

**Candidate Responses to Community Questions – Tom Anderson (email: [tca70@att.net](mailto:tca70@att.net))**

**If elected, you will serve a two or four year term. What changes to Poetry do you envision over the next four years?**

The most important change I see in the first term is the development of an effective city government that meets all applicable county, state and federal laws. This will include creating an organization, developing by-laws, obtaining financial stability, and forming a plan for the next decade.

**If you are not elected, what would you do to try to help work on ideas or issues that are important to you?**

Many problems and issues will be faced that require gathering information and preparing analyses of ways to move forward. I will be willing to assist in those efforts, if asked, by participating in committees established by the Mayor and Town Council.

**How would you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in the city?**

I believe in transparency by elected officials. I would support open Town Council meetings and sharing of information through the town website.

**What would you describe as your primary leadership quality?**

I have been told throughout my career, and by my wife, that I approach tasks with a sense of openness and urgency. If elected, I will try to ask key questions, listen to advice and opinions of others, analyze options, and then move forward with urgency to resolve conflicts and implement decisions.

**Why do you wish to serve in the government of Poetry?**

I would like to see that the new town of Poetry has the governance and financial stability to sustain the city while maintaining the beauty and rural environment that attracted us to this

area. I hope to help structure the new city governance in ways that will maintain this environment for many decades.

**There will be much to do in the first term for the Mayor and Town Council. What do you most hope to accomplish, if elected?**

As noted above, during the first term I hope to see development of an organization, creation of by-laws, achievement of financial stability, and implementation of a plan for the next decade.

**When you were first considering the possibility of Poetry incorporating, what did you see as the biggest positive from incorporation, and what was your biggest concern?**

Like most people in Poetry, I would like to maintain the beauty and rural environment that drew all of us to Poetry. However, the Poetry area has enormous open land that will continue to attract others who want to build here for the same reasons we came here. I supported incorporation of Poetry as a way to keep this environment while recognizing the desires of new residents.

**What makes you stand out from other candidates?**

First, while I am not idle, I am retired from full time work. If I am elected to the Town Council I am willing to spend considerable time in service to the new town of Poetry. Second, as noted in my biography, I have considerable experience in managing large organizations, reviewing legal documents, preparing economic analyses, writing reports, making presentations, and listening to thoughts and ideas of others. I believe my experience would be useful as a member of the Town Council in establishing the new town of Poetry.