

Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday, August 7, 2006, 7:30 P.M.
Venture Room
Point Venture, Texas

MINUTES

- A. Call to Order – Mayor Sheffer called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.
- B. Roll Call – Councilmen Andrews, Hawkins, Hruby, and Stuart were present as well as Mayor Sheffer. Councilman Leathers was absent.
- C. Consent Agenda - Stuart made a motion to approve the minutes of July 10, 2006 with corrections; Andrews seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0.
- D. Administrative Reports
 1. Treasurer’s Report – Hruby reported total money in the bank as \$302,571, \$201,545 in Certificates of Deposit, \$82,424 in the MM account, and \$18,601 in the operating account. Hruby stated that he had combined several items on budget and the total of the budget for next year is \$375,500. Of the \$375,500, \$294,000 is for the roads. Hruby stated that all road items are backed up by bids. Hruby asked that any corrections or additions be submitted to him as soon as possible in order to have the budget ready for the next meeting,
 2. Animal Control Report – Stuart reported a slow month for July with only 9 incidents. There was a 6 ft. King snake, a deer and car incident where the deer had to be put down, a loose dog was reported and later bit someone, but fortunately is was on his shoe, and a deer is running around injured, if anyone sees it to please let him know.
 3. Building Commission Report – no report
 4. Floodplain Administrator’s Report – no report
 5. Emergency Management Report – Robertson reported that an e-mail from TCRFC stating that they have entered an agreement with Midland Radio to offer emergency radios for \$29.95. If you buy two radios the second one is free. This is mostly being offered primarily to municipalities whereby a city can purchase ten radios for \$299.00 instead of \$900.00. Robertson reported issuing two new bulletins on the website and also sent them to the P.O.A. The first covering flash flood safety and hot weather safety. Robertson stated that he was in the process of drafting the SOP for the village and will be submitting to the mayor and council for review. He will be meeting with his committee August 14th. Robertson reported that since the village had virtually no employees, no resources, no machinery, no equipment, it makes writing an SOP challenging. He should have a draft ready within the next two weeks. Robertson reported that nothing has been heard on the reverse 911 letter sent to the sheriff last month and suggested waiting a couple of weeks and he would draft a letter from the mayor to inquire as to the status of our request.
 6. Andrews reported about the outage that a occurred about a week ago and the help and cooperation of the employees of WCID, ESD#1, the POA for opening up the clubhouse that night for residents, Gary Robertson and his Emergency Management team for putting our first activation in place. Andrews reported meeting with PEC about the history of the underground lines and learned that there would probably be more outage problems due to higher usage. PEC is going to relay every single cable in the neighborhood and will start the project in about two weeks, but cannot give a timeframe as to when it will be completed. Andrews thinks it will take about a year but is not sure of that. Andrews reported that PEC had given him a map of where the repairs will be, how the repairs are to be done but discovered that there was a problem at the water

treatment center, so there will be some digging involved. Andrews will be meeting with PEC on Wednesday. Andrews stated that he should have the final plans as to how when and where they are going to proceed with this project. Andrews discussed how the easements would be treated and said that the residents will be notified when they would be working on the easements. Andrews complimented PEC for their work in getting the power back on and working straight through until the job was done. The employees of WCID also worked straight through doing what they could to help. PEC said there would be some outages while they are working on the lines but should not be down more than a couple of hours. The residents will be notified in advance of any outages in case there are special needs that need attention. Andrews reported another mowing and that it will probably be the last for season since the grass has quit growing. With the current budget there will be a right-of-way clearing by a tree service and also the two medians with trees. Andrews reported having a ten year plan in the works but not complete for the roads and along with the plan he has a ten year budget. Andrews explained in length about using CapMetro funds both future funds and current for the road project. He talked about what needed to be done, such as, right-of-way cleaning, right-a-way backfilling, repair to ribbon curbs, and resurfacing. Andrews explained the advantages of micro sealing as opposed to asphalt, the cost of both, and the durability of each. Andrews expressed a need for an engineer to go out for bids, specing the job, inspecting the job, inspecting the equipment, signing off, dealing with the vendor as to making sure their insurance and equipment is up. An engineer would be a protection for the city. The previous administration had an engineer come out to inspect the roads and his recommendations have been followed. Vendors have said that he had done a good job. The engineer had said that the roads were in good shape and candidates for resurfacing and did not have to be redone. An engineer is needed if anything else comes up with public works. Andrews recommended finding an engineer for the roads and have him on retainer just like a lawyer for when he's needed for other things that might come up. Andrews asked permission to interview recommendations of neighboring cities to find an engineer. Harry Filbey of 513 Lakeland Circle suggested putting together a form, with the same questions, to use when interviewing prospects. The POA was thanked for the good roads to work with. Andrews explained how \$507,157 would be used over the ten years.

