

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF KAUFMAN AND HUNT
TOWN OF POETRY, TEXAS**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS DAY OF THE 10th of May 2022 at 6:30 pm, the Town Council of Poetry, Texas, held a Special Town council meeting and workshop at 11214 FM 1565 Poetry, Texas, 75160 with the following present:

Mayor Tara Senkevech
Councilmember Tom Anderson
Councilmember Mike Jaffe

Councilmember Simeon White
Councilmember Terry Fowler
Councilmember Brian Vinson

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Evie Anderson, interim clerk, confirmed quorum. All council members were present.

Councilmember White led the pledge and invocation.

Items of Community Interest: A Lending Library now for Poetry, donated by Jennifer McFarlane. Marissa Frankum cleaned and organized the small library. Theresa Scholander is out longer than expected—expected back in August.

Special Agenda:

- 1) Interview, discuss, and consider applicant Liz Patterson for the position of Deputy Town Secretary.**

Councilmember Anderson asked if there were any conflicts. She stated that she grew up here and has recently moved back. **Liz Patterson** said she is excited to get involved.

Councilmember Vinson asked what the toughest challenge would be?

Liz Patterson answered just learning the aspects of the job. The job I have is very clerical. Figuring out what the position is and filling those needs efficiently.

Councilmember White asked if she had ever been ethically challenged in a job situation.

Liz Patterson stated that in the industry, she says she has ethical questions all the time. Often in a divorce situation, she has to be careful what can be disclosed and what cannot be. There are gray areas, but even though there might be a loss of a business transaction or a relationship, if it is felt that they are not being honest, I have backed out of the deal. She feels confident in her typing abilities.

Citizen Ken'z Salisbury suggested that she seemed wonderful and that we make Liz Patterson the primary Secretary because of all the training.

- 2) **The Council went to close to Executive Session at 6:48 pm to consider the Deputy Secretarial Candidate and returned to Regular meeting.**

Meeting reconvened at 7:08 pm. Brian Vinson motioned; Councilmember Anderson seconded. Passed 3:2.

- 3) **Discuss and consider the estimate provided by Kaufman County for Project Sheet K-02 for roads CR 323, CR 247 and CR 249 in the amount of \$3,557.00 or other possible solutions.**

Citizen Chad West asked what the plan to do something more than potholes repair a “tar and chip the roads”? Where is the long-term plan for those?

Mayor Senkevech stated that the Sales & Use tax monies go 100% for roads and that is in the hands of the Comptroller right now. Once those monies kick in, we can do more extensive road work.

Councilmember Fowler asked how the road work is prioritized?

Mayor Senkevech stated primarily on the online roads’ reports, but also emails and phone calls and then driving them.

Councilmember Anderson asked for the cost for labor to be itemized (as according to the ILA) in each project sheet in the future.

Mayor Senkevech stated we do have \$300 left in escrow from the previous limb projects.

Citizen Kevin Senkevech stated we pulled together volunteer monies and patched about 6000 holes. The group actually still wants to continue because it builds camaraderie. We would like to ask the council if we could at some point approach the council to pay for the material if we provide the labor.

Mayor Senkevech stated that would be advantageous for Kaufman County roads, but Cr 249 is dangerous even for the professional crews.

Councilmember Anderson made motion to accept the Estimate K-02, **Councilmember Jaffe** seconded. Passed 5:0.

- 4) **Discuss and consider the estimate provided by Hunt county for Project Sheet H-02 for roads CR 2446, CR 2458, CR 2450, CR 2434 for \$1,320.00.**

Citizen Shelly Smith asked what the value of labor for the crews is?

The citizens want to know where their county taxes go.

Mayor Senkevech answered. “I do not know”. We will know more once we get a report of how much time they used. That is a good question but getting the answers from the county could take the secretary or herself asking often.

Councilmember White made a motion to approve; Councilmember Jaffe seconded. 5:0.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

