



POETRY POST

February 2024 Town newsletter

TRASH

Owing to numerous complaints from citizens, on November 16th, the Poetry Town Council voted to make **Blackjack Disposal the exclusive polycart and smaller dumpster provider in the town!**

After January 1, 2024, if any part of your driveway is in the town, the only approved service will be Blackjack Disposal. Vendors found in violation are subject to a \$500 per incident fine.



Texas Contractors, seen below, is the only other vendor approved at this time in Poetry for large Roll-offs.



- Sheri Vinson for typing the minutes. Mayor gave financial reports.
- CM Anderson gave health update on wife and volunteer Town clerk, Evie's Anderson.
- **Voted** to pay legal bill of \$390.00
- **Listened** to Debbie Taylor of Murrey, Paschall & Caperton P.C. present town annual audit. The town passed with no issues.
- **Voted** to approve Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, L.L.P. Engineering firm as a contracted firm for the town.
- **Approved** new welder for the ADA loop with cost to the town of \$1599.
- **Discussed** and rejected Project Sheet H-09r for culvert replacement on CR 2464. CM Jaffe and CM Fowler volunteered to assist in repairs for CR 2464. The other road was deemed to not need anything at this time so rejected Project Sheet H-10 on CR2446 for replacing 3 culverts.
- **Approved** Smith's updated petition to release from the ETJ.
- **Confirmed** that citizens' comments should be included in summary in the minutes.
- **Confirmed** window for voluntary annexation into the town for 90 days through April 2024.
- **Discussed** roles and responsibilities of Poetry town government and volunteers. Agreed an executive meeting to discuss.
- **Meeting adjourned at 9:51 pm.**



Cards hired a third party to pick up remaining polycarts. If there is a problem, please call 479-435-9070.

Synopsis of Regular Town Council Meeting Thursday, January 18th:

- **Mayor** announced that Kaufman County is hosting a Cleanup Events for all KC residents at 12051 Pct. Circle on Feb. 3rd, June 10th, and Oct, 5th. [See Kaufman County website for more information].
- She thanked David Burke for donating carpentry labor for various items at Town Hall and thanked

LEGAL NOTE: A TYPE A General Law Town such as the Town of Poetry with no utilities **never has had the ability to forcibly annex** properties. Only Home Rule cities (like Terrell) and those with utilities had that capability. HB 347 greatly reduced the ability of **any** city from forcibly annexing.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, February 15th, Executive Meeting (closed) at 6 pm and Regular Meeting at Town Hall at 7pm. Sign up to speak at 6:45 pm or online. Town Hall is located at 5671 CR 323 Poetry, TX 75160. See Poetrytexas.org for more information.



(above) A Lender's Library and a Giving Box of food for those in need are available at Town Hall 7 days per week.



Mike Durrett, an accomplished welder from Wills Point completes the required ADA loop railing at Town Hall.

The curve on FM 1565 is rated at **40 mph**. Too high rate of speed can cause unneeded damage to both vehicles and residences' mailboxes and gates as shown here.



Poetry is home to many critters of all types and sizes! Sometimes they escape and get lost. Neighbors assisting neighbors make for a beautiful and friendly community! Thank you, Poetry!



Abigail Bland @Season's Photography, a local artist captured these photos during January 15th snow storm and subfreezing temperatures.

WANT TO BE ABLE TO VOTE IN POETRY OR RUN FOR OFFICE? You can potentially vote or run for office if any part of your property connected with your primary domicile is in the town border. The Town of Poetry is opening a window of 90 days to Voluntarily Annex into the town from Feb 1-April 30th, 2024.

Got questions or concerns?

Town Hall phone number is 469-902-7001.

Email mayor.tara@poetrytexas.org or secretary@poetrytexas.org.

