

Agenda
Town of Poetry
Regular Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 21st, 2023

6:30 pm

Faith Temple Baptist Church
11214 FM 1565 Poetry, 75160

- a) Call Town Council to order.
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum. –Jana Shelton, City Secretary
- c) Pledge of allegiance—
- d) Invocation. –
- e) **CITIZEN COMMENTS: Persons wishing to speak on any posted agenda item may do so when the individual item is opened for consideration by the Council. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes unless a longer period of time is allowed by law for use of a translator. Persons wishing to speak must sign up at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by emailing contact@poetrytexas.org or by signing up in person at the meeting location from 6:00-6:30 pm with name, address, and an agenda item on which there is a desire to speak. You must be signed up to speak during the meeting. Comments should be respectful with no personal attacks. To preserve the order and decorum of the meeting of the Town Council, any person who makes, profane, slanderous, or threatening remarks or who becomes disruptive during the meeting will be asked to leave the Council Chambers. (Texas Penal Code §§ 38.13, 42.05)**
- f) **Items of Community Interest:**
Pursuant to Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code, the Town Council may report on the following items: 1) expression of thanks, congratulations, or condolences; 2) information about holiday schedules; 3) recognition of individuals; 4) reminders upcoming Town Council events; 5) about community events, and 6) announcements involving an imminent threat to public health and safety.
 - *Special thanks to Sheri Vinson for typing minutes.
 - *The town is taking candidates for those who might want to voluntarily Annex into the town until March 31st 2023. Email contact@poetrytexas.org for more information.
 - *Thank you to citizens Mike Tillinghast and Kevin Senkevech for installing signs.

g) Reports:

- 1. Financial Reports—January end 2022.
- 2. Financial—Balance Sheet/Profit & Loss
- 3. Secretary’s report.
- 4. Upcoming Election Report--City Secretary, Jana Shelton

h) Consent Agenda

1. Amended Minutes for November 15th Regular Meeting 2023.
2. Minutes from December 13th, 2023, Regular meeting.
3. Minutes from January 17th, 2023, Regular meeting.
4. Minutes from January 24th, 2023, Special meeting.

i) Regular Agenda:

1. Discuss and take action on Contract Agreement with Kaufman County Election Division with Addendums.
2. Discuss and take action on the Right of Way Fee Schedule for \$_____and newspaper publishing for Right of Way Ordinance.
3. Discuss and take action to establish Financial Oversight Team consisting of two council members.
4. Discuss and take action on paying August \$5132.42, September \$5376.28 and October \$4446.34 and November invoice for \$3000 for Messer-Fort McDonald totaling \$ \$17955.04 but discounting to pay a total of \$3000 owing to direct and indirect costs of second election. See proposed letter which was vetted by our current legal council.
5. Discuss and take action for December \$0 and January \$1365.00 invoices to Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith Law firm for total of \$1365.00.
6. Discuss and take action on paying Hunt County Roads Project Sheet H-05 \$2900 covering roads CR 2434, CR 2432, CR 2430, and CR 2464.
7. Discuss phased budget regarding the new Town Hall site.
8. Discuss and take action on Rules of Procedure
9. Discuss and take action on Exit interview question sheet for Town Secretary.
10. Discuss and take action on proposal to promote Farmer/Rancher of the Year Award in our area.
11. Discuss and take action on the P & Z Subcommittee.

j) General Public Comments: Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. If a translator is needed, the speaker may be granted up to four (4) minutes. *Sign-up is required BEFORE the Meeting is called to order. Be aware that the Town Council can only respond with **factual information only. The Town Council may consider putting citizen concerns on a future agenda.***

k) Adjournment

NOTE: The Town Council reserves the right to meet in Executive Session closed to the public at any time in the course of this meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, including Sec. 551.071 (private consultation with the attorney for the Town); Sec. 551.072 (purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property); Sec. 551.074 (personnel or to hear complaints against personnel); Sec. 551.076 (deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices); and Sec. 551.087 (economic development negotiations). Any decision held on such matters will be taken or conducted in Open Session following the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Notes: Disabled persons requiring special assistance are requested to notify the Town of Poetry 24 hours in advance of the meeting by calling the mayor's office at 214-317-8128.

I certify that the above notice of the meeting was posted at 5671 CR 323 Poetry Texas on this February 18th, 2023 by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor