

**Village of Point Venture  
Village Council Meeting  
Tuesday September 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 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 August 1, 2005 Village Council Meeting**

A motion was made by Stuart and seconded by Thomas to approve the minutes with one correction. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0.

**D. Administrative Reports**

- 1. Floodplain Managers Report** – Colleen Hickman stated that due to the events in New Orleans anyone without flood insurance might want to re-visit that issue. Hickman reported that a public meeting will be held Thursday night at 7:00 at K Oaks in Lago Vista regarding the elevation of Lake Travis. There will be representatives from LCRA commission on environmental quality engineers that did the work for FEMA to change the level to 722. Hickman stated that there will be new maps to hand out just as soon as they are ready to everyone in Point Venture. Hickman reported that LCRA has other departments that help with communities such as hazardous waste disposal. Hickman added that the citizens of Point Venture have access to the Austin hazardous waste site but a local site could be made available permanently or on a one day collection basis for hazardous wastes such as computers, tires, oil, batteries, paint and household chemicals. Because there is cost involved Point Venture could partner with Jonestown and Lago Vista. The council would have to vote on this. Jim Strong of 156 Lakefront Dr. asked for an update as to the maps being ready after the first of the year and Hickman stated that she had not heard anything different. Hickman reported that after the maps come out there would need to be two public hearings and the council will have to adopt the new maps. If the council votes against these new maps then no one in Point Venture will be entitled to get flood insurance. Mark Hipskind of 18607 Venture Dr. asked if 722 had been approved. Hickman stated that everything she has heard the answer is yes. Ratfield concurred with Hickman that everything he has seen on the subject suggests that it will be changed. The only challenges that are going on right are technical challenges.
- 2. Animal Control Officer Report** – Stuart reported 17 incidents for the month of August. There was 1 pit bull that they had to pick up and return to the owner. Stuart stated having participated negotiated with WCID on getting bylaws in place for ACO support. Stuart reported having snake bite guidelines available for anyone who is interested. Stuart reported having rescued a Saint Bernard and region 7 has been very active in the participation of flood relief for animals. An animal shelter has been set up in east Texas for the refugee animals from the flooded areas. The procedure in place if you have an animal control issue to call the WCID number and leave your number followed by 119 and Chris or Richard will respond to your call.
- 3. Projects Managers Report** – Hickman asked Joe Putman to speak first. Putman spoke about Emergency Service District and some of the things they are doing. Two local firefighter EMT's have just returned from a week in New Orleans and there are two more going. Two more will go to east Texas and help with the efforts there. Putman pointed out that we being a part of Travis County's emergency management that Travis County is ultimately responsible for Point Venture. Travis County is sending out an updated emergency management planning disc to the Mayor. When it arrives Putman wants to get with Ratfield and establish some standard operating procedures. Hickman has expressed concerns and suggests getting a generator, water, cots, etc. which would allow the Village to have a shelter. Putman pointed out that if there was some type of emergency the county may be too busy elsewhere

and the Village would be pretty much on our own. Putman expressed a desire to form a committee to put together some standard operating procedures. Putman stated that the Village is required by the state to adopt the principles by resolution or ordinance the NIMS/ICS (National Institute of Management System) guidelines. Putman stated that if the Village wanted to apply for a grant or loan the resolution or ordinance should be in place by October 1, 2005. Nesheim asked if there some way of knowing house by house how many people were living in that house. Putman explained that it would be a difficult task and no nothing was in place to determine the number of people in each house. Hickman state that he had met with Chief Cecil about the Valley Hill plan and the plan got about 50% approval. Chief Cecil had some ideas on subject which involved more expense so what has been done is to clean up the sway and tilted some things so there is better run-off to one side. Hickman reported that the dumpster for household items has been a success. Hickman stated that the missing speed bumps should be in place by this weekend. Cap Metro has received the request letter for monies for the 2005/2006 year and is pleased with the format of the request and should act on it soon. Hickman reported that the mowing crew had not been too busy this summer but should mow again in the next week or two. Stuart stated that anything to block Valley Hill should not be done.

4. **Mayor's Report** – Ratfield stated that all candidates should have their applications into the city office by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005.

**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. Mark Hipskind of 18607 Venture Dr. asked who was responsible for the paving at Valley Hill and Southwind and when there would be some action. Hickman state that it was the Village was responsible for the repairs but in some instances the water district pays for the repairs. Hickman further explained that the problem in the past and in this instance has been the difficulty in finding someone to do the repairs. Hickman stated that there would be some crack sealing done in October and maybe the same crew can do the repairs at that time. Hipskind also asked about Venture Blvd. and Venture Dr. and a turning lane Ratfield stated that an engineer had reported that what was being done with the streets now would be fine for now. Hickman stated that the engineer had given a time frame of about 2 years before any more needed to be done. Hickman also stated that at that time the prices had risen so much that it would be better to accumulate more funds from Cap Metro before taking any action regarding paving of the roads. Hickman further stated that there has never been a plan to put in a turning lane at Venture Blvd. and Venture Dr. There had been discussions and proposals on other ideas for that intersection.

## **F. General Business and Action Items:**

### **1. Old Business**

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Revision of the Animal Control Ordinance** – Following discussion by Nesheim, Thomas made a motion to adopt an ordinance of the Village of Point Venture, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 2001-08-01 which controls the presence of dogs and the health and safety of dogs and other animals; such amendment providing for the following: finding of fact; a purpose; enactment of clarification and further definitions; severability; and proper notice and a meeting. The motion was seconded by Nesheim, a vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0. (Ordinance No. 2005-09-01).
- b. **Discussion Regarding Future Planning** – Leathers passed out date sheets concerning lot information to the council. Leathers discussed this information stating that they are trying to establish what the present situation is and what the future population will be. Nesheim stated that their study reflected a growth rate of about 16% per year with a 75% full time residency rate. Nesheim further stated that at a growth rate of 7% per year, by 2010 there would be about 919 people living in Point Venture. Nesheim reported that by 1015 there would be a population of around 1200 to 1300. Nesheim discussed how they went about obtaining the information and how they worked up the various figures in their report regarding population growth and tax collections in the future. Nesheim also discussed the map concerning the relocation of parts of Lohman's Ford Rd. and the M.U.D. #10 facility being built at this time. There was general discussion about annexation. Nesheim stated that as the population increases and more and more homes are built that the

rainwater runoff may bring the need for the village to put in storm sewers. Hickman stated that he and Jim Strong visited with the county a few years back regarding the widening of Lohman's Ford Rd. and there were plans to widen the road but not to 4 lanes. The county had no funds to do anything about the dangerous curves at that time.

**2. New Business**

**a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the 2005 Election** – The Village Secretary read the order of election after which Nesheim made a motion to adopt an ordinance ordering a general election to be held in Village of Point Venture, Texas to elect two council members and one mayor; making provisions for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such election and providing for preamble incorporation; conflicting provision; governing law; severability; proper notice and open meeting; and effective date. Leathers seconded the motion; a vote was taken and the motion carried 4 – 0. (Ordinance No. 9005-09-02).

**G. Adjournment** – Nesheim made a motion to adjourn; Leathers seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

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Bill Ratfield, Mayor  
Village of Point Venture

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Jeanine Oglesby, Village Secretary