

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF POETRY, TEXAS CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD MAY 6, 2023 TO ELECT A MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF POETRY, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF VOTE TABULATIONS; IDENTIFYING THE OFFICIALS ELECTED AND TERMS OF OFFICE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council passed and approved an ordinance ordering a General Election for the purpose of electing a mayor and five (5) council members at large; and

WHEREAS, the General Election was duly and legally held May 6, 2023, in the Town in conformity with the Texas Constitution and the election laws of the State of Texas, and the results of the General Election, including the early voting results, have been certified and returned to the proper judges and clerks thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered the returns of the General Election, including the returns of early voting cast in connection therewith, and finds that the returns, duly and lawfully made, were cast as the following valid and legal votes:

TOTAL VOTES CAST AT GENERAL ELECTION

ELECTION	TOTAL EARLY &Absentee VOTES	TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED ON ELECTION DAY	TOTAL
Hunt County	88	314	402
Kaufman County	100	53 +2 (PV)	155
Combined totals for Poetry	188	369	557

WHEREAS, the returns of the General Election, including the returns of the early voting ballots, duly and legally made, showed that each of the candidates for the office of Mayor of the Town of Poetry, Texas, received the following votes:

OFFICE OF MAYOR

NAME OF CANDIDATE-MAYOR	Hunt County Votes	Kaufman County Votes	Provisional Votes + (If any)	TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED	PERCENT
Tara Senkevech	208	89	0	297	53.32%
Haley Dennis	194	64	2	260	46.68%

WHEREAS, the returns of the General Election, including the returns of the early voting ballots, duly and legally made, showed that each of the candidates for the office of Council Member of the Town Council of the Town of Poetry, received the following votes:

OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER

NAME OF CANDIDATE	Hunt County Votes	Kaufman County Votes	Provisional Votes + (If any)	TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED	PERCENT
Chad West	188	64	2	254	10.28%
Jonathan Blake	187	75	0	262	10.60%
Mike Jaffe	313	114	2	429	17.36%
Ivy Campbell	183	73	0	256	10.36%
Jennifer McFarlane	101	38	2	141	5.70%
Patrick Smith	184	59	1	244	9.98%
Terry Fowler	232	84	2	318	12.87%
Tom Anderson	204	80	0	284	11.49%
Simeon White	199	83	0	282	11.42%

A total of 2,470 votes were cast for council members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF POETRY, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. That the above and foregoing premises are true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this Resolution and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Section 2. The results of the General Election as canvassed and tabulated above, reflect the expressed desires of the residents and qualified voters of the Town of Poetry, Texas.

Section 3. In accordance with the canvass and tabulation of the results of the General Election of May 6, 2023, the duly elected Mayor and Members of the Town Council, and the corresponding terms of office, subject to the taking of the oaths of office and filings as required by State Law, are as follows:

OFFICE	TERM	NAME
Mayor	Two (2) Years	Tara Senkevech
Councilmember	Two (2) Years	Mike Jaffe
Councilmember	Two (2) Years	Terry Fowler
Councilmember	Two (2) Years	Tom Anderson
Councilmember	Two (2) Years	Simeon White
Councilmember	Two (2) Years	Jonathan Blake

Section 4. The Town Secretary and/or Mayor, as provided by law, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver Certificates of Election to the successful candidates as specified in Section 3 hereof. This Canvass and Declaration of Results of said election is hereby ordered to be entered in the minutes of the Town Council and that said officers, after being qualified and having taken the oath, shall serve during the term commencing May 2023 and thereafter until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its date of passage in accordance with the law, and it is so resolved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Poetry, Texas this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Town Attorney