

# Poetry, \_\_\_\_\_ PROUD \_\_\_\_\_ Texas

**Poetry...** (vote to  
name this newsletter)

## “The Town of Poetry is born!”

-Tara Senkevech, foundation team

### Monthly Newsletter Dec.1, 2020

**Poetry is now officially a Town!** In a landslide margin, with a total of 602 votes FOR incorporation and 213 Against, this was a 73.9%



victory! Results had to go through “canvassing the election” by the County Commissioners Court on both Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The courts were closed to the public owing to Covid-19

outbreaks in the County offices.

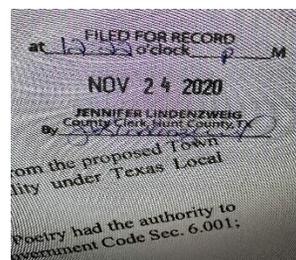
There was a slight ‘hiccup’ as Terrell failed to update their maps both with the state and on their online website, despite the legal mandate September 2019 that they must be updated within three weeks of any changes. Therefore, the map of Poetry will be slightly modified to not infringe on any of Terrell’s Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) as state law mandates.

This means that the southern tip of the current map will be cut back 1,142 ft. and that the Poetry ETJ will be truncated to match the Terrell ETJ. One home is affected directly. Two other family’s properties are affected. They have the option to petition the council of Terrell to be excised from the Terrell ETJ if they desire. Our boundary still includes all of CR 247 and the Terrell Volunteer Fire Department (non-profit).

After some discussion and questioning, the Judge’s court decided to officially send the Poetry Incorporation for “filing” as seen to the right on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Mr. Alan Bojorquez, Austin attorney and author of the TML Procedure Manual called yesterday (Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>) to congratulate us! He discussed the reason that he is a civic attorney... he believes that when town and county leaders come together for the “good of the people” it represents the very best of democracy!

His words resonated with me.. That is exactly our goal. **To come together for the common good...**



### The next steps

**are** 1) Nominate council members and mayoral candidates for an election to be held on general election date of May 1, 2021. 2) Once we have a board elected, they

can vote in receiving Public Utility for Franchise fees the town is entitled to receive, retaining a checking account for the Town, secretarial help, determining regular times for Council meetings, determining the town budget, and so many important decisions.

**SO, you are invited to attend the First Town meeting on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> to nominate potential candidates and complete form at Faith Temple Baptist Church at 7 pm. The Deadline for filing to enter the election begins Wednesday Jan. 13, 2021 and ENDS Friday, Feb. 12, 2021 at 5 pm.** Candidates should be willing to work hard for NO

pay, have written and verbal skills, be able to understand contracts, understand budgets, be trustworthy and persons of solid character and integrity. Candidates should be able to work well with others and remain cool, calm and collected in stressful situations. They should have “thick skin”, yet be able to listen well to citizens.

## SURVEY We want your opinion!

- 1) Please check one. The name of this newsletter coming each month to communicate important town information should be:

\_\_\_ Poetry Post                      \_\_\_ Poetry Times  
\_\_\_ Poetry Publication           \_\_\_ Poetry Patriot  
\_\_\_ your idea \_\_\_\_\_

Cut or copy & send in to 19012 FM 986 Poetry TX, 75160. [Once the Town Hall gets a mailbox, we will be sending it there!]

## Animal Care by Rose Ingram

Caring for animals can be tricky in winter, especially with huge fluctuations in temperatures as we have in North Texas. Animals need shelter especially from cold, wind & rain when temperatures dip. Pets like dogs and cats, even though they have fur coats, need a warm, dry environment in order to be comfortable. Although some can withstand variable temperature extremes, being left without shelter in cold, wet weather can stress them leaving them vulnerable to illness.

Livestock usually are pretty hardy and tend to huddle together under trees or behind natural or man-made wind barriers. However, even they can get stressed in very cold and wet conditions that go on for long periods of time. The very young and the very old need to be watched. Horses also need a place to get out of very cold rain and wind. It can be as simple as providing a lean-to or shed or as fancy as a stall in a barn. A general rule of thumb is if an animal is shivering constantly, it probably needs a break from frigid cold and wet weather. Different species will need different types of care and other considerations. In short, “the righteous man cares for the needs of his animals.” Proverbs 12:10

## Country Corner What emblem is mandatory by state law to be affixed to the rear of farm tractors or equipment operated on a public road?

- a) A patriotic American Flag.
- b) A slow - moving vehicle emblem.
- c) A do not pass sign.
- d) A vehicle makes frequent stops sign.

Answer: b. slow moving vehicle emblem.

## Team Sign ups! At the next meeting:

- 1) Poetry Preservation Team – Working together to preserve the beauty of Poetry.
- 2) Poetry Historical Team—pictures & memorabilia to put in future town areas.
- 3) Friends of Poetry—fundraising for the Town’s needs
- 4) Writing Team—grants for the town, newsletter inserts, press releases for town website etc. –will coordinate with Town leadership to communicate happenings.
- 5) Poetry Road Team –road experts or just folks willing to spray paint the potholes. To coordinate with town leaders.

## Future Town Hall UPDATE!

Tasks worked on: Foundation, Foam insulation, painting and installation of siding. Electrical updates. Power is on! **Come meet the community at next**

**Work day Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>!** If you would like to contribute to this historic cause, please send checks to



Poetry Community  
Campground  
Cemetery, Inc. and  
write “**Restore the Church**” in the memo!  
You can send it via  
mail to c/o 19012 FM  
986 Poetry, TX 75160.  
All donations are

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