

Agenda  
Town of Poetry  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

6:30 pm

Faith Temple Baptist Church  
11214 FM 1565 Poetry, 75160

- a) Call Town Council to order.
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum. —Evie Anderson—clerk
- c) Pledge of allegiance—Citizen Darrell Watson
- d) Invocation
- e) **CITIZEN COMMENTS: Persons wishing to speak on any posted agenda item may do so when the individual item is opened for consideration by the Council. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes unless a longer period of time is allowed by law for use of a translator. Persons wishing to speak must sign up at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by emailing [contact@poetrytexas.org](mailto:contact@poetrytexas.org) or by signing up in person at the meeting location from 6:00-6:30 pm with name, address, and an agenda item on which there is a desire to speak. You must be signed up to speak during the meeting. Comments should be respectful with no personal attacks. To preserve the order and decorum of the meeting of the Town Council, any person who makes, profane, slanderous, or threatening remarks or who becomes disruptive during the meeting will be asked to leave the Council Chambers. (Texas Penal Code §§ 38.13, 42.05)**
- f) **Items of Community Interest:**  
*Pursuant to Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code, the Town Council may report on the following items: 1) expression of thanks, congratulations, or condolences; 2) information about holiday schedules; 3) recognition of individuals; 4) reminders upcoming Town Council events; 5) about community events, and 6) announcements involving an imminent threat to public health and safety.*
  - \*Thanks to CM Fowler for picking up metal door off roadway.
  - \*Thanks to CM Vinson and Kevin Senkevech for taking off work for tractor work needed prior to the rains.
  - \*Thanks to CM Anderson installing water lines and flag pole and Andres Vazquez for covering trench work at Town Hall prior to the rain. Thanks to Sheri Vinson for volunteering to assist with secretarial duties.
  - \*Unofficial results of Election Proposition A regarding Sales & Use Tax;  
451 Votes FOR (57.3%) 336 AGAINST (42.7%)  
Total votes counted 787**
  - \*Special Meeting for Canvassing the Election Tuesday, November 22-- 6:30 pm**

g) **Receive Reports and discuss the following:**

- 1) Financial Reports—October end 2022

h) **Consent Agenda:**

*Items listed on the **consent** agenda allow the Council to approve all items together without discussion or individual motions.*

- 1) Minutes for September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting and Budget Public Hearing.
- 2) Minutes for the September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Workshop, & Special Town Council Meeting.
- 3) Minutes for the October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Regular & Public Hearing

i) **Regular Agenda:**

1. Discuss and take action on **renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Hunt County** road related work allowing for a two-year agreement.
2. Discuss and take action on any needed amendments and **payment of June 2022 legal invoice.**
3. Discuss and take action on the amended **Ground Lease Agreement** with Longhorn Organics, LLC, for Town Hall parking.
4. Discuss and take action on **amended insurance rates** as presented by TML Risk Insurance to meet the ground lease agreement standards for the Town Hall's lot.
5. Discuss and take action on quote/s for **handicapped ramp** required by Federal guidelines for the Town Hall site.
6. Discuss and take action on **septic installation costs** for the new Town Hall site \$6400 bid with \$4000 in donations from citizens. (\$2400 total cost to the town)
7. Discuss and take action on a second year **Christmas Lights Contest** for Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Volunteers needed.
8. Discuss and take action on a Poetry Community wide **Cleanup Day** for Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. 7am-7pm. Volunteers needed for 3-hour increments.
9. Discuss and take action on purchasing an **online messaging board/forum service** the town.

10. Discuss ownership, management and administrative authorities of our **town website**.
11. Discuss and take action on an **ordinance Repealing the local Sales & Use Tax Exemption on Telecommunications Services** and providing notice to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the State of Texas.

**j) General Public Comments: Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. If a translator is needed, the speaker may be granted up to six (6) minutes. Sign-up is required BEFORE the Meeting is called to order.**

*Be aware that the Town Council can only respond with specific factual information or recite existing policy. No action can be taken. The Town Council may consider putting citizen concerns on a future agenda.*

**k) Adjourn Regular Meeting.**

\*\*NOTE: The City Council reserves the right to meet in Executive Session closed to the public at any time in the course of this meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, including §551.071 (private consultation with the attorney for the City); §551.072 (purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property); §551.074 (personnel or to hear complaints against personnel); §551.076 (deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices); and §551.087 (economic development negotiations). Any decision held on such matters will be taken or conducted in Open Session following the conclusion of the Executive Session.

***Note: Disabled persons requiring special assistance are requested to notify the Town of Poetry 24 hours in advance of the meeting by calling the Mayor's office at 214-317-8128.***

***I certify that the above notice of the meeting was posted at 5671 CR 323 Poetry, Texas on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022, by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.***

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***Tara Senkevech, Mayor***