

**Village of Point Venture
Village Council Meeting
Monday May 4, 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 Chatham called roll. Members present; Mayor Shinn, Mayor ProTem Adolph, Councilman Stuart and Councilman Warneke. Members absent; Treasurer Hruby and Councilman Helton.

C. Special Reports outside Representatives. There were no outside representatives.

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 April 6, 2009 minutes. Mayor ProTem Adolph made a motion to approve the April 6, 2009 minutes. Councilman Warneke seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried minutes approved.

E. Administrative Reports

1. Sheriff's Report. Mayor Shinn reported that there were no moving or non moving violations for the month of April. The hours for the Travis County Sheriff's have been extended to ten extra a month beginning Memorial Day through Labor Day. The POA has made several changes to the Security in the Village; a list of these changes can be obtained at the Village and the POA office. As of May 4, 2009 there will be a Security Guard on duty at the entrance twenty four hours, seven days a week.

2. Emergency Management Report. Councilman Warneke thanked Councilman Stuart for all the time spent researching the swine flu and for the information he was able to gather. This information is available at the Village office for those that are interested in reading. The WCID was also thanked for the help with EMC at the EMO office. On April 15th, 2009 a CPR training class was presented by Sandra Igau with the Northlake Travis Fire Department in Jonestown at no cost. Councilman Warneke said that this was a really good course and he hopes that more residents will be able to attend the next time this class is offered. There has not been a date set for the upcoming CPR class at this time.

3. Village Web Site Report. Councilman Warneke has finished building the Web Site and is still working on updates. Updates are still in progress at this time. The Web Site Policy and Procedures manual is completed and will be an agenda item for June. New e-mails have been set up for the Mayor, Council and Secretary, Councilman Warneke. Mayor ProTem Adolph asked if these e-mails could be forwarded to personal e-mail addresses. This can be done Councilman Warneke said. Councilman Stuart asked to have an e-mail set up for Animal Control as well. Councilman Warneke hopes to have e-mails set up and training started in June 2009.

4. Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was given by Mayor Shinn in Treasurer Hruby's absence. Monies in the bank are; Security State Operating \$20,453.07, Security State Money Market Acct. \$75,108.42, Wachovia Checking \$100.00, Certificates of Deposit (12 mos) @ 2.8% - Road Fund \$104,199.98, CD (9 mos) @ 2.51% \$100,000.00. The total monies for both checking and savings are \$299,861.47.

5. Animal Control Report. AC Officer Ed Stuart reported sixteen (16) animal incidents for the month of April. A dog from Point Venture was found and taken out of the Village and listed on Craig's list with pictures. The animal was returned to the owner and a gift was given to the finder. Nationwide Animal Control Officer Appreciation week was detailed in an article in the LOG. There were five animals buried by the WCID, four loose dogs picked up and were returned to the owners. ACO has registered and will be attending a DIN Conference June 2nd through the 5th in Fort Worth.

6. Fire Department Report. Councilman Stuart assisted EMC Officer Jeff Warneke with the Point Venture's CPR class which was taught by Jonestown's Sandra Igau. There were six EMS/Fire calls responded to in the month of April. Councilman Stuart provided the Mayor and Council with the minutes of the ESD Commissioner minutes from last month. The ISO Consultant will be in Point Venture on May 21st, this will be assisted by the WCID's Operations Manager Richard Welcher this is the first phase. Volunteers for the Fire Department are still needed, if interested contact Councilman Stuart. Literature on the Swine Flu was made available during the Council meeting; copies of this information are also available at the Village Office.

7. Building Commission Report. There were no new permits or ordinance violations issued for the month of April. There are 13 homes on the list needing final inspections, one certificate of occupancy issued for April. Ten homes are on the list for additions and remodels; stonewall being built, roof work black iron fence and painting of a home.

8. Floodplain Administrator's Report. The Village of Point Venture signed a contract with Jonestown's FEMA / Building Commission representative Marilee Pfannstiel in March 2009. The Village of Point Venture will need more time than Marilee is able to provide. By mutual agreement the contract was terminated. The Village will now meet with ATS to review a new contract for FEMA inspections.

9. Public Works Report. Mayor ProTem Adolph reported the speed limit signs on Venture Blvd. North will need to be coordinated so that the entrance and exit speeds are the same. The County has verbally approved reducing the speed limit on Lohmans Ford to 25MPH once you reach Point Venture and they will be lowering the speed limit into Dink Pearson Park to 20MPH. Also a sign will be placed on Lohmans Ford advising that the speed

limit is reducing ahead. We are now awaiting a letter of formal approval. Viking Construction will be out this week to review the 2007 project area.

