## Village of Point Venture Village Council Meeting June 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM 555 Venture Blvd. S. Point Venture, Texas

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## Minutes

## In Point Venture, Travis County, Texas, commencing on June 19, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. To consider and act upon any lawful subject, which may come before it, including among others, the following:

## A. Items Opening Meeting

- 1. Call to order Mayor Love called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- 2. Pledge Mayor Love led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **3. Roll Call** Village Secretary Janice Huling called roll. Present were Mayor Love, Mayor Pro Tem Lance Clinton, Councilmember Dan Olson, Councilmember Stephen Perschler. Absent: Councilmember Don Conyer. A quorum was present.

## 4. Consent Agenda

All items under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Village Council and will be enacted on by one motion. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- a. Approve Village Council Meeting Minutes May 15, 2019.
- b. Approve the FY18 Audit.

Councilmember Perschler made a motion to approve consent agenda. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**B.** Citizen Communications: Not for items listed on this agenda. No deliberations with Council. Council may respond with factual information. There is a three (3) minute time limit on any communication.

Carol Bubak said she signed up to talk about short term rentals, but the real issue to her was code enforcement for homeowners. She talked of noise complaint and needing to call the sheriff on a homeowner for the second time. She said if we are going to limit STR that we should first enforce the codes for everybody. She also stated that rules for STR should be base on the number of beds and she was speaking from personal family experience. More beds, more problems occur. She felt we should be working towards better code enforcement. The Mayor stated that the Townhome Council would be discussing STR at their meeting on Saturday. She said that she was not having problems with STR, but with homeowners. Janice Huling stated that the village is moving forward with the code enforcement process with doorknob violation hangers and will begin to give fines to violators. Councilmember Olson brought up a nuisance ordinance to enforce correct behavior in the village, regardless of the kind of home or townhome, owner or renter. Councilmember Clinton asked Sergeant Greg Lawson if calling 911 was the correct procedure for noise control. He agreed that calling 911 was the best idea to avoid problems that occur when someone confronts their neighbor directly late at night.

## C. General Business and Action Items

- 1. Mayor's Report
  - a. Resignation from Councilmember Christopher

The Mayor said that due to an elevated work life, Royce Christopher delivered a resignation to the village offices according to the Texas Election Code. According to this code, several options exit to address his resignation. The council can accept his resignation and he will continue to perform the duties of office, or the

council can accept his resignation and then fill his seat with a new member until the election in November. The Mayor asked council if they wanted to accept his resignation and all approved. Councilmember Olson wanted to go on the record to say that he honored his words and resignation. He was saddened, but he understands that Royce Christopher was promoted to a position of greater responsibility with his employer, with more travel. He said as Royce was a caring dad and good family man, he understood and felt it was the village's loss as he was a terrific councilmember, who stepped up to the position when no one else did. He knows that Royce Christopher will continue to serve the community. The Mayor agreed.

b. The duties of the Mayor

The Mayor said that according to the Texas Constitution and Statues Sec 22.042, a mayor has four areas of responsibility.

- Serve as the Chief Executive Officer
- Actively ensure that the laws and ordinances are properly carried out
- Inspect the conduct of each subordinate municipal officer
- Relay any information to the city council
- The Mayor plans to focus on People Over Policy
  - a. I will always maintain or enhance resident's self esteem
  - b. I will always listen and respond with empathy
  - c. I will always ask the residents to probe for understanding
  - d. I will ask for our residents for ideas to solve concerns or situations that confront them
- He apologized for the perception if anyone believed that he had acted in an overly aggressive way.

He said that his Prior Military, Officiating sports and Private Aviation demands had trained him to act now and get things done. He said, "While many run from the sound of Danger - I thrive on it. Due to the unfortunate circumstances of having our meetings only once a month and w/special meetings very difficult to schedule, I have at times, assumed the council is on the same page as I am and my wish to resolve village issues can get ahead of the ideal democratic process. Not defining what the phrase means in what specific required decisions and improved performance activities make PV great. Developing a working plan to meld the diverse organizations in this village, (POA, WCID, ACC, Townhouse, Lions Club etc.). Remembering many residents serve on multiple boards simultaneously or have served in leadership positions on many of the organizations previously. It is unfortunate that many of us and in particularly me, didn't realize the difficulty of melding the various PV organizations to work as a very efficient and effective decision-making team. There are plenty of good things happening every day in the village, but I am impatient to do even more to ensure enhanced public safety, respect and improvements to the value of our homes. I will seek to honor the phrase," patience is a virtue, possess if you can". I know governing can be difficult in any public or private organization. I also know men and women who serve are not paid and often not well thought of for making decisions or for not making decisions. My role is to guide, facilitate, and provide information which supports legal and responsible council decisions, in the best interests off all residents. Many individuals, while often exhibiting a nod for agreement or affirmation are NOT in agreement. They do this to "Go along to Get along" to avoid heated discussions, outright arguing, or just to please. Please know as Mayor, that it is very acceptable to share your doubts concerns or disagreement. I will not be offended! As I said from the outset as Mayor, I believe in transparency." He introduced "Monday with the Mayor" where he will sit down with anyone in Point Venture for coffee, a meal, or cocktails.

