

**Village of Point Venture  
Village Council Meeting  
Monday September 14, 2009 @ 6:30 PM  
Venture Room at Point Venture  
555 Venture Blvd. S.  
Point Venture, Texas**

**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, Treasurer Hruby, Councilman Helton. Councilman Warneke and Councilman Sutton

**C. Special Reports outside Representatives.** None

**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 August 3, 2009 minutes and August 21, 2009 Special meeting minutes.**

Mayor ProTem Adolph made a motion to approve the August 3, 2009 and the August 21, 2009 minutes. Councilman Warneke seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried, minutes were approved.

**E. Administrative Reports**

**1. Sheriff's Report-** Councilman Helton reported four (4) speeding tickets, house fire on Venture Blvd S. and Whispering Hollow, fourteen (14) stop sign violations. A total of twenty two (22) tickets have been issued for this year. One (1) golf cart citation for driving on wrong side of the road was issued. Councilman Sutton stated that he has seen the Sheriffs car sitting by the tree at the water department. Councilman Helton said that this is one of the area's so many tickets are issued due to residents running the stop sign.

**2. Emergency Management Report-** Councilman Warneke reported that the NIMSCAST has started this is a assessment tool provided by FEMA which helps communities assess their compliance with National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) readiness. Once we are up and running the system will benefit us for other services. Mayor Shinn also said the plans for the new office space for the WCID will have a room available for EMC.

**3. Treasurer's Report-** Councilman Hruby reported 297,128 in bank, 105,000 in cds will be transferred to TXPL. 192,000 in operating account.

**4. Animal Control Report-** ACO Stuart reported 15 service calls, and issued fines for loose dogs. A resident on Summit Ridge whom owned a bad dog has moved. ACO Stuart reported that the County Commission meeting will be held Jonestown for Animal Control; a date has not yet been set. Ft Worth animal control ordinance was presented for Council's review. Treasurer Hruby asked ACO if we are reimbursement when dogs are picked up. ACO said that it depended on the length of time they are there. Stuart also stated that he has no help with animal control. ACO will be on vacation October 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Fire Department Report-**Councilman Stuart reported that the County has new rates for star flight. These rates vary from \$4000 to as high as \$8000. Jonestown Fire Chief is in favor of the move of the Fire Station; the Fire Chief has been very helpful through this process. Councilman Hruby reminded Stuart to go through the ACC when plans for the project are complete. ACO Stuart has been making sure that residents have smoke detectors. The ISO review will take place on October 15<sup>th</sup> & November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. There has been 200 more feet of fire hose given to the Village Fire Department by Jonestown's Fire Department. The weakest part of The Villages Fire Department is not enough volunteer's however Stuart reported that he has recently received two (2) more volunteers. Maria Aldridge who is a volunteer fireman has elected to be a paramedic, she is now attending training for this and Stuart reported this is a good thing for Point Venture. Fire ban is still in effect at this time. There are 70% of calls on fire reported due to brush fires. Stuart will post any notices that are received, for example the H1N1 virus with the information that will inform you of what to do. Councilman Adolph said that the volunteer work that Ed Stuart does is more than anyone else does that he knows of. Stuart has been volunteering for

the Village on more than one thing for a long time. Councilman Warneke suggested that we put in the budget income for next year money to have a paid staff for Firefighters, Animal Control and Police Officer. Mayor ProTem Adolph and Mayor Shinn both agreed that we need to plan for this in the future. Councilman Warneke asked for EMC volunteers, if interested you can contact the Village office or visit our web site at vopv.org.

**6. Building Commission Report-** Secretary Chatham reported that there were 5 permits issued for the month of August 2009. There were no new homes built. There are no ordinance violations. Issued one (1) Certificate of Occupancy for the month of August. There were two (2) additions, and spa installations, landscaping in the floodplain, and roof work.

**7. Floodplain Administrator's Report-** Secretary Chatham reported that Michelle and Melissa will be attending a 4 ½ day training class for FEMA. Once the course is completed there is a exam that the ladies will take. Once this is completed and they become FEMA certified they will begin the FEMA inspections. This will benefit the Village in cost savings. A meeting with Rachael Andrews is on Friday September 18, 2009, she is the FEMA coordinator for our area working with Texas Water Development Board.

**8. Public Works Report-** Mayor ProTem Adolph reported that on September 17, 2009, will be meeting with the Engineer for 2010 project to discuss the cost of the current project and cost for reviewing coming up projects.