10. Mayor's Report. Mayor Shinn reported that the first phase of the ISO is being done by the WCID. The Village and the POA will participate with phases two and three. National Night Out has allowed two available dates for the year 2009. These dates are; August 4, 2009 or October 6, 2009. Mayor Shinn announced that The Village will hold its NNO on August 4, 2009, the weather in August is more predictable and the day time hours are longer. Mayor Shinn stated that there are still concerns regarding the Swine Flu however these concerns are not as much as were in the beginning. There has been one case reported in Travis County and two reported cases in Williamson County all cases are very mild. It is very important to wash your hands frequently if someone is sick try not to be around them, if you are sick the best for you to do is to remain home until better. Councilmember Ed Stuart is resigning from Council. He is holding dual offices and feels that this is unethical. This resignation goes into effect immediately however Councilman Stuart will remain until position is filled. Councilman Stuart's main passion is Animal Control. Mayor Shinn said he can think of no one who has put in more time than Stuart it is regretful to lose him. Council is unable to take action on this at this time. It will be an agenda item for the month of June.

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. Harry Filbey signed in on citizen's inquiry to discuss an item that is on the agenda. He will discuss this item (PVPOA speed hump) at that time.

G. General Business and Action Items:

H. Old Business

1. Discussion and possible action on the request from PVPOA for a speed hump at the gate entrance. Kevin Sheffer attended last months meeting to express his concerns to have a speed hump placed at the entrance of The Village. Mr. Sheffer is in charge of the Security on the POA Board. Mayor Shinn is anti against this speed hump. It was presented at the Council meeting for review. Friday prior to the Council meeting Mayor Shinn placed this speed hump in the POA parking lot and drove over it several times in various speeds. This is not like any that we have and was not hard on his vehicle; he feels that this could work for Point Venture. There were a few Point Venture residents that are still unsure that this is the best thing. Harry Filbey spoke and stated that he felt this was good for the community. A Security Committee will also consider other options such as stripes, speed bumps like the ones on 1431 at the curve, or a speed hump in more depth than the one proposed. This item was tabled.

2. Discussion only on the appointments of Building Official and Assistant Building Official. Treasurer Hruby resigned as Building Commission Official and Chance Chatham was appointed acting Building Official. Secretary Chatham is also the Court Clerk therefore these two positions together are a conflict of interest. Mayor Shinn feels it is better to have a Building Official and an Assistant Building Official. Chad Christianson a WCID employee is being considered for this position. Councilman Warneke asked for this to be on the Web Site to let everyone know of this opening. Melissa Utpdale is doing the reports, letters and plan review at this time for the Building Commission and is being considered for the Assistant position. This item is tabled.

3. Discussion and possible action on revising the lot clearing ordinance to allow residents to remove cedar trees with out a permit. At this time the lot clearing ordinance is worded so that you can not cut any tree that is a protected tree. Protected tree means a tree that warrants special consideration due to its environmental and aesthetic significance to the Lake Travis region. Specifically, the term includes any tree with a trunk having a diameter greater than four (4) inches measured and one (1) foot above the base ground elevation of the tree. This ordinance will be sent to the City Attorney for amendment, this amendment would be worded to allow cedar trees to be cut. Councilman Warneke made a motion to move cedar trees from the protected tree ordinance; Mayor ProTem Adolph seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Secretary Chatham was asked if a flood plain permit would be required for this amendment if the trees were located with in the flood plain. This will be presented to Council next month.

I. New Business

1. Discussion on opening a TexPool account for the Village and the transfer of funds from Security State Bank and action on approving a Resolution authorizing participation and designating authorized personnel. The treasurer's report shows that the certificate of deposits is now earning a 2.5 to a 2.8% interest at the end of a twelve month period. TexPool pays interest monthly with no fee for early with drawl. Signatures will remain the same as on Security State Bank, these authorized signatures for TexPool are; Mayor Richard Shinn, Mayor ProTem Robert (Bob) Adolph and Treasurer Ron Hruby. Councilman Stuart made a motion to approve the transfer

from Security State bank to a TexPool account with signatures as stated. Councilman Warneke seconded the motion. All were in favor of opening a TexPool account. Motion carried.

2 Discussion on developing a signage strategy for the Village. Councilman Warneke briefly spoke on this subject. He feels that a couple of more signs in the Village would be fine however stated that he would like to be careful that not to many signs be posted. He would like to have the residents e-mail their consideration on this matter. Councilman Stuart requested the time to first look into the State Statue and then to e-mail his findings to Councilman Warneke for his review. This item was tabled.

J. Executive Session None.

K. Adjournment. Mayor ProTem Adolph made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Warneke seconded the motion. All were in favor – meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Rich Shinn, Mayor Village of Point Venture

ATTEST:

Chance Chatham, Village Secretary