

Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday, April 3, 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 7:35 P.M.
- B. Roll Call** – Council Members Leathers, Andrews, Mayor Sheffer, Council Members Hawkins,
- C. Approval of Minutes** – Leathers made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2006 Village Council Meeting. Andrews seconded the motion, a vote was taken, the motion carried 5 – 0.
- D. Administrative Reports**
- 1. PEC Report** – Mike Collins reported that the new billing option plans will start next month. One option is the Fixed option which most customers are choosing because it stays at the most level amount. The other option is the Average option which works out to be the option with the most fluctuation in the billing amounts paid by customers. Collins asked that if anyone digs or plants deeply to please call PEC first to find out where electrical lines are located. The number to call is 1-800-344-8377.
 - 2. Treasurer's Report** – Mayor Sheffer gave the Treasurer's Report as follows; income through March 2006 was \$99,139 expenses were \$58,914 giving net income of \$40,225. Sheffer reported \$304,738 in the and of that amount, \$186,918 is in the MM account, \$100,000 in a CD, \$17,820 is in the operating account.
 - 3. Animal Control Report** – Stuart reported a brown dog on the loose belonging to a woman visiting in the area. He stated that he hasn't been able to catch or trap the dog and it may become necessary to tranquilize the dog and it is expensive to do so. Stuart reported recruiting a new volunteer for animal control and also wants to be a first responder with EMT and is taking accelerated courses to become certified. Stuart stated that he would like to attend continuing education classes and credit in East Texas coming up the 10th and 11th of April. Stuart reported approximately 12 incidents for the month of March.
 - 4. Floodplain Administrator's Report** – Leathers reported leaving handouts on the table telling about a program LCRA has of getting on an email list or phone list so that you will be notified when the water starts rising and the floodgates will open. This program is for businesses as well as residents along the lakes. Leathers reported that H.E.B. had started selling emergency radios. The price is less than \$40. Leathers stated that Jim Spencer of KXAN really supports the program of everyone having one of these radios. Leathers stated that this information is listed on the website. Jim Strong offered to put a notice in the POA newsletter letting Point Venture residents know about the LCRA email list program and the emergency radios for sale at H.E.B.
 - 5. Emergency Management Report** – Colleen Hickman delivered Gary Robertson's report in his absence. Robertson felt that Travis Co. and Lago Vista were not the proper people to set off the warning alarm. He has not talked to the Emergency Management Coordinator at Lakeway yet to see if they would be willing to do this. If Lakeway is not willing to do this, Robertson's recommendation is to not do anything until he has had to talk to someone else. Travis County has an Emergency

Notification Program in place now that is basically the same as Reverse 911. If Point Venture becomes a part of this ENS program the residents will receive a prerecorded phone message from the Sheriff's office regarding emergency situations. If approved by Capcon executive board, Point Venture could become a registered user by paying an annual fee of \$1000. Robertson is still to make a determination if becoming a user is valid and after meeting with his committee will make a determination, and will make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council. Hickman reported that Refrigerator Magnets were still available that lets emergency personnel know how many are living there as well as how many pets. It also lists emergency numbers to call. General discussion followed.

6. **Road Study Report** – Andrews reported that the first spring cleaning of the roadways has been done. The contractors from last year came out and did a deep cleaning consisting of mowing and bushhogging the right-of-ways clear up to the easement line. Andrews reported inspecting the work with Courtney work and while they were out they noticed that on the right-of-ways a lot of cedar trees and brush had grown up. They are trying to come up with a plan of right-of-way clearing. Another thing they noticed was the draining of the ditches and roadbeds that come up to the ribbon curbs have eroded over time and if it continues to erode it will tear up the ribbon curbs and become expensive to repair. Courtney has gotten a quote on taking care of those details and will get other quotes. Andrews reported that crack sealing has done pretty well but there are a couple of areas where cracks keep reappearing and there are several problem areas that may need attention soon. The next thing to be done is the street signs. Courtney is making a list of the signs needed and getting them in place. Mowing will be scheduled again in a couple of weeks. Stuart asked if Courtney's hours were being kept up with and Andrews assured him that they were and there was a process in place as to how it was being done. Stuart also asked if Andrews would be interested in being involved with asphalt laying at the fire station driveway. Andrews explained the way that it had been done in the past that the water company is given the expectations of what the village expects the condition of the road to be in when they get done and they will get with their contractor as to the repairs needed.

7. **Mayor's Report** – Stuart reported a code enforcement problem whereby a resident has refused after several letters dating back as far as 2004 to remove a junk vehicle. Every attempt has been made to seek a solution to this violation and it has come to the point that he will be taken to court. Judge Thompson will have to be contacted, a date set for court and a summons served. General discussion followed. Sheffer stated that he had talked to Hawkins about the condition of roads leading into Point Venture from the Waterford project. He was told it would be about a year before the road change is completed. Sheffer stated that he would be sending a letter asking that a little better care be taken on those roads. Strong stated that this was a county road and therefore the county's responsibility. Strong also stated that the county had been out and said they were putting up 20 mph signs and fixing potholes but that it would be a year before the project was complete. Strong state that he would be sending a letter to Gerald Daugherty trying to get something done. Sheffer stated that Robertson and his committee are doing everything possible to keep the residents informed about what's going on with emergency management.

General Business and Action Items

Old Business

1. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Fire Bay Building Issues** – Stuart reported that the building material should arrive tomorrow, the slab is down, the garage door is in. It should be completed by Saturday. The scheduled completion date is the latter part of June. The bare bones garage will be able to hold the new

engine in two weeks. Richard ???? of the water company did all the wiring so that the electronic doors could be installed.

- 2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Road Study** – Leathers reported that he had set up a video camera two mornings videoing Venture Blvd. S. and Venture Blvd. N. between 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Leathers said that he didn't see where a speed hump would make a difference. Officer Givens had recommended a yield sign not where the stop sign is but where there is true right-away. Leathers said that in his opinion no more than two tickets would be issued a day after his observation of that intersection. Leathers said that on the first day there were only three vehicles that were in serious conflict with the other twenty eight that he observed coming down Venture Blvd. The next day there was only one. Hawkins thanked Dan and Tina Gossack. Dan loaned some very sophisticated monitoring equipment that was set up on Venture Dr. This equipment showed that there was a more speeding going on than the previous study had shown. Possibly due to the fact that people had a tendency to slow down when a radar gun was pointed at them. Hawkins reported having sent the Mayor and council the results of the study by e-mail that morning. After looking over the study, Hawkins stated that maybe some sort of enforcement might be needed out there. Hawkins stated that he has a call in to the Sheriff's Department to see if we can borrow that trailer again. Hawkins reported that 40% of the people went over 35mph and 3.3% went over 45mph. The average speed was 34mph in a 30mph speed zone. Sheffer stated that he had talked to Officer Givens and he plans to be out here more during holidays and summer months. General discussion followed. Sheffer recommended that the study be finished and make changes if appropriate before the high season..

Adjournment – Andrews made a motion to adjourn and Leathers seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Kevin Sheffer, Mayor Point Venture, Texas

ATTEST:

Jeanine Oglesby, Village Secretary