

Agenda
Town of Poetry
Regular Town Council Meeting

Jan. 18th, 2022

6:30 pm

Faith Temple Baptist Church
11214 FM 1565 Poetry, 75160

- a) Call Town Council to order and convene.
- b) Pledge of allegiance – Mr. Glen Strauss
- c) Invocation.
- d) Roll call to confirm quorum - City Secretary, Karoline Chapman.
- 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 about upcoming Town Council events; 5) about community events, and 6) announcements involving an imminent threat to public health and safety.

**Condolences to the family & friends of Jeannie Simpson, the original co-owner of Jumpin' Jacks and Jacks' Town & Country who passed January 5th, 2022 from cancer. She is survived by her daughter, Breanne, now 20 years old. The funeral was held Thursday, Jan. 13th with burial at Camp Ground Cemetery.*

**Campground Work Day was this past Saturday. There will not be a Campground Workday this Saturday, January 22, 2022.*
- g) **Reports:**
 - 1) **Financial Report – December 2021**
 - 2) **Road Report**

h) Consent Agenda:

1) Minutes for Dec. 21, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting

i) Regular Agenda:

- 1) Presentation and discussion of presentation by experts Steve Howie, Director/EMC for Kaufman County, Terrell Fire Chief Van Sickle, Poetry EMC Coordinator, and Richard Hill, Hunt County EMS concerning emergency management coordination within the Town of Poetry.
- 2) Discuss and consider National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) training requirements, needs and applications for the Poetry Town Council and Mayor for the four NIMS courses, IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800, as directed by Steve Howie, Director/EMC for Kaufman County, Texas.
- 3) Discuss unsafe curve on FM 1565 within the Town and consider possible solutions with TXDOT.
- 4) Discuss and consider obtaining federal grants for obtaining a storm siren for the Town.
- 5) Discuss and consider a proposed Road Maintenance Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the Town of Poetry and Kaufman County, as approved, and signed by Kaufman County Judge Hal Richards on December 14, 2021.
- 6) Discuss and consider Road Maintenance ILA Project sheet No.1, amount of initial escrow and how to determine areas of priority for forage trimming.
- 7) Discuss updates received from the Comptroller's Office concerning the implementation of the 2% Sales and Use Tax for Street Maintenance.
- 8) Discuss complaints and possible solutions to the noise, dust, possible water contamination, and drainage problems caused by the Sand Pit/Rock Crushing pit located at FM 1565.
- 9) Discuss and consider obtaining a comprehensive building inspection, prepared and documented in detail in writing, including photos and specific recommendations, signed by a qualified building inspector currently licensed in the State of Texas, of the condition, safety and upgrade requirements for public use of the annex and sanctuary structures plus connecting structures, addressing critical items including sub-structure supports, foundation supports, walls, wall structures, flooring, roofing, attic structures, electrical systems, heating, air-conditioning, sewer systems, soil, drainage, plumbing, insulation in walls and ceiling, black mold, and other critical features of the proposed Poetry Town Hall building located at 20425 FM 986, Terrell, TX, as noted in a proposed lease between Campground Community Cemetery Corporation and the Town of Poetry.

10) Discuss and consider the dumpster shortage within the Town and Solid Waste Vendor updates including revenues and accompanying service lists.

11) Discuss and consider taking action to approve a lower threshold for competitive bidding than what is required by state law.

12) Discuss progress of implementation of Council Members' Town emails.

j) General Public Comments: Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. If a translator is needed, 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

The Town Council may go into closed session at any time when permitted by Chapters 418 or 551, Texas Government Code, or Section 321.3022 of the Texas Tax Code. Before going into closed session, a quorum of the Council must be assembled in the meeting room, the meeting must be convened as an open meeting pursuant to proper notice, and the presiding officer must announce that a closed session will be held and must identify the sections of Chapter 551 or 418, Texas Government Code, or Section 321.3022 of the Texas Tax Code authorizing the closed 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 20425 FM 986 Poetry Texas on this 15th day of January by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor