 24 hour call center and the possible addition of more circuits in the Highland Lakes area. Brooks presented council and the mayor a check for the quarterly franchise fee.
 - 2. Animal Control Officer Report** – Stuart reported 13 incidents for the month of June. There was 1 dog rescue, deer and snake incidents. Stuart stated that he had figures for the possibility of hiring and training another ACO as backup. He stated that he had contacted Dr. Nix at the State of Texas Department of Health in regards to classes that might be available. Stuart stated that there was a class September 28, 2005 in Temple and the cost of the class would be \$75.00 and the Animal Control Manual that is updated annually is \$50.00. The total cost including housing, food, and travel time should be less than \$400.00. Stuart made the recommendation to go ahead with this. After general discussion Mayor Ratfield gave his approval. Stuart announced that he had been recertified for another 4 years.
 - 3. Emergency Management Coordinator Report** – No report.
 - 5. Project Managers Report** – Hickman stated that he had contacted TML about a survey concerning job descriptions and salary according to the size of the city. When he gets it this may help determine the ACO’s salary. Hickman stated that he had one bid on crack sealing. Hickman reported talking with the sheriff’s deputy and it has been very quiet with nothing much happening. Hickman reported that the dumpster has been used frequently and encouraged all citizens to use it. Hickman also asked for more hours for Laurie Baisdon. They have not come up with information on this for the planning session so in the mean time due to the amount of work on the Bldg. Commission and ACC level, Laurie is being paid from ACC funds.
 - 6. Mayors Report-** Ratfield reported that Hruby had prepared financials & budgets for the council to review for the budget deadline coming up in August.
- 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:
- F. General Business and Action Items:**

1. Old Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding an Ordinance Controlling Outbuildings** – This item was tabled until next meeting.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Abandoned Portion of Valley Hill** – Hickman stated that he had talked with Chief Cecil and met with the Courtney Waters and the Water District that EMS would like to keep that available that so that they can get across. Hickman stated that they were looking at a curb along some of the ditch and across that abandoned portion of Valley Hill and a catch on the other side to contain the runoff and allow emergency vehicles to cross. The Water District has agreed to help with the tractor work. It is estimated the cost to be less than \$1000.00. The mayor gave the authorization to go ahead with the project and to use Cap Metro money to pay for it.
- c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Future Planning** – Ratfield asked for recommendations for a new date for the planning session. It was decided that Saturday July 23, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. would be the best time. Nesheim discussed what items should be discussed at the meeting such as, future community planning or future city government planning, what will be needed five years from now and what do we want the community to look like. Nesheim talked with Jim Gilchrist of Lago Vista who worked on the planning committee and helped put together a comprehensive plan for the city. Nesheim gave the council a copy of the first two pages that Gilchrist had given him to give the council an idea of what to be thinking about for the planning meeting. Nesheim stated that LCRA has help and guidance to get this done and there are other sources. Ratfield asked for agenda items no later than Monday July 11, 2005.

2. New Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Litter Ordinance** – Tabled until next meeting.

F. Adjournment – Thomas made a motion to adjourn and Stuart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Bill Ratfield, Mayor
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Jeanine Oglesby, Village Secretary