

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday November 3, 2008 @ 6:30 PM
MINUTES**

- A. Call to Order.** Mayor Shinn called the meeting to order at 6:30.
- B. Roll Call.** Village Secretary Chance Chatham called roll. Members present, Mayor Shinn, Mayor ProTem Adolph, Treasurer Hruby, Council members Warneke and Stuart. Absent: Councilman Helton.
- 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 October 6, 2008 minutes.** Mayor ProTem Adolph made a motion to approve the minutes, Councilman Warneke seconded the motion. Treasurer Hruby did not approve the minutes. Mayor Shinn carried the motion – minutes were approved.

D. Administrative Reports

1. Sheriff's Report. Councilman Helton was absent. Officer Givens reported that there were three tickets issued and reminds us of the following: deer are moving due to the upcoming rut (mating season). We have had two mild winters therefore there is an increase in the deer population. As a result more deer are moving into the area creating a greater traffic hazard. Please pay close attention when driving during the next couple of month.

2. Emergency Management Report. Councilman Warneke reported no emergencies for the month of October. He did announce that he will be having his next EMS meeting on November 12th at 6:30 pm in the Venture Room. Councilman Warneke also reminds the residents that we are nearing the Winter season please make sure that your heaters have been checked and that chimneys are clean and free of debris. The holidays are also around the corner so remember to be safe when preparing your yard especially when hanging lights.

3. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Hruby reported on the current assets. In Security State Money Market there is \$17,032.82, in Security State Operating Account \$4,094.83, in Wachovia checking \$100.00. In Security State Certificates of Deposit (12 mos) @ 2.8% - Road Fund a total of \$104,199.98, SS (9 mos) @ 2.51% a total of \$100,000.00. Total monies in the bank \$225,427.63

4. Animal Control Report. Councilman Stuart reported that there were fourteen (14) incidents for animal services for the month of October. Councilman Stuart attended Zoo / ACO Show and Tell seminar in Tyler, TX October 26 thru the 28th and received information and guidance about animal rescue effort for Ike, zoo animal handling techniques and care. Councilman Stuart reports that the Typhus risk is still lingering in Travis County and asks residents to be careful. Officer Flores gave a verbal warning to an owner in regards to a dangerous dog; these animals need to be kept up with in order to avoid someone with in the Village being hurt. Several animals were picked up and buried with the assistance of the WCID such as, a turtle, two snakes, a raccoon, and two deer. Annual dog registration for 2009 will be doing open registration on January 10th, 2009 at the Firehouse. Registration forms can be picked up at the WCID office as well. Dr. Nix sent out confirmation on 153 cases of rabies in Travis County. Councilman Stuart again reminds the residents do not handle bats dead or alive and to report any animals that may be infected.

5. Fire Department Report. Councilman Stuart reports that during the month of October there were seventy six (76) Rescue and EMS calls, three hazardous conditions (no fire) those that are most effected by hazardous materials are UPS drivers. Nine service calls reported, seven good intent calls, four false alarm & false calls and one special type calls. There is still a no burn band in effect for our area and Councilman Stuart reminds the Council and residents that the grounds are still very dry and fire could be easily started to be aware of cook outs and any other means using fire.

6. Building Commission Report. Treasurer Hruby reports that there were four no=fee permits issued for the month of October, four new ordinance violations on litter, fifteen homes on the list under construction with two of these being issued certificates of occupancy. No new permits were issued for the month of October and five homes on the list for additions and remodels.

7. Floodplain Administrator's Report. Mike Leathers reported that there was one resident constructing their build out within the flood plain. The CO was based on the owners not doing the build out. The owner was very cooperative and Mike thanked him, just a friendly reminder is to not build in the flood plain.

8. Public Works Report. Mayor ProTem Adolph reported that the crack sealing of the Village's streets is complete. His opinion is that this has to be the highest quality and most cost effective crack sealing project that he has been involved in. He feels for the first time that he is in control over this project. His hat is off to Richard Welcher the WCID operations manager and the WCID employees. He will get together with Richard to plan some reward for he guys. The wall by the front gate is on hold at this time, as he is updated he will keep the Council informed. There will be no new Public Works projects prior to year end except street sweeping.

