

Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2006 7:30 P.M.
Venture Room at Point Venture,
555 Venture Blvd.
Point Venture, Texas

MINUTES

- A. Call to Order – Mayor Sheffer called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.
- B. Roll Call – Council Member Leathers, Mayor Sheffer, Council Members Hawkins, Hruby, and Stuart were present. Council Member Andrews was absent.
- C. Consent Agenda – Stuart made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2006 meeting. Hawkins seconded, the motion carried 4 – 0.
- D. Administrative Reports
1. Treasurer’s Report – Hruby reported the income as \$113,642 and expenses as \$84,622 with a net income of \$29,020. Hruby reported the total cash as \$294,383, \$85,257 in the MM account, and \$7,579 in the operating fund. He also reported collecting \$1436 in taxes. There should be another \$600 to \$700 more collected this year. Hruby reported that the amount of expenses on the Fire Station to be \$20,723.50. The village is still waiting on \$11,500 from the WCID and the POA. Mayor Sheffer stated that a letter would be sent to the WCID and POA at the completion date of the project.
 2. Animal Control Report - Stuart reported 19 incidents for the month of May. One of them was a Pit Bull running loose that he had given several warnings on and had issues with the owners. Stuart stated that he went to the Mayor and the Mayor went to the Sheriff. The Sheriff told the owners that if the dog was loose again it would be picked up. Stuart thanked the Sheriff for his help. Stuart further reported that a pit bull had been abandoned at the marina, captured and already adopted. There were sightings of a coyote in three different places and he had received a picture in an email of a mountain lion in the area. Stuart reported getting calls about a large bee hive, possums, and dogs defecating on lawns. Stuart explained that it was not part of Animal Control to take care of these matters. Animal Control takes care of dangerous situations, loose or dangerous dogs. Getting rid of pests was the citizens’ responsibility. There were four new dog registered.
 3. Building Commission Report – None
 4. Floodplain Administrator’s Report – Leathers reported that they were working through the process and advertisement should appear in the paper this week or next. Leathers explained that FEMA was obligated to publish two advertisements and at the end of the second publication the ninety day appeal process would start. Leathers reported receiving a letter from FEMA wanting to investigate whether or not a residents’ improvements interfere with the floodplain.
 5. Emergency Management Report – Robertson reported that CAPCOG had approved the regional response plan that the county had been working on for some time. Robertson stated that the State and Emergency Management has to approve also and it has not as yet. He reported that he has scheduled a tentative meeting with Cap Metro in early July to discuss an evacuation plan utilizing their resources such as buses and things like that should it become necessary to evacuate a large number of people. Robertson discovered that they had no evacuation plan in place and they were surprised to learn that they had no plan in place. Robertson reported the SOP must be completed by September. He will be giving it to the Mayor and council to approve in August. Robertson stated that weather radios have been available at HEB for some time and will be available until mid June. Robertson offered to coordinate NIMS training for the Mayor and anyone else interested. He stated that the ENS item has been moved to the July agenda.

6. Road Report – Sheffer gave the road report for Andrews in his absence. Sheffer reported that new signs had been ordered, some new and some are replacements,. They should be installed by next month. Sheffer reported that there will be another mowing next week and then right around July 4th unless there is an all out drought.

7. Sheriff Department Report – Hawkins reported that there had been increased patrolling around the holiday as well as working radar in problem areas. Hawkins reported being called Sunday morning up to the Demarett area where vandals had been shooting windows out of automobiles. The same night they stole some of the flags off of the golf course. Hawkins asked that if anyone noticed something unusual to please notify the Sheriff's Department. Hawkins stated that security is out a good part of the night patrolling but there is very little they can do. Cookie Poe stated that she had called 911 and was told that she would have to call the security person and that the sheriff's department would not be out. Hawkins stated that he would look into that because calling 911 is what is supposed to be done. Brian Aaron of 302 Valley Hill thanked the sheriff's department for their work and stated that there was still a problem of speeders in his area and there were a number of children in that neighborhood. Hawkins said that he would let Givens know about that. Colleen Hickman, of 116 Lakefront Dr. reported vandalism in the men's restroom by the pool. She asked that everyone pay attention to what going on around them. Harry Filbey of 513 Lakeland Circle reported that the work out room had been trashed over the weekend and someone dropped off five kids in the workout area and left. Filbey suggested a sign on the door stating that no children under the age of 14 allowed unless accompanied by an adult. Terry Hickman of 116 Lakefront Dr. suggested partnering with the POA and using cameras to find out who is responsible for the vandalism. He felt it would go a long way in curtailing the vandalism. Zane Carson of 731 Deckhouse suggested the security patrol more often.

