

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday March 2, 2009 @ 6:30 PM
MINUTES**

A. Call to Order. Mayor Shinn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

B. Roll Call. Village Secretary Chance Chatham called roll. Members present; Mayor Shinn, Mayor ProTem Adolph, Councilman Stuart, Councilman Helton and Councilman Warneke. Members absent; Treasurer Hruby.

C. Special Reports outside Representatives.

1. Ivonne Espada – Simeon, with the 2010 Census Bureau with questions and answers regarding 2010 census for Point Venture. Ivonne Espada – Simeon thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to be present and to explain the importance of the 2010 census. Ms. Simeon is also a partner with the Austin and Bastrop area. The Census Bureau performs the census every ten years with this being the first census for Point Venture. This is the shortest form ever with only ten questions and all answers are protected Ms. Simeon said. She also explains that this procedure is to build a team the Village Council of course being the team. Ms. Simeon will assist the Mayor and Council with necessary committees, flyers, events, inserting logo on the web for the Census Bureau and all other procedures the Bureau requires. Council asked "When is the dead line"? Ms. Simeon replied "April 1, 2010". Ms. Simeon's provided the Mayor, Council and Secretary with information packages to review. This information Mayor Shinn and Council will go over and have any questions ready to present to Ms. Simeon. This item will be on the agenda again with in the next few months as dead lines approach.

2. James Brown – Travis County Rural Center with information on the services provided by this county office, also recruiting volunteers. James Brown introduced himself to the Council and thanked them for allowing him to speak at such short notice. Mr. Brown is the manager for the Northlake Travis Rural Center located in Jonestown. Travis County now has seven locations this one located in Jonestown also assist some of the out lines of Williamson County residents. Travis County Rural Center helps residents within their area for services such as; rental / mortgage payments, utility assistance, prescriptions one time food vouchers along with a food and bread pantry. The amount of assistance depends on the house hold size and income. For more information on qualifying for these services you should call the Rural Center at 512-267-3245. As the Center has grown with several new advantages for assistance Mr. Brown says they are in need of residents to volunteer for positions that will help not only the Center but their community. If you are interested in volunteering your time contact the Rural Center at 512-267-3245.

D. 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 February 2, 2009 minutes. Mayor ProTem made a motion to approve the February 2, 2009 minutes. Councilman Stuart seconded the motion. All were in favor – minutes were approved.

E. Administrative Reports – Mayor Shinn announced before the administrative reports that all reports be limited to three (3) minutes.

1. Sheriff's Report. Councilman Helton announced a quite month for February. Sheriff Givens reported that there had been a couple of children – age range 10 to 12 years old that had broken windows/vandalized work vehicles such as bulldozers ect., causing damage estimated at \$4200.00. These children left both their bikes behind as they ran from the police. Sheriff Givens asked the Council and residents if anyone had any information to contact the Sheriff's department. The only description for these children is; one was Caucasian and the other Hispanic.

2. Emergency Management Report. There were no major incidents to report. Councilman Warneke said one thing he is really watching is the news and all the wild fires that have been reported. Please take extra care during cook outs, ect. Councilman Warneke stated due to the extremely dry conditions. Councilman Warneke has been looking for a place for the EMC Committee to meet in the event of an emergency / disaster. During last months WCID Board meeting he requested from the Board permission to use the Sewer Plant as a primary and the Water Treatment Plant as a secondary facility. The Sewer Plant is a centrally located facility near the Golf Course therefore in the event Star Flight was called in there would be plenty of space to land. The building is equipped with a phone line that could be used along with a generator. Councilman Stuart told Warneke that Sandra Igua with the Jonestown Fire Department would teach a CPR class for Point Venture for free at Jonestown. Sandra will put a price together if Warneke prefers the class to be conducted here in Point Venture. The Village Web Site is back up. There are still a few pages that are being updated. Councilman Helton asked that there be a place on the Web Site that the Sheriff's report could be updated as needed. Councilman Warneke felt that this was a great idea and would work on this as he updates information. Councilman Warneke said that it would take sixty to ninety days to complete this work, at that time he would train the proper person (s) that will be updating information on the web site, this information will be approved by the Mayor and Council or a committee that will be assigned this responsibility by the Mayor before entering information.

3. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Hruby was absent. There was no treasurer report.