7. Sheriff's Department Report - Hawkins thanked Andrews for his extensive study and work on the road study. Hawkins reported that hardly any burglaries or vandalism has been reported since the criminal element has moved out of Point Venture. Hawkins thanked everyone responsible for the success of National Night Out. In talking with Officer Givens, Hawkins stated that Givens had said that the only way to find out what is going on in your area is to get out in your neighborhood and visit with your neighbors. Givens also stated to Hawkins that if you see anything suspicious to contact the Sheriff's office. Stuart stated that Pam Hawkins had done a good job putting together the National Night Out.
8. Mayor's Report – Sheffer stated that as PEC cuts through easements that they will be coordinating with Andrews and his staff and perhaps an engineer. Sheffer talked about how the neighborhood pulled together during the outage. Sheffer reported PEC had a lot of good things to say about ESD#1, the P.O.A., and Gary's committee. Sheffer stated that PEC did not give an estimate on how many outages may be expected before the lines are replaced but should take 6 months minimum. There were some phone and cable outages reported. Sheffer stated that we did not go to PEC and ask that this be done but they came to us and said that they were going to do it. Sheffer discussed the councils' goal and budget. Sheffer explained that each department was empowered to make up their own budget. Sheffer thanked the POA for letting him have a voice in the POA newsletter. Sheffer stated that he plans to write a quarterly news letter for those who don't come to the meetings to keep them informed as to what is going on. Sheffer thanked Stuart and Hruby for their work on the budget. Stuart suggested using power surge devices on electrical appliances and other items around your home. Sheffer thanked WCID, POA and everyone else for pulling together in the last three or four weeks. Sheffer stated that he had been through the gulf coast region this past week and it really put things in perspective for him. Sheffer said it gives reason for us to stick together and be thankful for where we are. Sue Judeikis reported that when

she called PEC about a problem they had her address wrong. They had her lot number right but not her address. She was concerned that others were like that too. Stuart explained that they were still working with lot numbers on all their diagrams and schematics. Hawkins wanted to be sure and thank Richard Welcher of WCID and his crew for being there right on the spot on the night of the power outage. Hawkins said that by the time he got there Richard and his crew were already out knocking on door. They worked all night and all the rest of the next day. Joe McGarrah let everyone know about Cookie Poe furnishing Tacos and milk for all the workers.

E. Citizens Inquiry – none

F. General Business and Action Items

Old Business

1. Hruby reported that there will be a meeting Friday with a gentleman from IEIS along with the mayor, Hruby, representative of the townhouse president and POA president to discuss village wide service to start the first of the year. Hruby discussed having trouble having calls returned from other companies. Hruby reported the water district would have to do the billing. Hruby stated that the village residents could save about half what is paid now. Andrews pointed out that there would be less traffic on the roads as compared to now.

New Business

1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the 2006-2007 Budget - Hruby discussed the proposed budget for the coming year and said that he increased the budget by about 10%. Hruby stated that taxes would be a 11% more this year due to property taxes going up, even though the tax rate will remain the same as last years. Sheffer asked if we would come in under budget this year and Hruby said, definitely. Stuart stated that his budget is down from \$8400.00 to \$4700.00.
2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the November 7, 2006 Election - The Village Council decided on October 25, 2006 and November 1, 2006 as the two days the office will be open for 12 hours for early voting. Oglesby read the Election Order. Andrews made a motion to adopt an ordinance ordering a general election to be held in the Village of Point Venture, Texas to elect three village council members; making provisions for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such election and providing for preamble incorporation; conflicting provisions; governing law; severability; proper notice and open meeting; and effective date. Hruby seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0. (Ordinance No. 2006-08-01).
3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Memorandum of Understanding - Robertson discussed and explained meaning and necessity of signing this agreement. Tabled until the September meeting.
4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Capital Area Mutual Aid Agreement – Robertson discussed and explained the meaning and necessity of signing Capital Area Mutual Aid Agreement. Tabled until the September meeting.
5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Proposed Marina in the Villages' Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction – Sheffer stated that he and Hawkins have been in touch with attorneys as to the ETJ issue. Hawkins recognized Bob Chase who gave an update on what is happening with the marina issues. Hawkins said that Jim Strong is heading a committee to find out what can be done and stay focused on the issues and Bob Chase is on that committee. Chase showed maps given him by LCRA showing that the property needed for the marina does not belong to anyone. There is 15 days left to send e-mail or letters to oppose this proposal. The immediate residents were asked to send a letter to LCRA and ask for first right of refusal. Also, these letters and e-mails should mention any health or safety issue and property value and anything else that you can think of.

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Discussion followed. Sheffer thanked Chase for his report.

Adjournment – Stuart made a motion to adjourn, Andrews seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Kevin Sheffer, Mayor, Point Venture, Texas

ATTEST:

Jeanine Oglesby, Village Secretary