

Training in Bastrop, Texas!

Mayor Senkevech and Mayor Pro Tem, Tom Anderson, attended Texas Municipal Training in Bastrop Texas on August 12th and 13th. The training held at the Bastrop Convention Center was for all newly elected mayors and councilmembers across the state of Texas. Topics included: Leadership, Financial Oversight, Revenue Sources, Parliamentary Procedure, Governing Ethically, City Regulations, Advocating for your City, Interacting with the Media, Public Information Act, and Texas Open Meetings Act. Bastrop is a town of about 8,776 people. It is about a 4- hour drive and has a thriving historical district with quaint buildings such as the one below. The two town officials attended at their own expense.



At the Special Town Hall Meeting held August 5th, the Town Council voted to put

***Sales & Use Tax for businesses within the Town limits on the ballot for the Nov. 2nd General Election.** If this measure passes, all proceeds of this 2% sales tax would by law go directly to fund road maintenance **of currently existing roadways** within the Town.*

THE NEXT WORKSHOP MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 7TH. [NO CITIZEN SIGN UP]

THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN HALL IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, September 21st Both meeting are at faith temple BAPTIST CHURCH at 6:30 PM. The Next Camp Ground Work day is Saturday, September 25th. 9 am-5pm

All community volunteers are welcome!



Town volunteer, **Dan Thompson**, is acting as a liaison between Hunt County and the State Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). County Road 2432 about 0.8 miles down from FM1565 in the ETJ has a bridge which Hunt County temporarily fixed about two months ago. Above is a picture of the gravel area covering what Dan believes is an urgent need. Dan is hoping to negotiate a special “bridge fund” which the state has set aside for emergency use. He is hoping for a “Bridge Class Culvert” which is 24 ft wide, 35 ft long and 10ft tall. It has a 100-year life and costs about \$250,000. He believes Hunt County would cover cost of removal of the current bridge, while the state can provide the cost of the new bridge. There are about 100 people who drive this road each day and Dan is highly motivated as he is one such citizen! Roughly half the drivers live in the town and half in the ETJ. For repair, the road traffic would have to be re-routed for 10-12 days.



This 70,000 lb. truck was given a citation August 17th from Deputy Sheriff Landrum because it violated the 10,000-pound weight limit of the CR 321 bridge which is in the ETJ of Poetry.

Happenings at August 17th Meeting

*Kaufman County Road Commissioner Precinct 3 Terry Barber and his supervisor Aaron Conway both were introduced.

*Hunt County Sheriff Terry Jones and some of his deputies were introduced. Sheriff Jones said one of his main priorities is going after those harming children or the elderly. He said he has 25 patrolmen and 10 investigators. He has 270 inmates to watch over.

*Kaufman Co Deputy Wade Bowden was introduced.

*The Ordinance approving the Franchise Fee with Oncor Electric passed unanimously.

*ANB was chosen as the Town's bank.

* A Resolution was passed to make the National Incident Management System (NIMS) the standard for the Town and requiring all Councilmembers to participate in the free training. This mandate will allow the town to apply for governmental grants.

*This Poetry Post was voted to become the Official Town Newsletter. Editing will be required from two councilmembers; Tom Anderson and Brian Vinson have volunteered.

*The Interlocal Agreement for Kaufman County Road Maintenance and the contract put forth by Deborah Bonner, of the DA office, was tabled for the next workshop meeting.

*An alternate proposal regarding Solid Waste Franchise Agreements with CRS, Reed and Ameri-Tex was tabled for the next workshop meeting. No decisions have been voted on yet by the council regarding Trash or Dumpster Services.

*The Budget with modifications including a part-time paid position for City Secretary was unanimously adopted.

*Rules of Procedures was postponed for the workshop meeting. The meeting lasted over four hours. The video and audio are available at Poetrytexas.org under the Town Meetings tab.

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Would you like to make a difference? A



Town Secretary is NEEDED

who can work 15 hours per week. The council voted this month to make it a **paid position** and could be divided among two people if necessary. Must become a Notary Public if not one. Full list of duties upon request. **If you are interested, please write to contact@poetrytexas.org**

Please send any pictures of town happenings to contact@poetrytexas.org



(Above from left to right: Kevin Senkevech, Ken Phillips, Josh Senkevech, Mike Griffin, and Marcus Hopkins.)

This crew of volunteers donated time and money to spread three tons of new asphalt on CR 2326 in Poetry on Thursday, August 26th primarily covering larger potholes and the large hole on the curve which could “practically lose an entire small car!”

Thank you to all the volunteers seen or unseen. You make a difference.