8. Mayor's Report – Summer is here. Sheffer stated that the kids were out of school now and there is more transients here during the summer. Also, there is more activity at Shades, the marina, the clubhouse, pool, weight room, parks, lake and the roads. Sheffer thought it would help to post Watch signs around so that everyone will know they are being watched. Sheffer wants to put it in the log that everyone needs to keep a watch on the neighborhoods or he will be forced to have increased security in Point Venture. It will cost, but it may be necessary. Leathers suggested the log is the best vehicle for information. Sheffer suggested putting an article in the POA newsletter.

9. PAWS Report – Janet Cain of PAWS gave a presentation regarding the care of stray and abandoned animals. Cain stated that they were grateful for the good relationship that they had with the animal control officers. Cain stated that the care of these animals after three days of impoundment becomes the responsibility of the shelter. The funds to care of these animals come from donations and fund raisers. Cain spoke of the support from volunteers. Cain stated that she hoped people would continue to support their very important mission. She thanked everyone on behalf of all the animals and volunteers for their time and support.

E. Citizens Inquiry – Harry Filbey of 513 Lakeland Circle spoke of his concern over the deterioration of the streets. He stated that in his previous career they had determined that it was not just construction trucks damaging the streets but garbage trucks. He suggested going out for competitive bids from several companies and using just one firm instead of two. He felt that it would cut the deterioration in half to have just one firms trucks instead of double the trucks from two firms. The franchise fees would be the same. Hruby stated that he would look into it.

F. General Business and Action Items

1. Consideration of a request by Councilman Leathers for a Town Hall Meeting regarding flood plain issues that will impact the citizens of Point Venture – Leathers stated that he did not know he had made a request and it would not be necessary for a formal meeting. Leathers would like to identify lots in the floodplain and send a letter out this month to the people involved asking if they would be interested in having an informational meeting.

2. Discussion of progress on the fire station extension - Stuart reported that we have not received grant money yet but has been in touch with PEC. There is a possibility that we won't receive any grant money but will have to wait and see. Stuart stated that some grant money has been given out and maybe we will know soon. Stuart reported that some electrical, landscaping, bunker racks, and lockers are still needed.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Adoption of a Resolution Appointing the Travis County Fire Marshall as the Fire Marshall for Point Venture. Stuart made a motion to adopt a resolution appointing the Travis County Fire Marshall as the Fire Marshall for Point Venture. Leathers seconded and the motion carried 4 – 0. (R2006-06-01).

4. Review of the ISO Petition – Stuart reported that he was working on this. His timeframe is to lower the insurance rates this year.

5. Discussion and consideration of CAPCGO issues – None

6. Discussion and consideration of NIMS training – Sheffer asked that Robertson to work with him and the Chief on this. Sheffer said that they had to have the training by the end of the year but didn't think they should wait. Discussion followed.

7. Discussion and consideration of moving forward with road study information – Hawkins gave the council information gathered from the speed device and it was discussed. Hawkins felt that speed humps not speed bumps was the most efficient way to control speeding. Discussion followed. Sheffer wants the study concluded by next month and the finding brought to the table.

New Business

1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding an Interlocal Agreement between the Village of Point Venture and Point Venture WCID in Regards of Staffing and Equipment - Tabled until next month

2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Formation of a Village Arbitration Commission for Animal Issues – Stuart discussed the advantages of having an arbitration committee as a tool to deal with a problem before taking someone to court over animal issues. He stated that he had learned of this at the school he attended in Tyler. General discussion followed. Mayor and council encouraged Stuart to go forward with this.

Adjournment – Hawkins made a motion to adjourn. Hrubby seconded and the motion carried 4 – 0. Sheffer adjourned the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

Kevin Sheffer – Mayor, Point Venture, Texas

ATTEST:

Jeanine Oglesby, Village Secretary