

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF KAUFMAN AND HUNT
CITY OF POETRY, TEXAS**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS DAY OF THE 16th of May, 2023 at 6:30 pm, the City Council of Poetry, Texas, held a Regular Town Council Meeting and Canvass at 11214 FM 1565 Poetry, Texas, 75160 with the following present:

Mayor Tara Senkevech
Councilmember Tom Anderson
Councilmember Mike Jaffe

Councilmember Simeon White
Councilmember Terry Fowler
Councilmember Brian Vinson

Mayor Senkevech called the meeting to order at 6:30

Evie Anderson, Clerk confirmed quorum.
All council members were present.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Councilmember White led the pledge and invocation.

f: Mayor Tara Senkevech gives items of community interest;

Poetry is looking for grant writers. Poetry wishes to find factual information about Kaufman County Property ID split outs. Poetry welcomes Solid Waste Vendor Texas Contractor Roll Offs. Special thanks to people for their donations towards Town Hall. Special thanks to Councilmember Anderson for installing the town's new bulletin board at the Town Hall site.

1. Reports

Financial Report – —April end 2023

Mayor Senkevech.- gave a recap of donations, deposits, and credits.

2. Secretary's Report—Given by Evie Anderson, Clerk

3. Report about Resolution 2066—Presented by **Councilmember White**

b) Consent Agenda

1) Amended minutes from Regular Meeting March 21, 2023. Motion to approve by **Councilmember Jaffe**, seconded by **Councilmember Anderson. Passes 5:0**

2) Minutes from Special Meeting April 27th, 2023. Motion to move to regular agenda made by **Councilmember Anderson**, seconded by **Councilmember Vinson. Passes 5:0**

Regular Agenda

a) Minutes from Special Meeting April 27th, 2023. Councilmember Anderson requests edit on item 5. Council discusses, and makes edits to Minutes. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to accept Minutes with discussed edits, seconded by **Councilmember Jaffe. Passes 5:0**

1. Discuss and take action on Voluntary Annexation Agreement with Addendum for Lori and Andy Bass authorizing commencement of annexation proceedings for property located at 16750 CR 248. Motion made by **Councilmember Anderson** to accept as written, seconded by **Councilmember Vinson**. **Passes 5:0**

2. Discuss and take action to pay Town's legal bill of \$780.00
Councilmember White suggests moving payment of legal bills to consent agenda. **Councilmember Fowler** requests the itemized bill. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to accept and pay bill, seconded by **Councilmember Fowler**. **Passes 5:0**

3. Discuss and take action to pay the annual TML Property liability, City liability insurance premiums, Workman's Comp, and Cyber coverage premiums of \$2,358.12.
Councilmember Vinson asks if bill covers Town Hall. Council discusses line items. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to accept and pay the bill, seconded by **Councilmember Fowler**. **Passes 5:0**

4. Discuss and take action on the Ordinance to Canvass the May 6th Election Results.
Mayor Tara Senkevech gives a rundown of canvasses with provisional votes added. Citizen Shelley Smith asks about verification of voter list. **Mayor Tara Senkevech** states that it is illegal for candidates to have any concern with voter lists and states that all questions should be directed toward the Elections Division of each county. She asks for a citizen committee to take care of deadlines, notifications, etc. **Mayor Tara Senkevech** states that a committee would be illegal. **Councilmember Fowler** asks if amended ordinance has correct numbers. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to accept Canvass Ordinance, seconded by **Councilmember Vinson**. **Passes 5:0**

5. Discuss and take action on Addendum to Right of Way Ordinance. **Councilmember Jaffe** asks if the numbers are industry standard. Council agrees that numbers are high. Council discusses amending if needed at a later date. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to accept, seconded by **Councilmember Jaffe**. **Passes 5:0**

6. Discuss and take action on Ordinance Restricting Establishing Ad Valorem Tax in Poetry. Council discusses at length. Citizen Glenn Strauss warns against restricting taxes. Council agrees that rephrasing the need for a 2/3 vote to 4/5 vote. Council agrees that the ordinance will need a special workshop. No action.

7. Discuss and take action letters to Mayors and Commissioners of Hunt County urging them to consider a resolution opposing the formation of Special Use Districts by developers. **Councilmember White** and **Councilmember Jaffe** feel that all supporting documents be attached. Motion made by **Councilmember Jaffe** to approve distribution of letters, seconded by **Councilmember Anderson**. **Passes 5:0**

8. Discuss and take action on the Ordinance to personalize the Town of Poetry Oaths to be in accordance with the duties required for Town officials. More research is looked for during break.

Mayor Tara Senkevech calls for recess. 7:59 pm

Councilmember Fowler finds Texas Code for officers. Council discusses both sides of topic. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to accept, seconded by **Councilmember Jaffe**. **Fails 2:3**

9. Discuss and take action on Town of Poetry's First Annual Scholarship promoting agriculture in our area. We had one applicant who met the requirements. **Councilmember Fowler** makes motion to approve the Scholarship of \$1500.00 to the school as soon as the applicant is enrolled, seconded by **Councilmember Anderson**. **Passes 5:0**

10. Discuss and take action on items for Town Hall site. Council thoroughly discusses line items on budget, agreeing on needs, but questioning ADA compliance. Citizen Glenn Strauss warns against "deferred maintenance, undone". Citizen Kevin Senkevech asks that Town Hall moves out of their place of business. Citizen Dale Bryant offers instruction on back stairs. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to approve phase one and two of proposed budget minus items already paid. Seconded by **Councilmember White**. **Passes 5:0**

11. Discuss and take action on Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as presented for a general use town engineer. **Mayor Tara Senkevech** and **Councilmember Anderson** share the research they have done. Council agrees to discuss further on forum. No Action taken.

12. Discuss posting the agenda for the June 20th meeting early on June 10th This means that items for next month need to be submitted by June 2nd. Council agrees.

j) General Public Comments
No General Comments

k) Adjourned Regular Meeting @ 8:54 pm

Minutes prepared by Volunteer Sheri Vinson