4. Animal Control Report. Councilman Stuart reported sixteen (16) incidents for the month of February. Several deer were buried as he reported that Austin has passed an Ordinance forbidding feeding of deer in the City limits a fine of up to \$125.00 will be enforced. There was one dog found in the dumpster that was buried. This dog was wearing a red bandana, if anyone knows who this dog belonged to please contact Councilman Stuart. One hundred and seventy three dogs so far have been registered this year. Michelle Whorton was thanked for having the front sign posted for registration dead lines and possible fines if dogs are not registered. Councilman Stuart announced that Lago Vista is now sending all their impounded dogs to Williamson County. He states that this makes it difficult for Point Venture because we do not have the adequate transportation to transport these animals that far. Councilman Warneke asked "Can't we still take our animals to Lifelong Friends"? Yes said Stuart. Warneke also asked if this information was coming from the LOG, and Stuart stated yes. Councilman Stuart had the POA post a notice to all the residents for shots that would be given a lower price on Sunday at the HEB located at Hwy 183 & 1431.

5. Fire Department Report. A Combi Tool for Vehicle Extrications from the Main Station was purchased. This tool will be used in Point Venture on Engine #105. Thanks to the WCID, POA, Lions Club, The Village and a private resident for the funds to purchase this machine. Councilman Stuart wanted all the residents to know that all smoke detectors should be checked and new batteries installed. For those who may not know you can contact the ESD Northlake Travis for help providing your home with smoke detectors that are donated by ACE Hardware. Three EMS calls for Point Venture in February. One of these calls consists of Starflight landing. Calls for the district are still running about 80% EMS and the rest are fire and safety incidents. Mayor Shinn attended a meeting of Director of EMS Services of Travis County. Mayor Shinn will provide more information on this in next months meeting.

6. Building Commission Report. No report.

7. Floodplain Administrator's Report. The Mayor and Council voted in last months meeting on Marilee Pfannstiel as the new FEMA inspector. Mayor Shinn signed the agreement between The Village of Point Venture and Marilee Pfannstiel this evening. Councilman Stuart asked for a budget line item for any fees associated with FEMA permit fees. There was no further report for this month.

8. Public Works Report. Mayor ProTem Adolph reported that memberships in Ecology action are taken into consideration when determining the overall yearly cost to pick up recycling materials. The membership fees are paid to help reduce on areas overall cost. On March 26th there is a no fee, Recycling Through Recession Roundtable meeting that he will try and attend to see what others are doing regarding the increased cost. This meeting is offered at no cost. Mayor ProTem Adolph will be completing the balance of the ROW improvement from last year on Lakefront. The cost is \$2,280.00. There was a water line supplying the POA's sprinklers under Venture Blvd. North that was repaired and another area by WCID on Summit Ridge. Courtney and Mayor ProTem Adolph visited three different sites to review various resurfacing applications to see how they have held up and also their appearance. The first was at the Homestead over by Hwy 620 & 71 which was slurry sealed like ours, approximately three years ago. Other area's were looked at; a sub division called the Oaks in Round Rock near the hospitalas well as the Texas Crushed Stone on Hwy. 1431 this application cost was approximately three times the cost. After these surveys were made Mayor ProTem is making an appointment with the Village Engineer River City Engineering for them to come and review our slurry seal project and get their opinion.

9. Mayor's Report. Mayor Shinn reported that he will be resigning from the Flood Administrative Position as the contract with the Village of Point Venture and Marilee Pfannstiel is signed. No other report.

F. 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. There was no citizen's inquiry.

G. General Business and Action Items:

H. Old Business

1. Discussion and Possible action on the increase for recycling. In last months Council the Council voted and approved a \$300.00 increase for recycling. Mayor ProTem Adolph says that this is something we will keep an eye on however for now this seems to be the best idea, this is a budgeted item and will keep the recyclable materials recycled until more research can be done.

I. New Business

1. Discussion only on Lakeway's assertion that their MUD is within the city limits of Point Venture. Mayor Shinn found this hard to believe he asked that Mel Kurth research this and get back to him. After the research Mayor Shinn was sent a map area of Point Venture and Lakeway. It does not seem to have any thing to do with one another. Mayor Shinn sent this information to Lakeways Mayor as well for his review.

2. Discussion only on Code Enforcement issues and approaches. Councilman Stuart presented the Mayor and Council members with information for their review. Mayor Shinn tabled this item to give each of them a chance to review. Item tabled.

J. Executive Session

1. Adjourn to Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 5551.074
Personnel Matters. Mayor Shinn adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm for executive session. This is a closed meeting, the residents are able to re attend the meeting once session is over if they choose.

2. The purpose of Executive Session is to discuss the relationship between the Village and City Attorney. Mayor Shinn opened regular meeting at 8:20 pm. No action was taken.

K. Adjournment. Mayor ProTem Adolph made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Helton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Rich Shinn, Mayor Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Chance Chatham, Village Secretary