

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday August 1, 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 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 July 5, 2005 Village Council Meeting

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

D. Administrative Reports

- 1. Treasurers' Report** – Hruby reported the total assets to be \$263, 745 and of that figure \$232,569 is in the MM and \$31,175 is in checking. Hruby reported that he had prepared a budget document and distributed it to the council members. Hruby stated that the budget is projected with the same tax rate as last year. Hruby reported receiving the tax valuation for the year of \$101,349,086. He stated that last years valuation was \$94,173,444 making the taxable value go up this year by about 7%. This means that tax collections will be about 7.6% more than last year. Hruby reported that the sheriff's bill reflected numerous citations for running of stop signs and 1 speeding citation.
- 2. Animal Control Officer Report** – Stuart reported 18 incidents for the month of July. There was 1 dog impoundment, one cat that had been mauled to death by two dogs, and two wounded deer. There were some unusual incidents involving snakes in yards. All but one have been non-poisonous. Stuart advised all citizens to call animal control if there is a problem with a snake. Stuart reported attending the water board meeting regarding a part-time animal control person. Stuart stated that the water board wants written guidelines as to how the part-time person could work with the city as well as the water company. The water board ok'd the individual going to animal control school. Stuart reported that Lago Vista Police Chief Smith and Lago Vista City Manager Bill Angelo have agreed to the use of Gary Garrett, ACO of Lago Vista as back-up while he is on vacation.
- 3. Emergency Management Coordinator Report** – Stuart reported that the fire chiefs in ESD #1 and ESD #7 are recommending the merger of the two. This recommendation has approval from the fire departments and emergency services. Stuart stated that this will be an item on the ballot in November. Stuart stated that he agrees that the two districts should be combined. Stuart reported that the water board wants written guidelines for the volunteers who are also employees of the water district. Stuart reported that he has put this together so that the volunteers can do their jobs and work for the water district. If they want to volunteer they will have to use their compensatory time except for fires.
- 5. Project Managers Report** – Hickman reported having spoken to King Kaul of CapMetro regarding the allocation for 2006. The allocation will be the same as last year, a little less than \$41,000.00. Mowing and minor maintenance will start up late this week. Crack sealing will done when it gets a little cooler. The Lions club has volunteered to take over the street cleanup and weed control. Stuart reported the tomorrow night was National Night Out.
- 6. Mayors Report-** Ratfield reported that an election would be coming up in November and there were three seats open. Councilman Thomas, Nesheim and Mayor Ratfield. Ratfield reported that the first day to apply for a place on the ballot is August 8, 2005 and the deadline is 5:00 P.M. September 7, 2005. The candidate packets will be ready for pick up Monday August 8, 2005 from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

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:

1. Harry Filbey of 513 Lakefront Circle spoke to the council about limiting the city's responsibilities to health and safety issues, debt spending, and scrutinizing the budget carefully before adding more personnel to the city offices. Filbey requested the council to repeal Ordinances 2003-07-01 and 2003-12-01. He also mentioned repealing Ordinance 2004-12-03 establishing the building commission. Filbey stated that this was all to keep the city government to a workable size according to the size of the community. He explained his objections to the ordinance dealing with outbuildings should be abandoned.
2. Colleen Hickman of 116 Lakefront Dr. reported that the National Night Out Activities will take place at the Club Room about 7:00 P.M. There will be personnel from the fire department and hopefully from the sheriff's department to meet with the neighbors and share ideas how to keep their homes and families safe.
3. Joel Desmarois of 19040 Venture Dr. wanted to follow up on Mr. Filbeys' comments and to ask about two line items on the budget. His questioned the difference between last years budget item and this years budget item. The council could not discuss theses questions.

General Business and Action Items:

1. Old Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Valley Hill Drainage Issue** – Hickman reported that the cost will be less than \$2,000.00. The estimate is basically the curb. Richard Welcher and his folks will take care of the ditch. After general discussion council decided to move ahead on this project.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Animal Control Help** – Stuart covered this item and has approval from the water board.
- c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Future Planning** – Ratfield discussed the things that had come out of the planning meeting. One was if the city was going to go on as it is or will it change. Nesheim and Leathers were to gather demographic information and bring to the council meeting. The second thing to come out the planning meeting was does the city need to go back to just health and safety issues and become a gated community again. Nesheim had not been able to gather demographic data as yet. Mel Kurth of 509 Venture Blvd. stated that everyone should go the ACC meeting and the POA meeting and then come back and talk about future planning. Nesheim stated that he didn't go along with the idea that the city should only be concerned with health and safety issues and not esthetics of the city. Nesheim stated that he would support keeping the litter ordinance as it has to do with esthetics and well as health and safety. Hruby stated that what he got from the meeting was that the city shouldn't enforce the deed restrictions. Jim Hawkins of 514 Deckhouse Dr. stated that he felt the city should not continue to take on more tasks and become a large bureaucracy. He also stated that he feels that the citizens should not have to deal with two entities. Hawkins stated that more city staff is not needed and he didn't want more taxes. Harry Filbey stated that the citizens had been duped into incorporating and the POA didn't need the cities help. Colleen Hickman stated that were several laws saying that we need FEMA staff. If Point Venture was not a city it would not be eligible for flood insurance

2. New Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the 2005-2006 Budget** – Hruby explained that some line items had increased and gave several examples and explanations as to why they have increased.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the 2005-2006 Tax Rate** – Hruby stated that the effective tax rate is 3.99 and will be maintained at 4.00 and the city will collect \$10,000.00 more in taxes. The city will collect \$40,000.00. Hruby itemized the other sources of revenue. Hruby wants to transfer some money from the MM account into a CD. Hruby made a motion to transfer \$100,000 from the MM account into a CD and Leathers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0.

3. **c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Revision of the Animal Control Ordinance** – Nesheim proposes a change in fees due to the delinquency of citizens registering their dogs. After general discussion council said to go ahead with writing up an ordinance to present at the next council meeting.
- d. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Lake Cove Speed Bump Repair** – Hruby reported that a citizen had requested the speed bump be repaired and the cost will be around \$350.00. Hruby stated that when Courtney got back they would tell him to go ahead and fix it. Ratfield asked if the money would come from CapMetro money. Hruby stated that it would.

F. Adjournment – Leathers made a motion to adjourn and Nesheim seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Bill Ratfield, Mayor
Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Jeanine Oglesby, Village Secretary