

Agenda
Town of Poetry
Regular Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 17th, 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. Sheri Vinson, Volunteer Clerk
- c) Pledge of allegiance—CM Mike Jaffe
- d) Invocation. –CM Mike Jaffe
- 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 and clerking.
 - *Notice: Wednesday, January 18th is the first day and Friday February 17th, is the last day for a candidate to file an application for the May 6th Election.
 - *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.

g) Reports:

- 1. Interlocal Agreement two years with Hunt County signed and filed.
- 2. Financial Report—December end 2022.

h) Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes for November 15th Regular Council Meeting 2023.
2. Minutes for November 22nd Special Council Meeting 2023.

i) Regular Agenda:

1. Discuss and take action on Candidate, Amanda Bunch, for City Secretary vacancy.
2. Discuss Oncor regarding revenues for the Town of Poetry.
3. Discuss and take action on the TXDOT report for FM 986.
4. Discuss and take action on the Right of Way Ordinance presented.
5. Discuss and take action on the proposed Town of Poetry Voluntary Fund.
6. Discuss and take action on ordinance regarding Electioneering in the Town of Poetry.{Taken directly from Lakeview Village}.
7. Discuss and take action on approving Town of Poetry Oaths of Office for all elected officials.
8. Discuss and take action on paying Hunt County Election invoice for \$5763.58
9. Discuss and take action on paying August \$5132.42, September \$5376.28 and October \$4446.34 invoices for Messer-Fort McDonald totaling \$14955.04 but discounting the \$5764.58 from the Hunt election and \$575 from the Kaufman Election that had to be revisited for a revised total of \$8705.46.
10. Discuss and take action on construction items regarding the new Town Hall site.
11. Discuss and take action on the Comprehensive Plan and Future Use Map.
12. Discuss and consider items to promote Agriculture in our area.

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 January 14th, 2023 by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor