

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF POINT VENTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2008 @ 6:30 PM AT THE VENTURE ROOM, 555 VENTURE BLVD. S., POINT VENTURE, TX 78645

A. Call to Order

Mayor Shinn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Shinn

B. Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following member was present: Councilman Helton, Councilman Hruby, Councilman Stuart, Mayor Shinn, Mayor Pro Tem Adolph, absent were: Councilman Warneke. A quorum was present.

Village Secretary

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.

1. Approval of the December 3, 2007 minutes.

Upon review of the minutes, Councilman Hruby made a motion to approve, Councilman Helton second the motion. All were in favor, minutes were approved.

D. Administrative Reports

1. Mayor's Report -

Mayor Shinn requested that the mayor's report be changed to item number nine rather than item number one as of February's Council meeting in order for Travis County Sheriffs to speak with the residents. Mayor Shinn thanked Councilman Warneke Point Venture's Emergency Management Coordinator for his quick response to the power outage that Point Venture faced December 16, 2007. Councilman Warneke was up and together in the early morning hours to insure that the lights in the Venture room were on and the availability to check on the disabled, elderly and those that required medication were taken care of first. Mayor Shinn also added to Council that all reports be limited to five minutes, if more time is needed he asked that Council request this time in advance.

2. Emergency Management Report - Councilman Warneke was not present for the January meeting, he gave his report information to Councilman Stuart for the council. Councilman Stuart reports that on 12/16/07 Point Venture experienced a power outage lasting approximately two (2) hours. Per the information collected from the PEC approximately 400 homes were affected by the outage. There were no injuries reported as a result of this outage. No other EMC related events occurred during the month of December. Councilman Warneke will be re-engaging the EMC committee over the next several weeks. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Emergency Management Committee please log on to VOPV.org and send an e-mail to Councilman Warneke.

3. Treasurer's Report – Councilman Hruby reports on the financials. Total monies in 12 month CD is \$104,199.98, Total monies in 9 month CD is \$55,569.37, Security State Money Market account total monies \$11,588.77, Security State Operating fund account total monies \$7,249.52. Total checking/savings monies \$178,607.64.

4. Animal Control Report – Councilman Stuart reports that there were a total of 14 incidents for the month of December. Two deer were buried. Councilman Stuart also reports that the coyotes are still at large in the Village. There were 118 letters sent out for re-registration for animal control. Councilman Stuart thanked MaryAnn Stuart for all her time and hard work in assisting him with the registration work. Councilman Stuart gives Mayor and Council a year end report for Animal Control. Throughout the year 2007 there were coyotes in Point Venture, one den and two packs, and a fox. Deer carcasses being taken and buried by coyotes, Councilman Stuart asked residents to report deed deer when they see any to help prevent this in the future. Partnered with Round Rock Police on dangerous dog reported in Point Venture caused ordinance to be revised, also partnered with Lago Vista Police on dog abandonment charges to a PV resident and with Travis County SO on destroying animals (coyote, deer) outside PV. Councilman Stuart attended a Wildlife Conference in Dallas, Diseases in Nature conference and Emergency Animal Rescue Services (EARS) in Austin. Gave barking devices to eight neighbors in PV, removed and destroyed a "wild cat" from a home in PV which involved Police, EMS and the Fire department. Two memos of understanding with neighbors involving Pit Bulls were issued in 2007. There were six dogs and five cats taken to PAWS and impounded eight dogs. Animal Services Rescue Plan for PV Emergency Management was prepared for the use in event of disaster in PV. WCID rescued deer at PV Park during the flood. The new Dog Data Base Program and mailing outs for 2008 dog registration was completed. *STATISTICS FOR 2007 - Registered 186 dogs, had 178 animal incidents vs. 138 in 2006, destroyed ten other animals and buried them (snakes,bats, etc.), buried 39 animals in PV including 29 deer, ten dogs and cats, completed CE's for continued State Certification Animal Control license, renewed contract with PAWS for dogs and cats, had four dog bites to humans in PV for he year ending 2007. PAWS has changed names, it is now known as "Life Long Friends".

5. Fire Department Report – Councilman Stuart gave the fire report. For the month of December there were a total of 117 incidents. Seventeen structure and grass fires, 65 Rescue & EMS calls, three hazardous conditions (none fire), six service calls, thirteen good intent calls (light assistance no charge calls), eleven false alarm & false calls and two special type calls. For the year end 1,352 total

incidents. Engine 105 participated in twenty eight Fire/EMS incidents during the year 2007, squad 105 participated in 13 Fire/EMS calls. Councilman Stuart also reported that the station 5 was donated an inflatable rescue boat that has a 7 horsepower engine. The boat is shared by the WCID, Station 5 and the ESD-1. One volunteer received her combat EMT certification, during 2007. Engine 105 and Squad 105 participated in; Delivering the Easter Bunny to the Easter event in PV, being in the 4th of July parade, being part of the National Night Out and delivering Santa to the Christmas event in PV. Volunteer are required to attend two of the four monthly continuing education training classes sponsored by ESD. All PV volunteers met or exceeded this requirement. Station 5 also received eight hand made fire gear bunker lockers, one bench seat for "bunking out" and one storage rack for supplies from one of the PV residents. The washer/dryer units were made functional by the WCID. The WCID also supported all the maintenance requirements of the station. Station 5 still is in need of five more volunteers and is activity recruiting two more at this time.

6. Building Commission Report - Councilman Hruby reported that there were two permits issued for the month of December 2007. One permit was for a boat dock and the other was for a new home. Under ordinance violations there were seven. One violation was for an out building, four for litter and four was for junk vehicles. Under construction there were twelve homes on the list needing final inspections, and or building new homes. Addition and remodels there were sixteen homes on the list for building fences, building were shed/sauna, and one building boat docks. Deed restrictions there were six homes with deed restrictions, four with boat violations, and one for grass violation and another for sign advertisement in the yard.

7. Floodplain Administrator's Report - Floodplain administrator Mike Leathers notified Council with no report for the month.

8. Public Works Report – Mayor ProTem Adolph reports that Viking construction has completed the section of Venture Blvd. South as agreed. The sweeping of the area and the removal of the excess granules is still in process. Adolph is also look into installing yellow reflectors along the curves on Venture Blvd South. The estimated cost of these reflectors should be around \$5000.00 which is in the 2008 budget. Chetlin Chipping has been hired to clean up the tree limbs by the water tower and cost will be around \$2000.00. Approximately twenty sections of ribbon curbing will be replaced at a cost of \$200.00 each on Venture Drive and everything west of there. Mayor ProTem Adolph also sent information to CapMetro to close out FY2005, FY2006 and FY2007 he estimates that we will receive the money sometime in January. Also awaiting approval of the FY2008 grant.

9. Sheriff's Department Report – Councilman Helton reports that according to the Sheriffs report there were eleven moving violations in the month of December 2007. Of these violations five violations were residents and six were non resident's non moving violations. Travis County Sheriff Jeff Givens reminds the residents that they are serious about the speeding through the Village and citations will be issued. Officer Givens introduced Officer Goodman. He will also be doing the night shift along with Officer Flores.

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. Resident speaks out on the speeding through The Village this is an item that will be addressed on the agenda. Harry Filbey asks the Council about guard rails as to whether or not they will help. Jim Strong ask about the sign at Venture Blvd. and Venture South how long will it be there. Mayor ProTem Adolph answers and let the residents know that the sign was there during the time CapMetro was here doing road work and that the sign will be taken down tomorrow. Mr. Strong also ask if the residents were able to put up signs and that the POA Board will discuss in their meeting signs for the Golf Course and for The Pier in front of the gate asking if Council has been approached with this and letting them know that he does not like this idea. Royall McDonough a realtor representing a buyer on Valley Hill asks Council questions regarding the access to the property located at Valley Hill. Council informs Mr. McDonough that this item will be discussed under old business.

F. General Business and Action Items:

Old Business

1. Discussion only on the Village / WCID office space and the committee for future merge. This item has been tabled. The committee has been formed and should be having their first meeting late January or early in February. After this the committee will bring information back to The Council for review.

