

Hello, my name is Robert Herrmann. I am running for Town Council for our new town of Poetry. I live right off of 1565 with Shannan, my wife of 30 years this August. We have four daughters who have attended Poetry Community Christian School and Poetry Baptist Church where my wife and I attend now. We moved here from Arizona in 2008 to work and be near family. We wanted to live in the country and just loved this area. That's the reason I'm interested in representing you on the Town Council. We want to benefit and keep what we loved and continue to love about this area of Texas.

I believe my experience and background would benefit the Town Council. A councilperson has to have people skills and the ability to survey his or her constituents--it's not about being boss but about representing what your community wants and needs. My career skills would be an excellent match for what being on the Poetry Town Council will require. In addition to construction projects in my service to the U.S. Navy for four years, I have owned and managed a construction company and an oil transport company. Owning and managing your own business requires experience and people skills, including a lot of hard work, negotiating purchase agreements, scheduling, managing employees, engaging in sales and marketing, and managing projects. I strive to see varied perspectives in a situation or project and frequently seek the advice and wisdom of others when big decisions are in play. I am currently Operations Manager for a construction and development company that plans, hires subcontractors, managing projects including construction of site pads, ponds, land improvement including ranch management. I volunteered my crew to fill our Poetry potholes in the last few weeks and would continue to commit my time and resources to further this and other projects. Roads were a key issue promoting the incorporation of Poetry. I agree that roads are a problem that needs to be addressed by the Town Council, and I would put the hard work in and help engage contractors as well as network with the county commissioner, Randy Strait, to accomplish this goal and maintain our roads over time.

Also important to me as a Town Council-Person would be maintaining what drew Shannan and I to Poetry in the first place: the country-feel, the lifestyle, the relationships with our friends and neighbors here, and not becoming a "city." We have plenty of cities around us, but the purpose of the incorporation was to protect Poetry from annexation by those cities which would mean city control, city taxes, and city regulations. I want to remain true to the original purpose of the incorporation. So, as to changes over the next several years, I would say that we need to ensure that Poetry residents have their opinions heard and that the Council doesn't make unilateral decisions about changes that affect us all. To make sure we understand what the community of Poetry thinks is important, I would propose an online survey link that is posted on Next Door Poetry. This way residents would have an easy way to share their interests and rate their priorities (for those who do not use the internet, the same survey could be made available at the Town Hall).

Words that would describe me: Hard-working, friendly, committed, Christian, family man, servant, manager, brainstormer, and a leader and team player.

I have already had the privilege of serving folks in our community, mostly recently unfreezing water meters and pipes. I have been blessed when serving and will continue to do so whether or not I am on the Town Council. I believe that being a Poetry Council-Person means serving, serving my neighbors and community.

I would appreciate your vote at the upcoming Town of Poetry election. If you have questions or ideas, feel free to email me at [info@RobertJHerrmann.com](mailto:info@RobertJHerrmann.com).

God bless,

Robert Herrmann

