

***Town of Poetry***  
**Town Hall Meeting Minutes- 6:30 p.m.**  
**June 15, 2021**

**A. Call to Order – Tara Senkevech, Mayor**

1. Tara Senkevech, Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**B. Roll Call – Tara Senkevech, Mayor**

1. Roll calls to confirm a quorum to proceed with all were present.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member**

1. Pledge of Allegiance was leaded off by Council Member Terry Fowler.

**D. Invocation – Council Member**

1. Invocation was offered by Council Member Terry Fowler.

**E. Citizens Comments:**

1. Cards of list of citizens wishing to speak on certain item numbers was presented to the mayor.

**F. Consent Agenda**

1. *Items listed on the consent agenda allow the Council to approve all items together without discussion or individual motions.*

\* Approval of minutes from the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Workshop meeting.

**G. Regular Agenda**

1. Discuss & considered action to adopt an ordinance establishing the office position of a part time secretary as a volunteer with amendments  
Motion Fowler second Jaffe Accepted 5 Opposed 0
2. Discuss and consider action to select a Mayor Pro Tempore  
Nominated : White & Anderson  
Simeon White was nominated by Vinson second White - = Accepted 2 Opposed 3  
Tom Anderson was nominated by Jaffe second Fowler - = Accepted 3 Opposed 1  
Tom Anderson is now the Mayor Pro Tempore
3. Discuss & consider making [www.poetrytexas.org](http://www.poetrytexas.org) the official website with emails through wix.com (Paid for by volunteers) which is up in six (6) months.  
Kevin Senkevech, purchaser of website explained it could be between \$75 & \$80 a month with emails and limited calendars – simple to use and gifted to the town.  
Josh Senkevech, Tech expert, EE, CS, suggested the town council pick one of the leading cloud services for their emails, calendars because Wix outsources their emails and calendars

Tabled by Vinson opposed by Jaffe, that wanted a packet of cost and protections then Jaffe seconded the motion to table  
Motion Anderson to continue to discuss to get the website to the people  
Accepted 1 Opposed 3

Motion to continue using Wix, was made by Jaffe and seconded by Anderson  
Accepted 5 Opposed 0

4. Discuss & consider action regarding a **resolution** to select an official newspaper  
Motion Jaffe seconded Anderson Accepted 5 Opposed 0 – Terrell Tribune
5. Discuss & consider action regarding the **resolution** to adopt a written policy to expressly permit the consideration of applications received by the Town from banks, credit unions, or savings associations not doing business in the Town's boundaries for the Town's depository.  
Motion Vinson seconded White Accepted 5 Opposed 0
6. Discuss & consider action regarding the **Town Seal** for use for the official letterheads, emails, & correspondence. Volunteer paid for Creative Services for designs in packet  
Motion Jaffe seconded Fowler Accepted 5 Opposed 0 Seal Option #1
7. A motion to create a **subcommittee of mayor one councilmember and attorney with two subject matter volunteers** to assist in the process with Kaufman & Hunt County judges, road commissioners, & attorneys to discuss possible inter-local agreement for road maintenance allowing the mayor and councilmember. Motion White seconded Fowler Accepted 5 Opposed 0 \*This section of the minutes was officially amended at Sept.21 meeting as error in written minutes was discovered upon review of video.

Five (5) minute recess

8. Discuss authorizing subcommittee comprised of mayor and one councilmember to negotiate on behalf of the town and possibly bring an inter-local agreement of both Hunt and Kaufman Counties regarding law enforcement for consideration at a future council meeting.  
Motion Jaffe second Anderson Accepted 5 Opposed 0  
Amend to read Two (2) Council Members White and Fowler
9. Discuss and consider **Citizen Committee w/one Council Member** to give council recommendation for action to select a solid waste vendor(s) in our area and authorize negotiation and execution of a solid waste service agreement(s).  
Motion to table this discussion to the next meeting.  
Motion Jaffe second Fowler Accepted 5 Opposed 0
10. Discuss and consider action to select a town attorney and authorize an execution of an **engagement agreement with Messer-Fort-McDonald Law Firm.**

Citizen: Chad West opposed to looking just to one attorney.  
Citizen: Lon Akin actually thought he was signed up for something else.  
**Motion to table this discussion to the next meeting**  
Motion Jaffe second Fowler Accepted 3 Opposed 2

11. Discuss and consider an **ordinance** for receiving franchise fee from Oncor Electric.

Citizen: Lon Akin, franchise fees will increase billing for the citizens.  
Oncor guest: Cindy Tatum spoke to the council about a franchise fee (a part of doing business - \$0.003589 per kwh average residents being 1,300 kwh/mo.  
Motion to recess for 2 minutes while Mrs. Tatum made a phone call about back charging residence's – the answer was no there would not be a retroactive charge.  
Motion to accept and pass Anderson second White subject to legal review  
Accepted 4 Opposed 1 Fowler

12. Discuss and consider an **ordinance** for receiving franchise fee from FEC electric.

**Motion to table discussions about FEC until next meeting**  
Motion Jaffe second White Accepted 5 Opposed 0

13. Discuss and consider the **quote** received from TML risk insurance for the Town, council and volunteers.

Motion Fowler second Jaffe Accepted 5 Opposed 0

14. Discuss and consider **50-year Commercial Lease Agreement** with the Camp Ground Church as written.

Citizen Chad West – doesn't think the city will be able to pay for this  
Citizen Lon Akin – worried about 20 years down the line and indifference between the town and citizens.  
Motion for the Mayor and Council Member Vinson to re-evaluate the lease  
Motion White second Fowler Accepted 5 Opposed 0

#11 Item reopened up for discussion was Oncor Electric. Motion by Jaffe

The rates across the state are the same. There will not be an increase in bills until there is an increase in rates statewide the monies will then be rolled into the individual's bill. It is the cost of doing business.

Motion Jaffe second by Fowler Accepted 5 Opposed 0

15. Discuss and consider establishing the City's fiscal year.

October 1 to September 30  
Motion by Jaffe second by Vinson Accepted 5 Opposed 0

16. Discuss and consider regarding funding for this first year. Franchise fees, maintenance of roads, registration fees for contractor plus insurance – yearly only to cover cost not for revenue --**Discussion only**

17. Discuss and consider date, time, and location of regular Town Council meetings. Amendment for Third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Temple Baptist Church.

Motion Fowler seconded Vinson Accepted 5 Opposed 0

18. **General Public Comments** - Limited to two (2) minutes. If translator is needed, it may be up to four (4) minutes.

*[Sign up is required BEFORE the meeting is Called to Order (a)]*

Darrell Watson – made general statements of the council and thanked them for their service.

19. **Adjourn**

a. Motion was made to adjourn, motion seconded by Vinson motion passed. The workshop ended at 10:27 p.m.

**The council may go into closed session at any time when permitted by Chapters 418 or 551, Texas Government Code, or Section 321.3022 of the Texas Tax Code. Before going into closed session, a quorum of the Council must be assembled in the meeting room, the meeting must be convened as an open meeting pursuant to proper notice, and the presiding officer must announce that a closed session will be held and must identify the sections of Chapter 551 or 418, Texas Government Code, or Section 321.3022 of the Texas Tax Code authorizing the closed session.**

*Notes: Disabled persons requiring special assistance are requested to notify the Town of Poetry 24 hours in advance of the meeting by calling the Mayor's office at 214-317-8128.*

*I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 10425 FM 986 Poetry Texas on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021 at 6 pm.*

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*Tara Senkevech, Mayor*