

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday, August 6, 2007 @ 6:30 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 6:30 pm.
- B. Roll Call** Village Secretary Chance Chatham called roll. Council members: Ron Hruby, Jim Hawkins, Bob Adolph, Mike Leathers, Ed Stuart and Mayor Sheffer all present.
- C. Consent Agenda:** All items under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Village Council and will be enacted on by one motion. If discussion is desired, that item will then be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Approval of the July 7, 2007 minutes. Councilman Stuart made a motion to approve the July minutes. Councilman Adolph seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Administrative Reports

- 1. Emergency Management Report.** Gary Robertson reports that several areas in Travis County have been declared disaster area's due to all the rain. Mr. Robertson informs the Council that FEMA has set up assistant program for residents that feel they are in need of assistance. FEMA has an 800 number for residents to call, the number is: 1-800-621-FEMA. This information is also located on the Village web site @ vopv.org.
- 2. Treasurer's Report.** Councilman Hruby reports monies in the bank. In CD's there are: \$101,199.98 (12month), \$55,569.37 (9 month) and \$50,000.00 (9 month). In the Money Market account \$124,100.21, Operating account \$36,827.59 and the Fire Station \$40,000.00.
- 3. Animal Control Report.** Councilman Stuart reports that there were eighteen (18) animal incidents in The Village in July. One report of a pit bull loose in Point Venture. The owners of the dog were visiting and were issued a registration form. WCID assisted in burying three deer in The Village. There were three new dogs registered in the month of July.
- 4. Fire Department Report.** Councilman Stuart reports that there were four fires and 94 EMS calls in the month of July for the North Lake area. National Night out will be August 8th. This is a time for the neighbors to come together and meet one another. Point Venture's Fire department will have the fire trucks out for the children to visit with. The Council members thank Pam Hawkins for the time and hard work she has put into this event.
- 5. Building Commission Report.** Councilman Hruby reports that the POA will be enforcing all deed restrictions in the Village and The City will enforce the ordinance violations.
- 6. Floodplain Administrator's Report.** Councilman Leathers reports that everything is quite in The Village. No flooding to report.
- 7. Public Works Report.** Councilman Adolph reports that the Slurry Seal (road work) is scheduled to begin in September. The Village will have the area's that work is to be started on listed on the web site as well as in the POA news letter in order that residents will know where any detours are to keep traffic flowing with out any problems. Councilman Adolph requested that the Council include on next month's agenda the closure of old agenda items that are still opened. Council is warning residents that all traffic regulations will be strictly enforced, and that there is zero tolerance through out the Village. Zero tolerance signs will be added to current speed limit and stop signs.
- 8. Sheriff's Department Report.** Travis County Office Leo Flores reports that there were 35 citations issued for the month, 24 of these were moving violations and the remaining 11 were not. Officer Flores also reminding residents that riding in the back of the boats on the road way is illegal and citations will be issued for this. The other items that Officer Flores reports is that residents should still keep garage doors down when not in the garage; this only encourages theft, and warns the residents that the zero tolerance rules will be enforced in the Village.
- 9. Mayor's Report.** Mayor Sheffer thanks the LOG and the residents for the comments and complaints that have been sent to the County in reference to the poor construction on Lohman's. August 22, 2007 at 7:0pm in the Venture Room there will be a meeting with the County in reference to the road work on Lohman's. This will give the residents time to hear solutions and ask questions. This meeting will be posted on the web and in the POA news letter.

- E. Citizens Inquiry: In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council is prohibited from acting on or discussing (other than factual responses to specific questions) any items brought before them that are not on the agenda.** Point Venture resident Harry Filbey discussed the county road

with the commissioner during the earlier hours of the day. Mr. Filbey spoke about how hazardous the road is and hopes that the residents will continue to help by contacting the County and expressing their opinions and concerns regarding this matter.

