

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS DAY OF THE 13<sup>th</sup>** of February 2023 at 6:30 pm, the Town Council of Poetry, Texas, held a special town hall meeting 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

**a) Call Town Council to order**

**Mayor Senkevech** called the meeting to order at 6:30.

**b) Roll call to confirm quorum. –Jana Shelton, Town Secretary**

Jana Shelton, confirmed all Councilmembers were present.

**c) Pledge of allegiance**

**d) Invocation**

**Council Member Terry Fowler** led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**e) CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

**f) Special Agenda**

**1) Discuss and take action on hiring Theresa Sholander as Deputy Town Secretary**

**Mayor Senkevech** explained that in order to supply the Council with updated budget information the financials have to be up to date. **Mayor Senkevech** stated that Theresa Scholander had reached out to her and wanted to help. She had resigned due to health problems but could come in for a few hours a week to update the financials. Jana Shelton was not familiar with QuickBooks as she had used another software package,

Incode, in the past. Ms. Scholander could catch up the books and train Ms. Shelton.

The Council had voted on 15 hours a week and that could be shared between Ms. Shelton and Ms. Scholander.

Citizen Tracie Hibbs inquired if the position had to be posted.

**Mayor Senkevech** stated that since the Town has no current employees as Ms. Shelton is contracted, and no Personnel Manual, the posting is not necessary.

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro Tem Anderson** to appoint Ms. Scholander as Deputy Town Secretary. Seconded by Councilmember White The motion carried with a 4-0 vote. **Councilmember Fowler** voted against the motion.

**2) Discuss and take action on Order of Election for Kaufman County**

Citizen Tracie Hibbs spoke to the Council stating some election notices were posted late and one notice had the wrong address.

**Mayor Senkevech** stated that the address was corrected and notices were posted as soon as the Town Secretary was hired.

**Mayor Pro Tem Anderson** made a motion to accept the Order of Election for Kaufman County. **Councilmember White** seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimously vote of the Council.

**3) Discuss and take action on Order of Election for Hunt County**

**Mayor Pro Tem Anderson** made a motion to accept the Order of Election for Hunt County. **Council Member Vinson** seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

**4) Discuss and take action on Ordinance No. 2023-02-01 providing for establishing procedures for May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 General Election to Elect a Mayor, and five council members in Kaufman County.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Anderson** made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-02-01. **Councilmember White** seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

**5) Discuss and take action on Ordinance No. 2023-02-02 providing for establishing procedures for May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 General Election to Elect a Mayor, and five council members in Hunt County-**

**Mayor Pro Tem Anderson** made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-02-02. **Councilmember Vinson** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**6) Discuss and take action on the 2023 General Election Contract with Kaufman County.**

The exhibits were not attached to the contract. Council Member Jaffe asked the item be moved to next week with exhibits. **Councilmember Vinson** made a motion to move to next weeks' agenda. **Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson** seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

**7) Discuss and take action on the 2023 General Election Contract with Hunt County.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Anderson** made a motion to approve the contract for election with Hunt County. **Councilmember White** seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

**g) General Comments**

Citizen Chad McFarlane spoke to the Council about the meeting with Kaufman County last Friday regarding road repair. Mr. McFarlane attended the Meeting. He also told the Council that Kaufman County was out addressing a drainage issue that was mentioned in the meeting on Friday.

Citizen Shelly Smith presented the council with two ideas a few meetings ago and wanted to mention them for a future agenda. The items include an email system to notify citizens of bad weather or emergencies in the town. She also would like to see the meeting broadcast live on utube.

Citizen Patrick Smith spoke to the Council and wanted to know when the last application will be accepted for Place on the Ballot of the General Election. City Secretary Shelton stated on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Shelton's stated there will be no extension of deadline.

Mr. Smith also inquired when and where the decision was made for not answering some of the questions of citizens during citizens comments.

Mayor Senkevech stated that happened on the advice of the new attorney.

h) **Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.**

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**Mayor, Tara Senkevech**

**Attest:**

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**Jana Shelton, Town Secretary**