

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS DAY OF THE 17th of May, 2022 at 6:30 pm, the Town Council of Poetry, Texas, held a regular 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.

Elizabeth Patterson, Deputy Town Secretary, confirmed quorum. All council members were present.

Councilmember Fowler led the pledge and invocation.

g. Reports

Financial Report – April 2022

Mayor Tara Senkevech gave a recap of donations, deposits, and credits.

Map Clarifications --Mayor Tara Senkevech

New map has been uploaded with the few changes noted by Survey.

Planning and Zoning Committee Member Mike Griffin

Committee is continuing to move forward. Hope to have a rough draft to Council by June 9th, 2022.

h)Consent Agenda

1. Minutes for April 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting are not ready for approval.
2. Deputy Secretary Elizabeth Patterson employment contract verified by legal, stating that the Deputy Town Secretary would serve when Town Secretary could not. Motion made by **Councilmember Fowler** to move to regular agenda, seconded by **Councilmember Jaffe**.
3. Ordinance approving no thru truck routes within the Town. Motion made by **Councilmember Jaffe** to move to regular agenda, seconded by **Councilmember Fowler**.

i) Regular Agenda

a) Employment Contract of Deputy Town Secretary

Clarification made by **Councilmember Fowler and Councilmember Jaffe** that processes are followed, ie: creation of position, then filling of position. **Councilmember Vinson** makes motion to create Deputy Town Secretary position, seconded by **Councilmember Fowler**. Passes 5:0

Motion made by **Councilmember Fowler** to accept Deputy Town Secretary Employment Contract, seconded by **Councilmember Vinson**. Passes 5:0

b) Ordinance approving no thru truck routes within the Town.

Motion made by **Councilmember Vinson** to place the word 'purchase,' ahead of direction in ordinance 2.04, seconded by **Councilmember Fowler**. Passes 5:0
Agenda item moved to first item after break, allowing citizens to sign up to speak.

1. Discuss and consider an ordinance for Right of Way permitting within the Town.

Rough draft was presented by legal. Further discussion and edits needed.

2. Discuss and consider payment of legal invoice from Town Attorney.

Councilmember Jaffe suggests moving the discussion of bills to a workshop, giving council time to look over data. **Councilmember Fowler** makes motion to pay legal bill for December, seconded by **Councilmember White**. Passes 5:0

3. Discuss and determine the definition of “resident” for the Town of Poetry.

Both citizens and council seem to be leaning to definition 3 for resident.

Councilmember Jaffe and Councilmember White will be subcommittee to write up initial definition.

Mayor Tara Senkevech calls for five minute recess.

Mayor Reconvenes.

b*) Ordinance approving no thru truck routes within the Town.

Councilmember Anderson makes motion to approve Ordinance 2022 5-01, **Councilmember White** seconds. Passes 5:0

4. Discuss TXDOT’s willingness to install Town-approved entry signs and discuss and consider placement of signs.

Discussion led to agreement of entry sign locations at TXDOT: 1565,986,3486. Sign locations also approved for CR 2458, CR2400, CR2434, and Campground Cemetery. Motion to approve by **Councilmember Anderson**, seconded by **Councilmember Fowler**.

5. Discuss and consider maps submitted by the Freese Thoroughfare Planning company, hired by Kaufman County, and consider options regarding Town approval of regional thoroughfare plan.

Legal Council Andy Messer spoke to the map presented to him for the counties. He says that if the area that is settled on by the counties is not volunteered, then it will be subject to imminent domain. Thoroughfare Committee proposed: **Mayor Tara Senkevech**, Councilmember Anderson and Councilmember Jaffe, including Citizens Alan and Rose Ingram, Laurie Giard, Sheri Vinson, Ken'z Salisbury. Motion made by **Councilmember Jaffe** to create subcommittee, seconded by **Councilmember Fowler**. Passed 5:0

6. Discuss efforts made by the Town Council thus far to protect the "Poetry way of life".

Councilmember Jaffe submitted question, wondering how the Council and the Citizens feel about the ever changing definition of Poetry. **Legal Council Andy Messer** explains large development tactics. He also explains how to combat large developers.

7. Discuss and consider the gift of the Annex building and consider quote/s for moving cost.

Mayor Tara Senkevech presented multiple quotes. **Citizen Brett Patterson**, after spending time, effort, and money on the annex building, has also volunteered to pay to move the annex building to its new address. **Councilmember Jaffe and Councilmember Fowler** would like council vote on using the building, and then a vote to consider moving of the building. Item to be discussed again after Executive Session.

8. Discuss and consider the agenda process.

Councilmember Fowler would like to discuss having agenda and all documentation 7 days before Council Meetings. **Mayor Tara Senkevech** explains the behind the scenes efforts that move a meeting legally into being. **Councilmember Fowler** asks for July to be the date to start. **Councilmember Jaffe** makes motion that all materials related to following Council Meetings be relayed to Council Members no less than 120 hours ahead of meeting for review, starting July 2022 meeting. **Councilmember Fowler** seconds. Passes 5:0

9. Mayor Tara Senkevech calls for recess of Regular Council Meeting for Executive Session at 10:33pm.

Regular Council Meeting resumed at 11:22 pm

10. Take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Councilmember Jaffe to reach out to Solid Waste Vendors concerning discrepancies of resident list.

Councilmember Jaffe requests makes motion to postpone further action on Town Hall until more information has been obtained about expectations of Campground Cemetery Board. Seconded by **Councilmember Vinson**. Passes 5:0

j) General Comments:

Citizen Chad McFarlane spoke on misinformation in Poetry Post.

Mayor Tara Senkevech adjourned meeting at 11:35 pm.