## 2. Old Business

#### a. Discuss and take action on Road Maintenance Plan in preparation for 2020 Budgeting

Councilmember Perschler proposed to recalibrate the Road Maintenance Plan with revised engineering plans for the approximate cost of \$2300, involving 12 hours of work. The goal is action taken in the next 18 months to two years.

Councilmember Olson motioned to approve. Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

#### b. Discuss and take action regarding 2017 Road Plan.

Mayor Love and council combined a. and b. See above.

#### c. Discuss and take action on Village employee Retirement Plan

Councilmember Perschler made a motion to approve the employee retirement plan with 3% contribution, retroactively from date of hire. Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

#### 3. New Business

## a. Discuss and take possible action with PV-ACC

The Mayor stated there was nothing to take action on at this time as the ACC has refused to meet with the Mayor to discuss how to better serve the community. He has met with every other entity in the village including the sheriff's department, the fire department, former mayors, former mayor pro tems, the POA, the WCID and more. He requested the meeting as a follow up after his meeting with the local builders, where they suggested he meet with the ACC to streamline the process with digital submissions. It will be business as usual until ACC decides to accept his invitation.

#### b. Discuss options and take possible action from the Mayor's CCC Committee

Mayor Pro Tem discussed the CCC being open today from 2-4 with no advertising to see results and Janice Huling stated that 12 residents used the CCC today with 3-4 making several trips. Councilmember Conyer stated that the opening should be emailed to residents and posted on Nextdoor. Mayor Pro Tem suggested a sign at entrance of Point Venture. Councilmember Perschler was disappointed to hear of several reports of residents leaving stuff in front of the gate of the CCC or in the parking lot of the WCID. Councilmember Olson suggested moving the cans from the parking lot to side gate of the CCC. Mayor Pro Tem read Donnie Keen's report, included with Roy Ables' email. Roy Ables stated the Mayor's CCC Committee had met twice thus far. Mayor Pro Tem thanked both Roy Ables and Donnie Keen for their work.

## c. Discuss and take possible action concerning 4th of July Parade..

The Mayor discussed that the Lions Club had invited the council to lead the parade and he asked who would be attending, and what type of vehicle to drive. Necklaces were provided from the Lions Club to toss out to crowd and Mayor Pro Tem suggested candy as well.

# d. Discuss and take possible action on job description and pay scale for part-time on-call Animal Control Officer.

The Mayor brought up the need for back up with Chad Chistianson away at training this week and the number of call received for ACO services. Mayor Pro Tem Clinton suggested an executive session after the budget meeting to discuss employment issues. Mayor Love combined New Business items d. & e. and added to the budget meeting next week. Mayor Pro Tem tasked Vickie Knight, bookkeeper with a report on the budget for new employees for next meeting.

# e. Discuss and take possible action on third full-time employee.

Combined with d. See above.

## **D. Council Reports**

- 1. Mayor Love reported on Village Survey.
- 2. Treasurer Report

Councilmember Olson reported the FY2019 audit was done. For April YTD, he reported The Village's total income at \$571,125.64 and total expenses at \$346,162.39.

3. Building Department

Councilmember Olson reported 23 Permits for new homes in 2019 and 12 Certificate of Occupancies.

4. Code Enforcement

Chad Christianson currently at Code Enforcement Officer training in San Antonio.

5. Animal Control

Mayor Pro Tem reported for ACO Chad Christianson 250 Dogs registered in 2019. 7 dogs at large, 2 deer in freezer, 4 skunks, 1 raccoon, 1 fox, 1 possum relocated in May. Lago Vista Animal Hospital to take quarantined animals if needed.

6. Village Services

Mayor Pro Tem Clinton discussed a masterplan community sign, new locks for the five doors, and interior paint for the village offices.

- 7. Public Works
- 8. Emergency Services
- 9. Travis Co. Sheriff's Report

Sergeant Greg Lawson reported more activities in park as summer begins.

## E. Announcement / Closing comments

a. Mayor Pro Tem Clinton thanked the Mayor for his words earlier. Councilmember Perscher thanks Royce Christopher and suggested a plaque for him. Janice Huling discussed the election details with the position of Mayor open, as well as two councilmembers.

## F. Adjournment

Councilmember Christopher made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Perschler seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. The Village Council for the Village of Point Venture reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development).

Eric Love, Mayor - Village of Point Venture

Attest:

Janice Huling, Village Secretary