

Oncor comes through for Poetry!

Cindy Tayem, Oncor Area Manager, has been working since January on transferring franchise fees to the Town of Poetry. Oncor owns the lines in much of south Poetry, therefore they charge a “Pass-through” fee to the electric companies which use those lines, i.e. Reliant, TXU, or others. To no cost to residents, Oncor, paid a franchise fee to the Town for services from end of November to end of May. Below, Cindy delivered the Town’s first check to Mayor Senkevech which allowed the town to open its checking account.



Above: Cindy Tayem gives first ever check to Mayor Tara Senkevech

At a Workshop Meeting held Tuesday September 7th, the Town Council under guidance by the Town Attorney, discussed numerous topics in an informal manner. The video/audio is available at poetrytexas.org

The Tuesday, September 21st

Regular Town Hall Meeting included:

*The Town Council approved Decorum and Rules of Procedures largely taken from the Town of Tullia, Texas Decorum and Rules of Procedures Policy. This includes the following statements:

“Members of the audience may not engage in disorderly conduct, including the utterance of loud, threatening, or abusive language, clapping, whistling, and stamping of feet or other acts,

which disturb, disrupt, impeded or otherwise render the orderly conduct making the meeting impractical. A member of the audience engaging in any such conduct may, at the discretion of the Mayor/Presiding Officer or a majority of the Town Council, be subject to ejection from that meeting.”

“Councilmembers should be independent, impartial, and responsible to the citizens, and public office shall not be used for personal gain. The conduct of each member in both their official and private affairs should be above reproach. Councilmembers must represent unconflicted loyalty to the interest of the citizens of the entire Town. This accountability supersedes any conflicting loyalty, advocacy or special interest group, or any individual, or membership of (or affiliation with) any company or other private or public organization.”

*The Town Council interviewed candidate Karoline Chapman and approved her as a part time paid secretary pending bondability and an approved contract to be prepared by legal counsel.

*The Town Council approved the FEC franchise agreement with the Town. Quarterly payments to the town should begin September 30th.

*The Council approved paying the bills due for the Nov. 2nd Election cost, Terrell Tribune and Annual Insurance which covers volunteers, council, and any staff for one year.

*The council voted to allow three signatories on the checks for the town: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, and Council member White. Two signatures are required on all checks. No single purchase over \$500 can be made without council vote. An accounting of all expenditures and income will be added to the Regular Town Meeting Agenda which will also be posted online for accountability and transparency.

*A preliminary Interlocal Agreement with Kaufman County was approved **pending Kaufman County approval with signature by Kaufman County Judge Hal Richards**. It provides for all Kaufman County Poetry roads, right of ways, brush, trees, etc. to be taken care of by Kaufman county with Kaufman County providing labor and equipment and Poetry paying for or providing road material cost and fuel.

*An ordinance for Solid Waste Services (trash services providing for non-exclusive with free choice was passed. The vendors must not have trucks larger than a one-axle except to pull roll-offs. They must also show proof of a TCEQ approved dumpsite. They must also show proof of liability insurance policy. The detailed contract with the vendors yet to be voted on by the Council.

PUBLIC NOTICES:



Of the 64 “provisional ballots” on May 1st, 50 of them were counted. If you are not sure about whether you are eligible to vote in the Nov. 2nd elections for Poetry, please

contact the Elections Division of the county in which you reside soon, prior to the October 18th early voting start date.

Those in Kaufman County will vote at one of the 27 Kaufman locations. Those in Hunt County will vote at one of the five Hunt County locations. See poetrytexas.org for more details.

SAFETY NOTICES: When shooting firearms, please be aware that “what goes up, must come down”. Citizens have found unwanted stray bullets in their structures. Please use wise discretion.



(above) Road Volunteers Mike Griffin, CM Terry Fowler, Kevin Senkevech, Jack Senkevech, Ken Phillips and Josh Senkevech.

Butch Lambert donated money for high quality asphalt for repairs September 9th, for CR 249, CR 2454 & CR 2326 even though he lives on 1565! Thank you guys!

Donations to the Town this month:

*A beautiful desk for the Town Hall donated by Mary Jones.

*Various copy paper products by Sheri Vinson and anonymous.

*Microphone set by Candy & Herbert Fletcher.

*Don Yost, Sr. donated funds for the RESTORE project for the Church Annex aka, The Poetry Town Hall.

*Double welded sign for the Town Hall donated by RBS metalworks.

Thank you to all!! We have some wonderfully generous folks in Poetry!



Kavla & Robert Scott holding their creative work: a metal sign donated by their company RBS metalworks Thank you!



Taking a donated hamburger lunch break during the Community Workday on September 25th!