**9. Mayor's Report-** Mayor Shinn reported that there were no candidates for Mayor or Council. The election has been canceled. The incumbents are: Jeff Warneke, Bob Helton, and Rich Shinn. These terms are for a 2 year term. Michael Sutton was appointed to take the position of former council member Ed Stuart. He will remain in the position for 1 year to complete the term. Spoke with Ted Parsons regarding Capital Metro, those line items have been out of budget, and Ted Parsons said he feels they are going to have funds for small cities. Randal Hawn is the financial advisor for Capital Metro, so Mayor Shinn stated that he will get with Randal Hawn sometime this week.

**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. None**

## **G. General Business and Action Items:**

### **H. Old Business**

**1. Discussion and possible action on Inter Local Agreement between the Village and WCID.** ProTem presented the Inter Local agreement with additions that Mayor Shinn had asked for. Agreement includes Administration Fees, 3/4 of a person plus compensation for the General Manager to oversee personal. Councilman Helton made a motion to approve the Inter Local Agreement, Councilman Hruby seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried, Inter Local Agreement was approved.

**2. Discussion and possible action on Junk Boat Ordinance.** Councilman Warneke still asking for specifics on the definitions, and that the definitions do need to be changed. Treasurer Hruby said he would send this back to the City Attorney for amendments. This item was tabled.

**3. Discussion and possible action on Golf Cart Ordinance.** Treasurer Hruby stated that he feels this ordinance is in order. Councilman Sutton feels that utility carts should be addressed as well. Councilman Helton thinks there is not a big difference and amendments can be made later if needed. Mayor Shinn feels this is fine. Amendments can be made later if needed. The Village Attorney sent his opinion on this as well. Sheriffs will enforce this ordinance. Treasurer Hruby made a motion to approve the Golf Cart Ordinance; Mayor ProTem Adolph seconded the motion. Councilman Warneke and Councilman Helton abstained and the motion carried. Golf Cart Ordinance was approved.

### **I. New Business**

**1. Discussion and possible action on cleaning up tree litter at right of way.** Treasurer Hruby said there are people who may want to trim up their trees and do some minor spring cleaning. He would like the City to pick-up limbs, and any litter that is in the right of way to keep the Village from looking trashy. Treasurer Hruby stated that if the residents will call the Village office personal will let them know of a time available for pick up. Treasurer Hruby also suggested that the POA and the Water department post a notice on the water bills and the news letter. Treasurer Hruby made a motion to approve the Village picking up limbs for residents; Mayor

ProTem Adolph seconded the motion. All were in favor- motions carried; cleaning up tree litter at right of way was approved.

**2. Discussion and possible action on bed tax in the Village.** This item was discussed briefly and dismissed from the agenda. No further discussion.

**3. Discussion only on Council Code of Conduct.** Mayor Shinn feels that we need a code of conduct in place, researching this he found that there is not one for The Village of Point Venture. This would encourage us to have gentlemanly debates rather than adversarial argument. Mayor Shinn is going to look into a couple of other cities code of conduct and share with the council and wants everyone's input. This item was tabled.

**4. Discussion and possible action on permit fees.** Mayor Shinn stated that these permit fees needed to be more detailed. FEMA is a big question and he would like to see more research on this. Council has never approved these and Mayor Shinn would like this to be considered as a resolution. Councilman Helton made motion to approve the permit fees; Mayor ProTem Adolph seconded the motion. All were in favor-motion carried, approved the permit fees.

**5. Discussion and possible approval on FY 2009/2010 proposed budget.** Proposed budget was presented to the Council. Tax increase is to cover Capital Metro funds that have not been received. Roads and WCID services are included in the budget. Mayor ProTem Adolph made a motion to pass the budget, Councilman Hruby seconded the motion. All were in favor-motion carried, passed the budget.

**6. Discussion and possible approval on FY 2009/2010 tax rate.** Mayor ProTem Adolph made a motion to pass the tax rate, Councilman Warneke seconded the motion. All were in favor-motion carried, passed the tax rate.

**J. Executive Session-** No Executive Session

**K. Adjournment.** Mayor ProTem Adolph made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Warneke seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

*Rich Shinn*

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Rich Shinn, Mayor Village of Point Venture

**ATTEST:**

*Chance Chatham*

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Chance Chatham, Village Secretary