

Summer in Poetry!

Some local children enjoying a summer day together!

Gavin Tidwell (14)
 Cameron Canary (15)
 Thailon Booker (15) and
 Keegan Canary (12).



One of the best things about Poetry is the relaxed life with low traffic on side roads and grassy fields where wildlife and children can safely play.

July 20th Town Meeting for the First Year's Budget with amendments.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

REVENUE SUMMARY	2020-2021 Budget	2021-2022 Budget
Property Tax Revenue (TO BE DETERMINED, TBD)	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax Revenue (EST.)	TBD by Nov. 3 vote (Jan 1-Sept 30th.)	\$ 41,000.00
Franchise Fees (Electric)		\$ 45,000.00
Franchise Fees (Trash)		\$ 47,224.00
Licenses & Permits	\$ -	-
Donations, Fund Raising & Grants	\$ -	-
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ -	\$ -
General Fund Revenue	\$ -	\$ 133,224.00

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

EXPENDITURES	2020-2021 Budget	2021-2022 Budget
Salary & Benefits	\$ -	\$ -
Required Newspaper Publications		\$ 4,320.00
Creative & Web services (20 hours/mo)	(currently 50 hrs/mo)	\$ 5,520.00
Legal fees	\$ -	\$ 21,600.00
Educational & Expenses for Council, Mayor & secretary	\$500 x 7	\$ 3,500.00
Services & Supplies (E1)	\$ -	\$ 12,410.00
Maintenance & Repair (E2)	\$ -	\$ 60,628.32
First Annual Audit		\$ 1,500.00
Survey and Engineering	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Information Technology (E3)	\$ -	\$ 7,745.68
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Election costs	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ 133,224.00

Maintenance & Repair budget is for road repairs

June 29th Special Town Meeting:

We were introduced to Emergency Management leaders.

- **Richard Hill** -- Hunt County Homeland Security #903-408-4246
- **Steve Howie** -- Kaufman Co. EMS #469-376-4190
- **Terry Van Sickle** -- EMC Coordinator for Poetry 241-212-0999
- **Annette Moiorano** -- Poetry EMC Assistant Coordinator 214-809-2228

Environmental Health services (septic /foodservice inspections), Request for Proposal for Depository Agreement (banking requirements), Solid Waste Citizens Committee was voted in, the town attorney NDA was also discussed along with the initial budget. For complete minutes, please go to poetrytexas.org



Roads are hot topic this summer!

Did you know that Poetry Road (aka CR 249 and CR 2458) has a weight limit? **Trucks are also forbidden to use this as a through road!**

We each pay more in repairs or have faulty roads when these signs are ignored.

QUESTIONNAIRE:

- 1) Do you want a community recycling center in our Town?
- 2) Do you want to continue to choose your trash service? Or does it even matter to you?
- 3) Do you want to continue to allow the following 12 companies to crisscross our roads EACH week? [Heavy trucks are significant detriment to road life] **See “Effects of Heavy Trucks on Roads” on poetrytexas.org/solid-waste for studies about garbage trucks and other vehicles effecting roads. Residential trash trucks are 7.8 times more damaging to roads than delivery trucks/vans. See “Minnesota Study” on poetrytexas.org/solid-waste. Most common data available uses a formula of one garbage truck comparable to 1,000 car trips in the amount of damage done to roads.**

These businesses currently service our town:

Blackjack, CRS, French Services, Ferris Homeland Solutions, IESI, Nature Calls, Progressive, Reed, Titan, Tri-County and Waste Connections.

- 4) Should the Council vote with the Volunteer Citizen Committee on Solid Waste Solutions recommendation to go with ONE Service which pays the Town of Poetry \$50,700 (\$6.50 for each resident) in Franchise Fees each year with the cost of only \$20 for the customer? (one poly cart) See poetrytexas.org/solid-waste
- 5) Would you prefer to choose the top three trash services?
- 6) The Town of Poetry needs revenue to cover our basic costs. Would you rather it come from Trash franchise or a small property tax?

Remember that if we had been annexed by Terrell and Royse City, the Terrell’s City Property Tax would have been \$2,660 PER YEAR for a \$350,000 house. Royse City’s Tax is \$2,345 for the same house.

The Town of Poetry doesn’t have a lot of needs such as a police or FD costs, but must cover road repair and administrative costs such as the website, electricity, insurance, legal & survey fees according to our approved town budget.

The Electric franchise fees will probably help but not cover Poetry’s budget. The Sales & Use Tax, if voted in, MUST be used on road repair by state law...which could be great news for our roads! We want to hear your views!

Please research & send to contact@PoetryTexas.org

HAPPENINGS FOR THE TOWN!



Brian Vinson and volunteers put on the finishing pieces for the Town Hall refurbishment, while Sheri Vinson holds the ladder for safety!

A SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH AT FAITH TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH at 6 pm to deal with a single item to meet a deadline.

THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN HALL IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, August 17th AT FAITH TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH AT 6:30 PM

The Next Camp Ground Work day is Sat. August 21st. 9 am- 5pm

PUBLIC NOTICES: Do you love Poetry? Would you like to make a difference? A voluntary Town Secretary is NEEDED who can work 10-20 hours per week. The



position requires trustworthiness, organizational skills and willingness to learn proper procedures. Must be able to research topics, greet citizens at Town Hall, type minutes and be present for all council meetings and become a Notary Public if not already one. Full list of duties upon request. **If you are interested, but cannot work on a volunteer basis, please also write to mayor.tara@poetrytexas.org**