

Village of Point Venture  
Village Council Meeting  
Monday, March 6, 2006 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 by Mayor Sheffer at 7:30 P.M.
- B. Roll Call** – Council Members Leathers, Andrews, Mayor Sheffer, Council Members Hawkins, Hruby and Stuart were present.
- C. Approval of Minutes** – Andrews made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2006 Village Council Meeting. Hawkins seconded the motion, a vote was taken, the motion carried 5 – 0.
- D. Administrative Reports**
- 1. Treasurer's Report** – Hruby reported the total income year to date was \$96,034, expenses were \$47,384 giving net income of \$48,650. Hruby stated that there is \$311,663 in bank of which \$196,762 is in the MM account, \$100,000 in a CD, \$14,901 is in the operating account.
  - 2. Animal Control Report** – Stuart reported 10 incidents for the month of February, 1 Pit Bull had to be quarantined and eventually destroyed. Stuart reported that 174 dogs had been registered and \$905 received in registration fees. Stuart thanked Bob Adolph and Jeanine Oglesby for their help in the registration process. Stuart stated that only 7 dogs were left to be registered.
  - 3. Floodplain Administrator's Report** – Leathers reported that the long awaited package from FEMA had finally arrived. It contained new maps and CD. He tried loading this afternoon and was unsuccessful. Leathers explained that their was a time schedule whereby we can review these maps until April. Another time frame from May 1<sup>st</sup> until August 1<sup>st</sup> is the appeals process. If the schedule is kept up it will be another six months before the maps go into effect. We're looking at sometime next year before the floodplain is raised from 716 to 722 and there is 1 ft of freeboard on above that. Leathers stated that he would have this information on the website as soon as he figures out the software.
  - 4. Emergency Management Report** – Robertson reported attending a meeting at the Austin Airport sponsored by Capital Area Council of Governments. What they were doing was reviewing a regional plan called the Capital Area Response Plan. It is to coordinate the activities of the first responders to an emergency or disaster. The State of Texas is divided into regions and each region is to come up with its regional response plan. There were representatives from Capco LCRA, City of Austin, and EMS providers around the region, public safety, Red Cross and even a county judge. A plan was pretty much finalized and as soon as he has a copy of it he will send it to the Mayor to distribute. It may be coming to the council for review and adoption. Robertson reported having a meeting with his emergency management committee and one of the things discussed was a need to get with the POA regarding a sign to be put up at the front gate warning of icy roads, flooding etc. The committee came up with a couple of other tips for tornados and they have been put on the web page. One other thing they discussed was having a interface with the media. Terry Hickman indicated that he would be interested in doing that. Another backup is needed. Carroll Hollingsworth with Federal Warning Systems came to the meeting and gave a presentation on warning sirens. Hollingsworth recommended that if we were interested in pursuing this, we acquire 1 electromechanical siren. It is the

oldest, simplest, and cheapest type out there. The price for this type of siren is \$19,500 but it could be cheaper after the bidding process because there are several vendors out there. Hollingsworth said that there were a number of entities that are willing to give grant money for warning sirens. It's possible that all or most of the cost would be taken care of through a grant application. Robertson stated that a radio could be issued to someone and they could activate the siren from their telephone or computer. Robertson stated that we could talk to the Sheriff's Department or Lago Vista Police to see if they would be willing to activate the siren through telephone lines, radio, or wireless system. Hollingsworth stated that Lakeway has the same system and they might be willing to activate our system when they activate theirs. Robertson stated that the next step would be to seek a grant to assist in acquiring this system. Robertson stated that he is hesitant to do this until the Mayor and council are interested. General discussion followed.

- 5. Sheriff's Department Report** – Hawkins reported that a search warrant had been served on a burglary suspect. That person had left but 2 other suspects were arrested. The stolen items found were not from Point Venture. Sheffer asked what all was involved in an official Crime Watch Neighborhood. Robertson stated that the program had just seemed wither away but if there was interest in pursuing it, the Sheriff's Department has information on how to set one up. General discussion followed.

- 6. Mayor's Report** – No Report

## **General Business and Action Items**

### **Old Business**

- 1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Fire Bay Building Issues** – Stuart reported being thankful for participation, generous support, money, equipment and staff with the fire bay building. He also thanked the POA for funding, committed to letter of intent and deeding over the property to the city. Stuart reported that the final survey had been done today, dealing with field notes. The garage door has been ordered, and the ACC had given their approval. Stuart reported that a change from a modular building to a welded up type was necessary due to interfacing with the existing building and time frame involved. This will result in a \$500 increase from \$10,400 to \$10,500. Stuart reported preparing a grant study asking for \$5000 or \$6000.00. Stuart received a good letter of recommendation. It was suggested to Stuart that he ask for the full amount due to the fact that money for Phase II could not be requested for one year. Stuart submitted another proposal and got back a letter stating that it was the best proposal they had ever seen. It will be April before it is known if the city will receive the grant money. If the grant money is forthcoming and along with private donations, amounting to \$2360, there should be an excess which will be shared equally with WCID and the POA. Hruby reported that with public donations and the commitments from the POA and the WCID they total around \$14,200. It was estimated that the building would cost around \$20,500 leaving about \$6300 for the city to contribute. If the grant request is accepted it looks like the city would only have to contribute a little less than \$10,000 for the firehouse.

- 2. This Item taken out of order**

### **New Business**

- 1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Road Signage, Speed Humps, and Intersection Changes** – After general discussion Sheffer requested that Hawkins ask Officer Givens if there was a study available. Sheffer stated that a traffic study was needed, the Nesheim study needed to be found and the speed trailer requisitioned.

- 2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Road Maintenance and Repair –**  
Sheffer asked Andrews to head the activities with the roads, such as, mowing of the right-of-ways, also revitalize the road signage if their are any missing or any needed. Andrews reported that he had worked with Courtney Waters on the roads and how involved the city was with the roads. He stated that more investigation was needed. Andrews stated that the contractor had been contacted about the spring maintenance Andrews reported that Courtney has contacted the roads contractor about the erosion problems making it difficult for the mowing to be done properly. Andrews stated the roads were in pretty good shape and as long as crack sealing and basic maintenance is done the roads should be good for another two years. Sheffer brought up the question of impact fees. General discussion followed. Leathers suggested putting together a proposal to present the POA regarding the mowing and road issues.
  
- 3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Passing of a Resolution Recognizing Wildfire Awareness Week from April 1, through 8, 2006 –** Stuart made a motion to adopt a resolution recognizing Wildfire Awareness Week from April 1, through 8, 2006. Hawkins seconded and the vote carried 5 – 0.  
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**Adjournment** – Sheffer adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

#### **Executive Session**

**Call to Order** – Mayor Sheffer called the session to order at 9:00 p.m.

- 2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Part-Time Animal Control Officer –**  
No action taken

**Adjournment** – Sheffer adjourned the meeting at 9:35 P.M.