

Hello Poetry!

I am Terry Fowler. I have lived in Poetry for 14 years and moved here when I married my wife, Amy Bennett Fowler, who is the eighth generation of her family to live in Poetry. We have one daughter who attends Poetry Community Christian School. We love everything about Poetry, Texas! Our family raises cattle and quarter horses and values the agricultural and ranch land as well as the friends and neighbors that we have here from all walks of life.

There are several reasons I chose to run for a Town of Poetry Council-Person. One is my commitment and love for our community. When the incorporation of the Poetry was proposed, I was, like more than 70% of you, interested in keeping what we have here in Poetry--the land, history, people, and the sense of community. We are not Terrell or Royse City and don't want to be. Becoming a Town protects us from restrictions, ordinances and taxes those cities would have been able to assess against our properties. As you can imagine, being in a family that has been here since before Texas was a state in this very area means that I am committed to Poetry and to our community!

The other reason relates to what I think I can offer in the way of skills and experience to benefit all of us. As many of you know, I have been a fireman for my entire career. But what you may not know is how much administrative responsibility is involved in the varied positions I have held with the University Park Fire Department for the last 20 years. Currently, I am Battalion Chief and in the last several years, it has been my responsibility to facilitate cooperation, training, budgeting, managing employees, and forging relationships with City officials to benefit my department. I also operate my own business, Fowler Welding, LLC. which has been in operation for 12 years, a business that requires budgeting, purchasing, meeting deadlines, negotiating with vendors, and serving the customer's needs. I have worked side by side sweating with my teams--effective supervision requires understanding the actual work being accomplished, building rapport with those you work with, and facilitating their best work effort. In addition, I served two terms on the TLFFRA Pension Board managing millions of pension funds including hiring actuaries, meeting with legislators and commissioners, collaborating with other board members, developing Requests for Proposal, and approving services. All of these skills are just what an effective Council-Person would utilize in representing the interests of Poetry residents.

As a Council-Person for the Town of Poetry, I will serve YOU. I will listen to you and continue to preserve what we value and enjoy as Poetry residents.

Thank you for your vote!

Terry Fowler

