

POETRY POST

July 2023 Town Newsletter

Congratulations to Landon Lord, the First Annual Poetry Agriculture Scholarship Recipient! Landon will be attending Texas



State Technical College to become a welder.

All proceeds came from private donations.

His acrylic plaque was donated by

Two Guys Laser Engraving here in Poetry.



Synopsis of June 5th Special Meeting :

Voted to approve Hunt County Project Sheet H-07 to work on roads CR 2426, CR2326, CR2400, CR2332, CR 2434, and CR 2440 in the amount of \$3000. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Synopsis of June 20th Regular Meeting :

• Reports:

Financial: The town's first revenues for Sales & Use Tax for May were \$6432.63. This amount is based on approximately \$428,842 in gross sales based in the town of Poetry. This includes all deliveries to households.

Deputy Secretary, Theresa Scholander, was absent. Volunteer Evie Anderson read her report. **Mayor Senkevech** reported on

construction progress for the new Town Hall site.

- **Approved Minutes from May 16th meeting.**
- **Voted** to pay the town's legal bill of \$1023.75 for May.
- **Presented Landon Lord** with scholarship award.
- **Voted** for a revised Request for Qualifications (RFQ) compiled by CM Tom Anderson utilizing Attorney Berman and the city of Simonton, Texas template. This is needed to hire an engineer on a contract basis.
- **Approved Amended Budget** to allow more funds for four areas: road repairs, insurance, parking and election cost. The money was taken from the legal portion of budget which is substantially less with the new attorney.
- **Discussed** using free sources to advertise for the City Secretary position.
- **Voted** in Mike Jaffe as new Mayor Pro-tem for a one-year term.
- **Voted** to move the Regular Council meeting time to the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning in September 2023.
- **Voted** to move the Regular meeting to Thursday August 10th owing to a conflict with a council member.
- **Discussed the May 6th election.** Decided to have CM Fowler and CM Jaffe to check addresses with potential to vote and they will encourage all affected citizens to go to the elections division of the county in which they reside to solve any possible future issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, July 18th, 2023
Poetry Town Council Regular and Public Forum Meeting will be at Faith Temple Baptist Church 6:30 pm.

****Approved solid waste vendors for the Town of Poetry are AWT, Card, CRS, and Titan.**

Note: CRS was recently bought out by Cards Recycling. See a solid waste violation? Send pictures to contact@poetrytexas.org.

See a road that needs repair? Please help us by filing a Road Report online at poetrytexas.org under Roads. Roads with more reports will be prioritized on repair schedules.



Left: Hunt County Pct. 2 repairs CR 2426 and CR 2326 as well as four other roads with Poetry's Project Sheet H-07 approved June 5th in a Special Meeting called for that purpose.



Leland Barnett and his daughter, Jess, are two Poetry entrepreneurs! Leland owns Barnett Enterprises and resides in Grande Verde part of Poetry. He donated his labor and lots of crushed rock for the new Town Hall ADA parking lot and drive. Thank you, Leland!

Thanks to Chad Dalida and 365 Land Development for clearing three down trees at the Town Hall site free of charge! They did an excellent job!



Correction from last month's newsletter: Cash donations for the "Restore" campaign with CCC, Inc. were \$3100 for the years 2019-2020 and \$6700 for years 2021-2022. All cash donations were spent for building supplies on the Annex building.

(Below:) Jon Steele's crew completed the closing in of the open area which was made into a 39 ft sq. closet for the Town Hall June 7th. They took off some siding to be able to make the roof weather tight by putting in flashing. The current new area has "Weatherlock Ice & Shield" to protect the roof until the town can afford to replace the entire old roof. (The council believes this can happen after the new fiscal year begins in October.) He donated a reduced rate and also personal labor for installing the inside dry wall! Thank you, Jon! All donations help us keep cost low.



(Below): Leland Barnett supervises his crew for the concrete pour on Tuesday, June 27th, 2023. (Below) : The Town Hall of Poetry has a required ADA Van Accessible parking lot! This building will host most future meetings as well as offices for the Mayor, Town secretary and town records as required by state law.