F. General Business and Action Items:

Old Business

- 1. Discussion on Rental Properties in the Village.** The Council reminds the residents that in their deed restrictions the rentals of your property are allowed. This matter should be presented to the POA however and not to the Council. If residents feel that anyone is violating the law the Council does suggest that they report this to The Travis County Sheriffs office and file a report. Councilman Leathers read an email he and Mayor Sheffer received from city attorney, Roger Gordon, dated July 26, 2007, regarding a request for investigation of creating an ordinance to establish a permitting process for owners desiring to rent their property similar to that of the City of Jonestown. The email states "Unfortunately, this option is not available to the Village at this time, for the Village has not yet exercised zoning authority in the same fashion as Jonestown. A municipality does have the power to issue such permits as part and parcel of their zoning authority; as per Jonestown's ordinance mentioned below. Yet in the absence of an exercise of zoning authority, a municipality does not have an independent authority for requiring such permits." This issue is closed until such time the council establishes a zoning authority per advice from city attorney.
- 2. Discussion and Possible action on stop signs.** Councilman Bob Adolph met with John Muras of RCE to review and discuss the intersection of Venture Blvd. North, South and Venture Drive. Adolph informs Council that he expects to have a recommendation from RCE at the next month's Council meeting. This has been tabled for next month.
- 3. Discussion and Possible action on the Village / WCID office space.** The Point Venture Board of Directors did not approve the lease of the space requested by the Village. The PV BOD will set up a committee to review all uses for the space requested and will meet by the end of the month to vote on the Village's request. Tabled for next month.
- 4. Discussion and Possible action on traffic control.** The City will be installing a sign at the entrance to the Village stating WARNING ALL MOTOR VEHICLES REGULATIONS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. Council will also be adding a ZERO TOLERANCE sign to the present speed limit signs and to three of our stop sign. Tabled for next month.
- 5. Discussion and Possible action on International Property Maintenance Code ordinance.** Tabled for next month.
- 6. Discussion and Possible action for procedures on Court in Point Venture.** The Council thanked Secretary Chance Chatham for the hours completed for Court Clerk. Councilman Stuart explains some of the procedures and income possibilities associated with The Village taking on their own Court here in The Village. Stuart presented the concept of having a Point Venture Bailiff and was given the concept approval for further cost to benefit study. Stuart also reminded the Council that Court for 2008 needs to be set up in November and approved in December. Stuart will contact the Judge for his approval and cost setting. Councilman Adolph asked to look into to this a little further, requesting a flow chart of the procedures. Chance Chatham suggested that the Council contact other Court Clerks that maybe able to explain this with out so much confusion e-mail addresses will be forwarded to the Council on Tuesday Aug. 7,2007.
- 7. Discussion and Possible action for procedures for Animal Bite & Declaration of Dangerous Dog.** Councilman Stuart worked very closely with the City's Attorney regarding this situation. This matter cost The Village over a thousand dollars. Councilman Stuart's response to this situation is that if The Village decides to have Court here in The Village this matter would have been taken of at a possible cost reduction.
- 8. Discussion and approval of the 2007/2008 budget.** This was tabled for next month

New Business

- 1. Discussion and Possible action regarding the election for The Village.** The election was announced for Council. Candidate packages are available at the City's office. Dead line for packages to be returned is September 5th, 2007 by 5:00pm. NO EXCEPTIONS per the election law. There are three

terms opened. One position is the Mayor, and two Council positions are open for election. Election Day is November 6th, 2007.

2. Discussion of Point Venture's ETJ. Resident Jim Strong spoke to Council regarding this matter. There is approximately half a mile of area that is believed to be unclaimed by anyone. Mr. Strong suggest that the Mayor contact Tim Haney (Engineering / Survey service) and have map of The Village drawn up in order to better identify the area around The Village of Point Venture. The Mayor will contact the Engineering service on Tuesday Aug. 10, 2007 and request this information.

3. Discussion and Possible action regarding the Building Commission. This was only discussed briefly. Councilman Adolph asking that this to be tabled for next month's meeting. This will allow enough time to be brought to the Building Commission and discussed then brought back to Council.

G. Adjournment. Councilman Hruby made a motion to adjourn meeting. Councilman Hawkins seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. The Village Council for the Village of Point Venture reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development).

Kevin Sheffer, Mayor Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Chance Chatham, Village Secretary