2. Discussion and Possible action on the law changes for 2007 and dangerous dogs. City Attorney Roger Gordon attended Council meeting and provided information for law changes and the dangerous dog for their review. Council agrees that they are in compliance and will enforce the state laws and not change ours.

3. Discussion and Possible action on the excessive speed through Point Venture. Resident Chris Scafidl approached the Council asking them to enforce the speeding through out The Village. Several cars have been reported speeding on Venture and two mail boxes have been knocked down. His main concerns are for those that are walking and children playing and riding bicycles. Councilman Helton and Mayor ProTem Adolph had a speed survey done on Venture, south of Lakeland. Survey showed that the speed ranged from 25.7 mph to 58.5 mph that residents and or non residents are

doing. City attorney Roger Gordon said do not allow anyone to get away with this that they need to be cited. Mayor ProTem Adolph asked Councilman Helton to ask Travis County about having a portable speed sign that indicates the speed you are doing brought out and moved in problem areas and or have the speed humps added onto the agenda again for discussion. This item has been tabled for next month.

4. Discussion and Possible action on abandoning the unfinished section of Staghorn Drive adjacent to lots 684 & 685 from Summit Ridge to the Point Venture boundary line.

City Council was asked to abandon the unfinished lots 684 & 685. This property is a right of way that the WCID uses to for storage. There is a utility easement for PEC on one side of the property. This property was offered to both adjacent land owners. Both owners agreed to accept the land by Quick claim deed. This means that as the Village states to the best of their knowledge there are no restrictions limiting them to abandon and allow each property owner to accept the property. The Village signed the abandonment and will table the ordinance until February in order for the WCID to have their paper work signed in the Board meeting on January 19, 2008. The abandonment ordinance will be brought to the February Council meeting.

5. Discussion and Possible action on the right of way at the top of Valley Hill Drive, Between Summit Ridge to the Point Venture boundary line.

Mr. McDonough a realtor for a buyer on the property located at Valley Hill asks the Council questions regarding the entrance to this location. City Attorney informs Mr. McDonough that The Village has no jurisdiction to this property or road way. This was passed in an ordinance in 2000. He suggests that the realtor speak to either the Winston Group or to Waterford with his concerns. Councilman Stuart adds that the emergency vehicles have access to this area if needed in case of fire or other emergency. Councilman Stuart will also request from Waterford a map and street names that will be coming into this community. City attorney says to drop this item from the agenda.

6. Discussion and Possible amendment on Litter Ordinance. This item was dropped from the agenda. After reviewing no litter ordinance was needed.

7. Discussion and possible amendment on Junk Vehicle Ordinance. City Attorney Roger Gordon explains that he has prosecuted for this violation. He advises the Council to look at the 184 page Property Maintenance Code. This can be modified to meet the need that the Village is asking. Roger Gordon will send a copy of the code to the Village Secretary's e-mail for Council to review. An ordinance can then be drafted by City Attorney's office and reviewed by Council according to the city's expectations. Councilman Helton asked that before this is passed that the Council review it in more detail. His concerns are to those that have collector items and may be restoring as well as those that may not be able to afford a newer type vehicle. Councilman Hruby asked the Attorney to draft a letter that can be sent to the residents in question of registration. This letter will ask that the owner (s) send in proof of registration and or inspection. This letter will be sent to the Village Secretary and then forwarded to Councilman Hruby for review. This item has been tabled for the February meeting.

8. Discussion only on the Loin's Club painting addresses on street curbs. This item was tabled for February's Council meeting per Mayor Shinn's request. Mayor Shinn is asking for more information on how the residents may feel about this. Tabled for February's meeting.

New Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding an audit for The Village of Point Venture.

Councilman Hruby has received two bids on the Audit. The first price for audit was around \$12 to \$15 thousand dollars. The second price received was from \$2000.00 to \$5000.00. He is still waiting for one more prices. The City attorney also said that he had a few companies that he would e-mail to the Village to check into. Mayor Shinn suggested that Councilman Hruby also ask the POA office for the company that they use. This has been table for next month.

G. Adjournment – Councilman Helton mad a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hruby seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Mayor Shinn adjourned the meeting at 9:22 pm.

Rich Shinn, Mayor Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Chance Chatham, Village Secretary