9. Mayor's Report. Mayor Shinn reported that a Security Committee has been formed to determine how the POA, WCID and The Village would be able to come together to help fund better security with in The Village. One of the concerns would be to have the guards in the guard shack more often than patrolling the neighborhood. Mayor Shinn also reports that Time Warner and NBC have come to an agreement and that the channel is back on.

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 Mike Leathers signed in on Citizens Inquiry his statement was postponed until after the discussion on the merger.

F. General Business and Action Items:

G. Old Business

1. WCID / Village Merger. A committee of six was formed by the Mayor for this committee. These members are; WCID President Carolyn Cook, WCID Vice President Sandy Shinn, Councilman Stuart, Councilman Helton, WCID Operations Manager Richard Welcher and WCID Office Manager / Village Secretary Chance Chatham. The WCID Board President Carolyn Cook gave her presentation on the pro's and cons of the Village and the WCID merging. The information for the decision comes from: Ed Stuart, Carolyn Cook, TCDRS (WCID's retirement representative), TRMS (City's retirement representative) Legal resources from both the WCID and the Village's Attorneys. The WCID began in 1970 and has since maintained with out the interference of the Village Council. Some of the decision points are; would the Village see the level of service increase, Engineer cost, legal cost, auditor cost, election savings and employee benefits. These are some of the questions on the table. Resident Mike Leathers signed in on Citizens Inquiry and spoke about the tax savings that he feels the Village will benefit from. Mr. Leathers also spoke on the subject stating that when this matter came to the Council in 2005 he was one of the members that voted against it. He now feels that this was a mistake. Mr. Leathers spoke to the Council and residents asking that they reconsider this item and vote for the merger. Councilman Stuart gave his opinion stating that he feels this would benefit the Village on the budget, fewer meetings, the retirement plan and the taxes for the Village. Councilman Warneke states there is not enough of information for him at this point and would like to do a little more research. Mayor Shinn tables this decision until a full Council is present. This will be back on the Village Council agenda for the December, 2008 meeting.

2. Discussion only on lowering the speed limit in the Village of Point Venture. Councilman Warneke is still longing for a lower speed limit within the Village or at least on some of the streets. He is asking for a speed that is safe for the Village. Officer Givens stated that the largest problem here in The Village is children driving around in golf carts. Mike Leathers mentioned that this when the issue was last discussed the municipality was unable to lower the speed limit below 30 MPH and still have the Sheriff enforce the ordinance. Councilman Warneke responded to Mr. Leathers that recent changes in the transportation code now allows municipalities to lower the speed limit to 25 MPH and still allow the CSO to enforce in JP court. These changes were made part of the record during the October meeting. This item was tabled.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on moving the Village Web Site. Mayor Shinn and Councilman Warneke will meet with Mike Leathers to discuss what needs to be done to move the web site from the current server to one that can be operated and or updated by an employee of the Village and Councilman Warneke. This item is tabled.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Junk Boat Ordinance. Treasurer Hruby asked that this item be back on the agenda for Council to review. His concerns are that these vehicles are not inspected and or registered, flat tires and may not have been moved in ten years or more. Councilman Warneke listed several recommendations to enhance the ordinance before it is passed such as; restoration of the boat, part time residents and another example would be if the resident is in the Armed Forces. Mayor Shinn

asked that Councilman Warneke work with Treasurer Hruby to incorporate recommended enhancements to the ordinance. Mayor Shinn would also like to table this item until he has had an opportunity to speak to the POA office. This item is tabled.

H. New Business

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of changing our project for the CapMetro FY2009 Grant from right away repairs to our 2007 Road Project Phase. The CapMetro representative visited The Village and reviewed the project. The Village could run a risk of losing the grant if not spent in the year it is designated. Mayor ProTem made a motion to approve the changing of our project for the CapMetro FY09 Grant from the right away repairs to our 2007 road project phase, Councilman Stuart seconded the motion. All in favor – motion approved.

I. Adjournment. Mayor ProTem Adolph made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Warneke seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

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Rich Shinn, Mayor Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Chance Chatham

Chance Chatham, Village Secretary