

## **Poetry Town Hall has a new home!**

- \***Leland Barnett** of LBJ Diversified, LLC. for taking the concrete ramp away.
- \***Clint Yates** donated lumber to shore up the attic and roof prior to the move.
- \***Wes Yates** disconnected plumbing.
- \***Poetry Water Supply, Inc.** donated use of water meter for the new Town Hall location.
- \***Councilmembers Anderson & Vinson** spent days overseeing the move.



*Northcutt Moving Service did a great job moving the renovated 60-year-old building!*



The 1100 sq ft building was put on 45 concrete piers and leveled. It is on 1.14 acres donated and now owned free and clear by the Town of Poetry.

**The front door will host the Town Agenda and packet each month.**

**The Town Hall will be for:**  
\*Keeping municipal records  
\*Open to public for Information requests.

\*Working offices for

secretary and mayor \*Hosting smaller meetings; can accommodate 41 persons. \* Meeting place for committees.

quotes needed:

- \*Carpentry work for finish out. \*Steps and possible \*Digging in water lines. \*tile work for bathroom.
- \* Good soil needed for lawn & possible landscaping. \* Stairs and handicapped ramp.

## **Synopsis of August 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Town Council Meeting:**

- **Approved** Minutes for May 17<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup> minutes.
  - **Approved** Warranty Deed amended to reflect newest survey to show 1.14 acres owned free and clear by the Town of Poetry.
  - **Entered Executive Session** with legal counsel to discuss the definition of resident for voting purposes; solid waste vendors in arrears with payment; incorporation research and function of the P & Z Committee.
  - **Voted** to allow town legal firm up to 5 hours to investigate the incorporation election to answer questions by certain citizens.
  - **Approved** payment of Invoice to pay for Hunt County Election invoice for the 2021 November election received in May.
  - **Decided to have OPEN hours for the Town Hall at the 19012 FM 986 each Wednesday, 12 pm-4 pm to be open to the public.**
  - **Discussed septic needs.** Mayor read letter from Campground Cemetery Inc. stating that we are welcome to remove the septic tank as long as the hole is filled.
  - **Discussed** potential utility needs for the new town hall site
  - **Voted** to continue Tom Anderson as Mayor Pro-Tem; term ending June 2023.
  - **Discussed** a proposed Town Budget for the 2022-2023 year.
  - **Voted** to allow CM Vinson and CM Fowler to work on a Town Council Code of Ethics.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:18 pm**



**DO YOU HAVE AUDIO EQUIPMENT SKILLS?**  
 We are looking for a volunteer to help at the Town meetings. Can train. If you would like to train to assist, please email to [contact@poetrytexas.org](mailto:contact@poetrytexas.org)

City Secretary Theresa Scholander began mid-August. She is a licensed Notary Public, experienced office manager, finance, and accounting manager with a board of Directors. She will be available each Wednesday 12-4 pm for the public starting Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. She will be working a total of 14 hours per week for the town at a temporary office located at 19012 FM 986 Poetry, TX until the Town Hall is ready for occupancy.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**



**September 20th– Town Council and Public Hearing on Annual Budget Meeting 6:30pm**  
 Faith Temple Baptist Church

**Hunt County Poetry Roads:**  
 Commissioner Strait’s crew

completed the Poetry Council project to repair potholes on CR 2450, CR 2452, CR 2432, CR 2460, CR 2400 and CR 2430 using new asphalt mix which is a better quality specified by the Poetry Town Council than oil-sand mixture used in the rest of Hunt County.

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

**KAUFMAN COUNTY PROPERTY TAX**

**QUESTION:** Does the new Poetry property ID affect anything on tax liability?

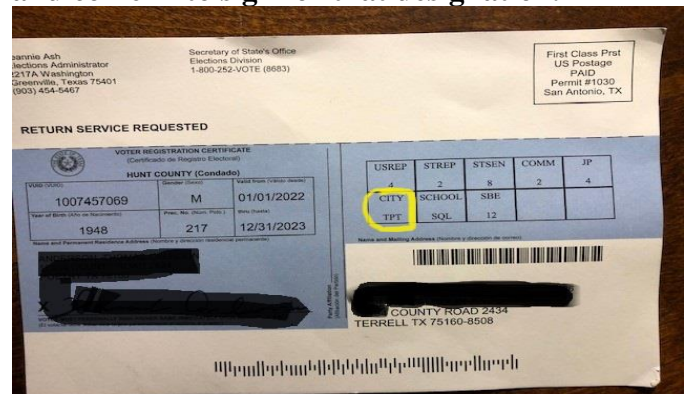
**ANSWER:** No. Deputy Appraiser Coy Johnson stated in a phone interview June 27<sup>th</sup>, that Poetry’s two property I.D.’s DO NOT change anything on your tax liability; ag or homestead exemptions.

**VOTER ALERT!**

**Kaufman County (below):** If your voter id card DOES NOT have the **CPY** designation under “city” like this card does and you think your house adjoins property in the Town of Poetry, you may exercise your right to choose to vote in the Town according to Sect. 11.001(b). You however MUST contact the Kaufman County Elections Division at (469-376-4595) as soon as possible and come in to sign for that designation.



**Hunt County (below):** If your voter id card DOES NOT have the **TPT** designation under “city” like this card does and you think your house adjoins property in the Town of Poetry, you may exercise your right to choose to vote in the Town according to Section 11.01(b). You however must contact the Hunt County Elections Division at (903-454-5467) as soon as possible and come in to sign for that designation.



If your voter id card already has the **CPY** or **TPT** designation, then you should be allowed to vote in the Town of Poetry Elections at the location posted for your precinct for each election cycle.