

POETRY POST

September 2023 Town Newsletter



Poetry is beautiful owing to numerous trees which naturally landscape our area. Sadly, due to the excessive heat and limited rains, many trees, even large trees are at risk of peril. As seen above, tree leaves turning brown and dry are a sign of inadequate water. Arborist, Dr. Randall Stanley, says that when watering trees, a good rule is to water 1 ½ inch each week. The way to do this is to put a can out and turn sprinkler off when it fills to the 1 ½ inch level so as to not overwater.

NOTICE: BURN BANS ARE STILL IN EFFECT FOR BOTH KAUFMAN AND HUNT COUNTIES!



Beware of Poison Ivy!
It is prolific in Poetry and as shown here can even grow in trees once its vines climb a tree.

Synopsis of August 10th Regular Meeting :

- **Reports:**

Financial: Mayor Senkevech read July end and the updated Q3 Budget vs. Actual report as well as the Sales & Use Tax receipts report.

Secretary: Volunteer Evie Anderson read this report.

- Town Hall report: Cm Anderson reported on progress on the Town Hall site.
- **Approved** Minutes from the July 18th meeting.
- **Approved** paying legal bill of \$1218.75.
- **Approved** paying Hunt County final Election bill of \$2667.50 and a voting equipment fee of \$500.
- **Discussed** possible Zoning ordinance for Poetry with legal council present.
- **Discussed** legal requirement to have a 1445 agreement allowing the county to handle items in the ETJ (as prior to incorporation) approved but pending the addition of voluntary annexation update to the town map.
- **Discussed** the Zero Zoning Ordinance presented by **Councilmember White**. The Council decided to bring it back next meeting with the attorney present.
- **Discussed** the “1445 agreement” which would allow Kaufman County to approve all building requirements in the ETJ of the Poetry area. The council decided to bring it back with amendments and the attorney present for the next meeting to discuss further.
- **Learned** with attorney present that 100% of those on private roads must agree to give the town jurisdiction before a private road can be approved to become a town road.
- **Postponed** acting on possible changes to Poetry Post owing to lateness of meeting.
- **Voted** to purchase two phones and business plan with Spectrum and internet phone service.
- The meeting adjourned at 10:36 pm.

****Approved solid waste vendors for the Town of Poetry are now CARDS, Titan and Texas Contractor Roll-offs only. Note: CRS and AWT sold to CARD in June and August 2023. See a solid**

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waste violation? Send pictures to contact@poetrytexas.org. The franchise fees are the few ways the town funds itself.

Concerned about your family's descendants selling out to just any developer? Idea: Ask for your will to have specific deed restrictions prior to selling.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHANGE: The council voted to move the Regular meetings to the **3rd Thursday of each month.**

Therefore, the next meeting will be **Thursday, September 21st,**

2023. It will be held at the **new Town Hall Site** at **5671 CR 323 Poetry, TX 75160.** The meeting will begin with a workshop discussing possible zoning at 6:30 pm. The **Budget Public Forum** will begin at 7:30 pm.

Town Hall Finishing Touches

(Right): The closet add-on lights were installed by volunteer electrician, Kane Hansard. The trim and shelf were installed by trim carpenter David Burke. Jon Steele installed drywall. Wesley Jackson did all the tape, bed, texture and painting. Thanks to all! We are better together!



Wesley Jackson, of Ace Paint & Décor, owned by Brett Patterson, worked diligently as a lone ranger for weeks in August to paint free of charge as a gift to our town! Thank you for making a huge difference!

(Right): Kevin Senkevech paid to replace the fence behind the Town Hall with a new much sturdier metal fence just behind the property line. Jacob Ross, a veteran who specializes in welding, did a great job!



(Left) Juan, of Ace Paints & Décor, works on original wood floors to clean and finish them. This is all a gift to the town! Thank you to Juan, Wesley Jackson, and Brett Patterson. Your kindness and generosity have been unparalleled!

(Right) Chris, installer with Spectrum, is seen here installing a fiber optic line at the Town Hall site. Spectrum was installed on CR 323 this Spring which was very timely for the Town Hall!



Wanna get involved?
Volunteers needed:

- *Artist for rendering for grant project
- *Person to water trees at Town Hall.
- *Person to clean Town Hall 2 hours/month.

Our town is based on volunteerism which promotes community spirit and keeps cost low! Lower costs mean no need for property taxes. Poetry is one of 36 towns in the state of Texas which have no city property taxes.