

EARLY VOTING ENDS
TUESDAY, MAY 2ND IN BOTH COUNTIES.

**REGULAR VOTING For
Poetry Mayor and all Council
is SATURDAY, MAY 6TH!**

If you are registered in

Hunt County part of Poetry on May 6th Election

Day: You may vote 7 am- 7pm

- Faith Temple Baptist Church at 11214 FM 1565 OR at
- Quinlan City Council Chambers at 104 East Main St. Quinlan, TX 73474 {**ONLY for Quinlan ISD bond voters**}

If you registered in Kaufman County portion of Poetry on May 6th:

- Bingo Hall-Terrell 14701 Hwy 205 Terrell
- Terrell Sub-Courthouse 408 E College Street, Terrell
- First Assembly of God Church 203 Main St. Terrell

Or numerous other locations. For more details see Kaufmancounty.net.

Note: Ask for a Provisional ballot if there is some question about your ability to vote in Poetry and the election officials research it and decide.

The official ballot order is the following:

Mayor Race (1 to be voted in!)

1. Tara Senkevech (I)
2. Haley Dennis

Councilmember Race: (5 to be voted in!)

1. Chad West
2. Jonathan Blake
3. Mike Jaffe (I)
4. Ivy Campbell
5. Jennifer McFarlane
6. Patrick Smith
7. Terry Fowler (I)
8. Tom Anderson (I)
9. Simeon White (I)



Town of Poetry last day to VOTE IS MAY 6TH!

Synopsis of April 27th Executive & Special Meeting. {Regular meeting was postponed to this date.}

• **Reports:**

Mayor read results of Midyear Budget vs.

Actual: The town is fiscally very healthy in that revenues are 10.5 % OVER what was projected and is currently 13% UNDER on projected expenses. The total budget for the year is \$134,397.67.

Secretary read Elections and Secretary reports.

CM Vinson reported that the Postmaster state the town has achieved Preferred Last Line as “Poetry” coming soon.

CM Vinson also read the **Comptrollers letter that revenues from Sales & Use tax will be arriving the second Friday of each month beginning in June.**

- After holding a 30-minute executive session, the council decided to move both secretaries to w-2 position which will require Medicare and Social Security taxes to be paid.
- **Discussed** obtaining Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for prospective engineers for the town.
- **Discussed** the request for Voluntary Annexation of a portion of property from citizens Lori & Andy Bass.
- **Discussed** the Ordinance inhibiting future councils from voting in an Ad Valorem Tax (Property Tax).

- **Voted to approve** for renewal the Interlocal Renewal for Agreement for the next two years with Kaufman County for road maintenance.
- **Voted** to pay March legal bill of \$195.
- **Voted** to pay TML annual membership fee of \$788.
- **Approved Project K-04** with Kaufman County to work on roads CR 247, CR 249, Gate Lane, Four Post Lane and Green Meadows Lane for \$3280.
- **Approved Project H-06** for Hunt County to work on roads CR 2458 and CR 2432 for \$1000.
- **Approved** purchase of a weatherproof outdoor bulletin board in place of the non-weatherproof outdoor bulletin board voted on last month.
- **Voted to approve** the new septic quote by Vicars Septic Service. [Owing to unforeseen circumstances, he was unable to follow through with his previous quote]. Sheri Vinson pledged \$500 for the septic installation which makes the town paying \$2500 total with the prior donations of \$4000.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, May 16th, 2023- Poetry Town Council Regular Meeting and for Canvassing the Results of the Election will be at Faith Temple Baptist Church 6:30 pm.

Thursday, May 18th, 2023 SWEARING IN CEREMONY Located at Town Hall site 5671 CR 323 at 7pm.

****Keep Poetry Beautiful! Picking up litter regularly reduces the volume of litter!**

****Approved solid waste vendors for the Town of Poetry are AWT, Card, CRS, and Titan. NEW vendor for Roll-offs only: TEXAS CONTRACTOR ROLL-OFFS owned by Kevin Potts #469-573-5162**

IF you see a vendor illegally operating in the town, it is unfair to those above who are doing it correctly. Please send a picture of the action to contact@poetrytexas.org

Know a Fabulous Farmer? You can send in a 200-300 WORD Essay about your favorite

Farmer/Rancher or Agricultural Enthusiast! In an effort to encourage and highlight the talent in our area!

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.

Got electric lines down in your area? Keep people and pets away and call 911 immediately! If you have an Oncor power outage, call 888.313.4747 or Get the My Oncor App for updates. For Farmers Electric Coop. (FEC) lines, call 903.455.1715. contact@poetrytexas.org to find out more information.



Volunteer Jonathan Blake monitors the Campground Drop Site while sitting on Mike Jaffe's vintage Ford! Clean-up Day on Saturday April 15th, 2023, was an overflowing success!!

Thirty-five yards of trash were disposed of from roadsides and yards of Poetry folks! Thanks to ALL the volunteers who assisted!

Keeping Poetry CLEAN & Beautiful!



Brady and Kellan Kirby donate time on Saturday, April 22nd to



finish the attic insulation at the Poetry Town Hall site! Stan Carr provided the insulation donation. Thank you, guys! We are better together!

Volunteers save our Town precious dollars and keep our expenses low!

If you want to contact your mayor and/or council regarding your concerns you may reach out at contact@poetrytexas.org The new Town Hall mailing address: Town of Poetry, 5671 CR 323, Poetry Texas, 75160 Website: www.poetrytexas.org