

Agenda

Regular Town Council Meeting

Thursday, April 18th, 2024

5671 CR 323

Poetry, TX 75160

6:30 pm

- a) Call the Town Council to order.
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum— City Secretary, Anne Hamilton
- c) Pledge of allegiance—Pastor Paul Jacobs, PBC
- d) Invocation—Pastor Paul Jacobs, PBC

- 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 or by signing up in person at the meeting location from 6:00-6:30 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.
 - **The Poetry Agriculture Scholarship application deadline is May 1st.**
 - **SPRING CLEANUP SPONSORED BY TOWN OF POETRY IS APRIL 19TH AND 20TH.**
Please grab a trash bag and clean up a half mile or so along Poetry Rd! We also have free dumpsters for use for large disposal items.
 - **NEW!** *We have been asked to have informal meetings--Come talk and ask questions informally with mayor and two council members coming up opportunities.*
Cake with Council -Friday, April 19th 12-2 pm at Town Hall.
Coffee with Council—10-12 am Saturday, April 20th, 2024 Town Hall--

- g) **Reports:**
 1. Financial
 - a. March end 2024
 - b. Sales & Use Report
 - c. Q2 Budget vs. Actual Report

2. Secretary's Report –Anne Hamilton

3. Training Requirement: *TMLIRP now requires State-mandated cybersecurity training for city and elected officials who use a computer to perform at least 25% of their duties.*

The email on how to achieve this course has been sent to the secretary to forward to all council and staff to be completed by August 31.

h) Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes from March 21st, 2024 Meeting
2. Minutes from March 27th, 2024 Meeting.
3. TML Annual membership fee of \$812 and TML Risk insurance annual fee of \$854 + cyber security insurance of \$ 185 for total of \$1039.
4. Pay March legal bill of \$1365.00.
5. ETJ release petitions:
Ballard, Brown, Celella, Cheney, Clemons Jr., Fuller, Hinojosa x2, Horan, Kennedy, Keys, Knochel, Lehew, Lopez, Merrell, Sitzes x 2, Swaim, TES Big Rack Ranch (17 total)
6. Ordinance 2024-03-01 final form and newspaper release.

i) Regular Agenda:

- 1) Discuss and consider Akin x 2 ETJ petition for release.
- 2) Discuss and consider Bishop LLC. ETJ petition for release.
- 3) Discuss and consider Chad Dalida ETJ petition for release.
- 4) Discuss results of the survey regarding name changes for the road and new signs needed in the town.
- 5) Discuss and take action on Ad Valorem Restrictions Ordinance.
- 6) Discuss and take action on dead tree removal policy for the Town with new surveyor's information and specifically for the Christy Oliver and George G. Brown properties.
- 7) Discuss and take action on a Street Dynamics Solar-powered Speed and Communication device for Roadways to collect data desired for grant applications for roadwork according to price-sheets provided and recommendation by Town's engineer.

8) Discuss and take action on project task sheet 100 @\$75 per survey from Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, L.L.P. Hendricks Engineering. Task sheet 101, 102, 103 etc. Ten or more surveys per task sheet?

9) Discuss and take action on hiring our new Engineering Firm to perform or reuse the current boundary survey of our town and provide us with an updated official survey/map.

i) General Public Comments: Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. If a translator is needed, the speaker may be given up to four (4) minutes. *Sign-up is required BEFORE the Meeting is called to order. Be aware that the Town Council can only respond with **factual information only. The Town Council may consider putting citizen concerns on a future agenda.***

k) Adjournment NOTE: The Town 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 Sec. 551.071 (private consultation with the attorney for the Town); Sec. 551.072 (purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property); Sec. 551.074 (personnel or to hear complaints against personnel); Sec. 551.076 (deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices); and Sec. 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.

Notes: 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 Saturday, April 13th, 2024 by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor