

Village of Point Venture  
Village Council Meeting  
Monday, July 10, 2006, 7:30 PM  
Venture Room at Point Venture  
555 Venture Blvd. S.  
Point Venture, Texas

**MINUTES**

- A. Call to Order – Mayor Sheffer called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.
- B. Roll Call – Councilmen Leathers, Andrews, Mayor Sheffer, Councilmen Hruby and Stuart were present. Councilman Hawkins was absent.
- C. Leathers made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2006 council meeting. Andrews seconded and the motion carried 4 – 0.
- D. Administrative Reports
  1. PEC Report – Mike Collins of PEC upgrading areas and installing balustrades around enclosures trying to keep people from driving into the enclosures. Collins invited everyone to look at the Texas Co-op magazine where they will find ideas to conserve energy. Collins mentioned that they have a group that will come and talk to individuals about conserving energy in their homes. Collins then presented the mayor and council the quarterly franchise check in the amount of \$4600.
  2. PEC Report - John Richers of PEC then presented the grant check for \$10,500. Mayor thanked PEC as well as others for their help in making the fire station extension possible.
  3. Treasurer’s Report - Hruby reported the total assets as being \$299,756 and out of that \$101,546 and \$100,000 are in CD’s, \$82,344 is in the MM account and \$15,866 is in the operating account. The total income for the year is \$130,853 and expenses for the year to date are \$93,250, leaving a net income of \$37,603. Hruby mentioned that \$20,760 has been spent on the fire house so far. There are lockers and benches to be put in. Hruby brought up that it was budget time again. Hruby stated that he had been contacted by the tax authority that a preliminary budget had to be presented by August 12, 2006 and a hearing and meeting to adopt the budget by September 30, 2006. Hruby stated that he had given budget sheets to the gentlemen in charge of animal control, code enforcement and law enforcement to prepare their proposals and give back to him. He will take care of the rest of the departments.
  4. Animal Control Report - Stuart stated that there was still electrical work to be done and the washer and dryer hookup. A locker invoice is still to come in. Stuart mentioned the sign in front of the fire station thanking LCRA and PEC for the red light given to them. Stuart reported that it had been a slow month with only 10 animal incidents. One dog was taken to PAWS and it took six people to round it up. A deer was hit near the front gate and had to be put down, There were cats, possums and a 6ft king snake.
  5. Building Commission Report - No Report
  6. Floodplain Administrator’s Report - Leathers reported that 293 lots had been identified as being in the floodplain and 22 are new to the floodplain. Letters will go out to these as soon as the addresses come from the POA. There are two meetings to attend this month. Leathers explained that there are two ninety day\appeal periods in which to protest to FEMA.
  7. Emergency Management Report - Robertson reported that Jim Hawkins, who is president to the POA now, expressed to him that he would like to expand the content of the newsletter and

asked if Robertson would submit information on what to do in an emergency situation. Robertson stated that he had handed out a copy of what he had submitted to the council. He discussed the list and asked that Leathers include it on the webpage. Robertson stated that he and the Mayor had decided to take the NIMS instruction course online. Robertson reported that he had a meeting with Cap Metro and they have no formal plan in place but if the sheriff's department is contacted about a need Cap Metro would then send buses out to this area. Robertson stated that he is continuing to work on the SOP's that have to be turned in by the end of September. Mayor Sheffer took this time to present Joe Putman, the former Emergency Management Coordinator, a plaque, recognizing him for his service to the community.

8. Road Report - Andrews reported that there will another mowing next week. Courtney Waters has completed and installed the first batch of signs that needed replacing. Andrews reported that he had missed about 12 signs the first time but has ordered the signs and will install them as soon as they arrive. Andrews stated that he and Courtney had identified 14,010 linear feet that needs repair. They are in the process of going out for bids on getting this done. This is the first major project planned for the year. Andrews stated that they were continuing with the road study. Councilman Hawkins is about to wrap up his road study with the traffic surveys and as soon as he gets the data together they can see where the traffic problems are and plan ahead for street maintenance. He and Courtney have identified some of the ribbon curbing that has cracked and deteriorated over time and they are looking into maybe a separate bid to address this problem. It should be prepared by next council meeting.
9. Sheriff's Department Report - Officer Givens reported three burglarized cars in the area and all were unlocked. He encouraged everyone to lock their cars and garages and take their valuable items out of their cars. He also reported windows being shot out of four cars, but he did say that one criminal element had moved. Givens stated that July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend had been relatively quiet. There were only two calls on fireworks. Givens did mention that there was still a problem of juveniles on golf carts. He reported that the stop sign at Valley Hill and Summit Ridge. Givens announced that August first was National Night Out and that Pam Hawkins would be getting information out on that. Givens asked that if anyone saw anything suspicious or that didn't look right to them to get in touch with the Sheriff's office at 854-9285 and someone would be out here to see about it. He feels that his presence in Point Venture had done a lot to deter crime in the area. Givens asked that if anyone knew of older folks needing a fan to let him know because the sheriff's department is in the process of becoming a key processing point for distributing fans to the elderly.
10. Mayor's Report - Sheffer stated that the fireworks policy in Point Venture is not only in an ordinance but also in the deed restrictions. Mim Hruby of 18624 Lakeland Dr. asked whose jurisdiction Sometimes Island was in. Sheffer stated that the very end of Sometimes Island is not part of Point Venture. It was determined that this part of the island belongs to LCRA and is not in Point Venture's jurisdiction. Givens stated that there was not a lot that could be done about fireworks there because shooting fireworks is not against the law in the county. Sheffer commented that July Fourth Celebration had been very successful and thanked all who helped to make it a success. Mim Hruby stated that they had sold 680 hot dogs.

