

Minutes
Town of Poetry
Special Town Council Meeting
Saturday, September 25th, 2021
7:30 pm
Faith Temple Baptist Church
11214 FM 1565 Poetry, TX 75160

The mayor called to order the special town council meeting. Then did a roll call to confirm a quorum. **Tom Anderson, Mike Jaffe, Simeon White, Brian Vinson, Mayor Tara Senkevech, and volunteer clerk Dorothy Dillon. CM Terry Fowler was not present.**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Simeon White Then Council Member White followed with the invocation.

Community interest: The mayor wished to express a thanks to Kayla & Robert Scott donated a sign to the Town Hall.

Regular Agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the September 21, 2021 regular town hall meeting.

Council Member White wanted to discuss page 3 a couple of things where it says line 9. A motion made by **Council Member Jaffe** and seconded by **White**. The mayor told Council Member Jaffe that there was more setting on the front desk and he retrieved a folder and gave a copy of the minutes to **Council Member Vinson**. The mayor then stated that they were using Google Pro and switched it to pdf and wanted to know if it could have changed some things. But she believed it was Council Member Anderson that seconded the motion.

It was created in Google Pro, the mayor had to get permission to use Google Pro and then she converted it to PDF and sent it out to the council. She said there was two documents a docx and a pdf from the mayor and mayor pro-tem discussed it a little further. Then the mayor actually read aloud what was typed in the document. The she stated that the difference in the two were one was 11 pages and the one they will be working on is 14.

Council Member Jaffe stated he remembered what happened, they were passing a policy and procedures of Exhibit A as part of that and they also passed Exhibit A, which was Tulia the one he wrote and they said needed to be final reviewed by legal. Which is two things, which we now have a decorum policy and it is contained in Exhibit A which is attached to this.

Council Member Vinson said that was correct and Tom seconded that.

Council Member Jaffe stated that may be right and they could always double check the recording.

Council Member Anderson read, “pending legal amendment 4 council member,” he stated he couldn’t remember.

Council Member Jaffe stated that he thought it was “review” and not amendment but review so that they don’t put any weird words in it.

Mayor Senkevech stated the word was, “scrubbing” then she pointed out that she thought one was the early version and one was the later version.

Council Member White stated that it should say seconded by Council Member Anderson about Exhibit A pending legal scrubbing.

Council Member Anderson wanted to know how Council Member White received a pdf?

Council Member Jaffe asked if it was two different emails? Then he was reading his phone emails and stated that there were two different emails. One was a docx.

Council Member Anderson read his emails from his phone and stated that the email that this the minutes in it was 14 pages.

Council Member White then showed his document to the mayor and she confirmed it was the same on she had.

The mayor stated that Council Member White has the same copy as she does and said that she thought that the one in the citizens packets was the same as what she has. Then the mayor asked Council Member White since he has the copy she wanted to know if there were more that he wanted changed.

Council Member White stated just a couple on the same page 3 at the very bottom. Town attorney Patricia stated yes but she would have to check as far as there being, whether its two or three people for calling a special meeting.

Council Member Anderson asked if he could be clearer because he couldn’t follow along due to the fact that he only had 11 pages.

Council Member White continued reading, Council Member White questioned the number of councils needed to be call a special meeting request he asked if it could be two or could it be three to which the Town Attorney Patricia Adams stated yes, but she’d have to check. But Council Member White remembers of her saying after he specifically asked if that would be a violation of Open Meetings Act, she said yes, that getting three people would be a violation.

Mayor asked if there is a motion to change it to: where three being a violation of OMA that that’s being more of a clarification. Then she stated that when she typed this up and then sent it Candise, she may not be aware of some of the things, she was trying to change a little of the format and she wasn’t for sure. But that would be a defiant clarification of that three being a violation of OMA.

Council Member White stated that when he asked Patricia that if it would be a violation of the Open Meetings Act that three people make their quest for a Special Meeting and she said yes.

Council Member Anderson read that she said two was common this is not carved in stone.

Council Member White stated he just had one more that he saw. On page 5 second paragraph to the very bottom it says, continue to item 4, it goes on and says Council Member Anderson reads continue on and it say Council Member Vinson seconds and vote 4.

Mayor stated, so it should say passed 4 and 1 abstained.

Council Member Jaffe suggested it should say number space for number space against space abstained.

Mayor stated that Dorothy had that then she sent it off to Caroline and she wasn't familiar with that. She then stated that don't you think all of these passed 5 on most of these.

Council Member White stated he agreed with that. That was all he had.

Mayor stated that Dorothy has had months of practice of this and she had not.

Council Member Anderson stated

Mayor stated on page 9 Council Member Jaffe made the motion that we pass item number 8 granting signatory authorizations for single expenditures for not more than \$500.00 without council approval and then he said, I will add two signatures seconded by Council Member Anderson passes 5:0. And then discussed and considered authorized signatures for the town bank account Council Member Jaffe says if they draw straws my three are you, Tom, and Simeon and mayor asked if the mayor pro-tem is often on there and council said that it often is, the mayor then stated she should say legal counsel. The Council Member White said he would agree with that, Then Nancy Perry from Buter Lane, said she thinks it's good to have a secretary. Mayor Pro-Tem to sign the bills and then Council Member Jaffe made a motion to authorize Mayor Tara and Mayor Pro-Tem Tom and Council Member White be signatories on the checking account. Council Member Vinson seconded it and it passes 5:0

Council Member Jaffe asked if this is a special one that we all need to sign or is she just going to notarize your signature and be happy with it?

Mayor stated as long as we have this document and it's been approved by the council. I'm sure it will have to be signed. If it needs to be notarized that Dorothy can do it. The mayor stated that they will want a written record.

Council Member Jaffe asked if it needed to be stamped with a purple flower.

Mayor then asked if there are any other amendments, other than the one that were stated?

Mayor stated that we have an amendment changing Exhibit A Council Member Anderson. Council Member Whites question to the legal attorney and then her answer, we actually have this passed 4 – 1 abstaining amendment. Then passed section which was read and then maybe amending the legal counsel on page 9 of 14. Instead of just saying counsel, and correcting the spelling. So, any others?

Council Member Jaffe motion to pass the minutes with the amendments just read by Tara, seconded by Council Member White 4:0

There were no general comments so the meeting was adjourned.
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