



**Poetry's
Christmas Lights Contest
of 2022**

For Poetry Residents and Poetry ETJ Residents

Sign Up by emailing Contact@PoetryTexas.org by Dec. 12th
Subject Line: Christmas Light Contest
Provide your address in the body of the email

Judging Dec. 12th through Dec. 15th
Awards & prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places on
December 18th from 5 pm to 6 pm

Check PoetryTexas.org for more details!

Synopsis of November 15th Regular Town Meeting:

- **Voted** to renew a one- or two-year Interlocal Agreement with Hunt County for road related work. It goes to Hunt County for approval.
- **Voted** to pay the June legal invoice.
- **Voted** to amend the Ground Lease Agreement with Longhorn Organics, LLC for the Town Hall parking.
- **Discussed amended insurance** rates for the town to provide for the lease agreement requirements.
- **Discussed** quote for the wood handicapped ramp and ADA requirements.
- **Discussed a** septic installation quote and the two donations of \$2000 each; one by Brett Patterson and one by Tara & Kevin Senkevech for the septic installation at Town Hall site.

- **Voted** to host a 2nd Annual Lights Contest for Saturday, December 17th, and accepted volunteers.
 - **Voted** to host a Community Wide Clean-up Day on December 10th 7am – 7pm.
 - **Approved** purchasing V-Bulletin at \$15/month an online messaging system managed by CM White.
 - **Discussed** ownership and management of the Town's website.
 - **Discussed** the Ordinance repealing the Sales & Use exemption on telecommunications Services
- Meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.



The new Town Hall mailing address: Town of Poetry
5671 CR 323
Poetry Texas,
75160

Synopsis of November 22nd Special Town Meeting:

- **Held executive (closed) meeting** to evaluate investigation of incorporation election and evaluate our town's attorney/firm.
- **Voted** to have CM Vinson and CM Fowler prepare a memo from council regarding findings.
- **Announced** that Town Attorney Firm, Messer-Fort-McDonald resigned effective November 22, 2022.
- **Canvassed** the November 8th Election results as presented from both Hunt and Kaufman Counties. The 1.5% Sales and Use Tax passed by 57% overall (452 of 788 votes) when combining both counties. The Texas Comptroller will contact local businesses as needed.
- **Amended the Ground Lease with Longhorn Organics, LLC** for parking to copy the

indemnity clause as provided in the lease City of Union Valley has with the Union Valley Fire Department.

- **Postponed** discussion on amended Insurance rates.
- **Voted** to move the Regular December Meeting to either December 12 or 13th pending availability. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 10th –Clean-up Day

7 am-7 pm

Campground Church grounds

December 13th– Town Council

Meeting 6:30pm Faith Temple

*changed from usual 3rd Tuesday.



December 18th- Christmas Lights Award Day 5-6 pm. Look online for more details closer date.

See a road in town which needs repair? Please file a Road Report online at poetrytexas.org under “roads”. This assists us to prioritize the worst roads first! This newsletter is available online at poetrytexas.org under “community” and by request for mail out. Please email your mailing address to contact@poetrytexas.org

Proposed Comprehensive Plan Mission Statement

Protect our rural and agricultural lifestyle from the encroachment of persons, developers, and special districts who do not hold the rural spirit as a priority through the following means:

1. Keeping development consistent with rural lifestyle.
2. Regulating and/or preventing heavy industry, traffic, and high-density development while securing the rights of light manufacturing, home business, and property owners.
3. Hold dear the liberties of our citizens, while being considerate of our neighbors, by having as few rules as possible, and for those rules to be in keeping with rural life.
4. To obtain revenue from utilities, businesses, and other entities in our area to keep taxes, especially property taxes, as low as possible, or nonexistent.

The Complete proposed Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map are available online. Please your send your comments to Poetryplanning@gmail.com



COMMUNITY-WIDE

Fall Cleaning Day

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

20425 FM 986 POETRY, TX 75160

7 AM TO 7 PM

We invite our Poetry friends & family to help us preserve the beautiful place we all call home.

Volunteers are encouraged to adopt a mile of Poetry's roadways and help clean by:

- PICKING UP TRASH
- REMOVING MATTRESSES/FURNITURE
- TABLETOP APPLIANCES
- BAGGING TRASH FROM CLEANING ROADWAYS

This does **not** include:

- BARBED WIRE/STUMPS
- BRICKS/ROCKS/CONCRETE/CONSTRUCTION ITEMS
- BOATS/TRAVEL TRAILERS
- DEAD ANIMALS
- TIRES/BATTERIES/MOTOR OILS/RAILROAD TIES
- PAINTS & LACQUERS/INKS & RESINS/ASBESTOS
- LARGE APPLIANCES/INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS

Once collected, trash & debris can be dropped off at the Campground Church Dumpster with Proof of ID or your Poetry Water Bill.

Reflective safety vests will be available for use to check out at Campground Church for the day.

Special thanks to Titan, CRS, Card Recycling & AWT for providing dumpsters for the town!

Thank You, Poetry!



Celaine Andrus and Brian Douglass Phillips perform their new album "Poetry, Tx" named for the beloved town on November 19th, 2022, at the Poetry Plaza "Thank you BBQ" luncheon.

Website: www.poetrytexas.org
Email: contact@poetrytexas.org