#### E. Citizens Inquiry

Joel Nesheim of 18806 Kelly Dr. congratulated the council on obtaining the fire truck and on spending the money thoughtfully and wisely on the fire station extension and thought council deserved a round of applause.

Jim Strong of 156 Lakefront Dr. inquired if anyone else received a letter concerning a 245 slip marina in Waterford. This would be about 500 ft. from his house and is possibly in Point Venture's ETJ. Strong said there would be a meeting at BAM's the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month to discuss the issue.

Pam Hawkins would like to post signs in the right-of way for National Night Out. Andrews

asked that it not be on a mowing day. Discussion followed.

#### Old Business

1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the ISO Petition - Stuart reported having the form to be fill out and several things still needed to be done. All documents will be put in a package and he will meet with the chief where the package will be put together with another form and other districts and then submits it. Mayor Sheffer asked that Stuart give a quick scenario of what this means to the village. Stuart stated that it could mean a \$75 per point reduction in insurance premiums for every resident. Start stated that the village was rated at the present time as a 9 and hopefully the village could be rated as a 7 or maybe even a six. Stuart commented that without the Class A fire engine and bay none of this would be possible. Chief Tennyson commented that surveys take a long time and the citizens would probably not get their rating this year.
2. Discussion on progress of the Fire Station Extension - Stuart stated that the fire extension project was left open until the grant money was received. Some electrical wiring and other additions were left to do. Stuart thanked the water department for allowing their staff to do the electrical work.
3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Road Study – Mayor Sheffer stated that there is a road study still going on. Once the date has been compiled the council will get together and discuss moving forward with a plan to make the streets of Point Venture a little safer. Mel Kurth of 509 Venture Dr. S. presented some traffic calming information to the council and asked that Hawkins be given this information to look over. He is not in favor of speed humps.
4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding an Interlocal Agreement Between the Village of Point Venture and Point Venture WCID as to Staffing and Equipment – Tabled
5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Formation of a Village Arbitration Commission for Animal Issues – Tabled

#### New Business

1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Emergency Notification System – Reverse 911 Robertson gave a explanation of how the Reverse 911 System works. Roberts answered questions from the council. Discussion followed. Robertson stated that it was up to the Sheriff's discretion if we are allowed into the system or not and that he thought he knew a way to be allowed into the system without cost to the city. Hruby made a motion to move ahead with the Emergency Notification System, Leathers seconded. The motion passed 4 – 0.
2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Placement of Cingular Wireless Equipment – Cingular Wireless Representative, Luke Condor presented drawings to council for a prospective tower that will be placed on the water tower. The tower in Lakeway has been disconnected, giving cingular customers in Point Venture poor reception. The 36" tower will connect with the tower in Lago Vista giving the area better service. Condor stated that they are anxious to get it up and running as soon as possible. Hruby stated that it had been approved by the ACC but that it was up to the council to give the final approval. Hruby stated that the city would receive an installation fee and a monthly fee as well. Discussion followed. It was the general consensus that the tower would pose no adverse esthetics to the village.
3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Trash Service – Hruby detailed his findings with trash service companies and determined that IEIS had the best price. This would mean going out for bids, the billing would have to be done through the water company, and everyone's trash can would have to put out on the same side of the street. It would also require getting together with the water company and the townhouse association. Hruby stated that there

5. would be curb side recycle. Discussion followed. Hruby was instructed to move ahead with this project.
4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Request of the Point Venture Lions Club to Place a Sign on the Right-of - Way – Hruby stated that the Lions Club would put the sign up and take care of the maintenance. Joel Nesheim voiced his concerns that this might set a precedent for future signs. Discussion followed. Andrews made a motion to allow the Lions Club sign, Leathers seconded and the motion passed 4 – 0.
5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Contracting with Travis County for Future Elections – The village secretary stated that due to legislation that had passed last year it has become law that all cities in Travis County must contract with Travis County to hold elections or purchase their own equipment. The equipment is very expensive. Because precinct 373 and 374 have combined, we will share in the cost of elections with Lago Vista. Oglesby stated that the first thing that needed to be done was to sign the contract with Travis County and send as soon as possible. Oglesby said that she would keep everyone updated as to what has to be done next.
6. Discussion of Ice Cream Truck Vendor within the Village Limits – Stuart reported an Ice Cream Vendor operating in the area and assured everyone that he had done a background check on him. Stuart said that he has proper insurance and a proper license and he operates under interstate laws. Point Venture has no ordinance dealing with this. Joel Nesheim voiced his safety concerns. Stuart stated that he would look into the sales tax issue and speak with the attorney and get back to council with his findings.

Adjournment – Andrews made a motion to adjourn, Sheffer adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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Kevin Sheffer, Mayor, Point Venture, Texas

ATTEST:

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Jeanine Oglesby, Village Secretary