

Poetry currently has only 4 approved solid waste vendors (TRASH). **This means that it is illegal to use any other service in the Town of Poetry.**

Vendors, out of compliance, can be fined \$500 per day. [Poetry's council voted to limit the weight of trucks, which tears up our roads, and obtain revenues from franchise fees in an effort to avoid property taxes.] The following are those approved: **AWT, CRS, Titan, and Reed Sanitation.** See poetrytexas.org/solid-waste for more information.



Mayor Senkevech and Mayor Pro Tem Anderson visited the Hunt County Emergency Operations Center, located in Commerce, and financed mostly by Texas A&M University System. They use this facility to follow all weather and emergency events as well as significant planned events.



A large semi-truck was stuck on the corner of CR 2450 for an entire day. It didn't have enough clearance on the curve. Owing to this problem and others, the council voted to make "No thru trucks over 33,000 lbs." ordinance for nine CR roads: CR 249, CR 323, CR2458, CR 2326, CR 2434, CR 2452, CR 2454, CR 2432, CR 2468. This ordinance will not include those who have a destination on these roads. [The April newsletter incorrectly stated there were 7 roads for such signs.]

Synopsis of April 19th Regular Town Council Meeting 2022:

- **Discussed** the speed complaints on FM 986. The Council voted to pursue a TXDOT study (at no cost) to see what is recommended.
- **Heard from James Atkins, TXDOT** regarding the installation of 6 Town Limit signs on TXDOT roads and what is required.
- **Listened to citizens'** complaints from the excessive noise at the Springs Events Center and heard also from Matt McNaughton, the Manager over Operations. Citizens and the manager are to have their own meeting to see what remedies can be achieved.
- **Discussed** approval of a plat for a subdivision. Until the town has an ordinance for such, it cannot approve or reject a plat.
- **Discussed** mowing service at Campground Church. CM Vinson volunteered to pay for the next two mows.
- **Discussed** an example of a permit for Right of Way (ROW) in the town of Poetry so that the town knows who is digging what lines in our area.
- **Approved** paying the annual renewal fee of \$737.00 to the Texas Municipal League (TML) which provides advocacy, legal assistance and risk insurance for the town.
- **Considered** key points and alternatives for the definition of "resident" for the Town of Poetry going forward. **Please give your input:**
 - 1) A resident is someone whose primary domicile is in the geographical boundaries of the Town of Poetry. **OR**
 - 2) A resident is someone whose driveway of their primary domicile crosses over any part of the geographical boundaries. **OR**
 - 3) A resident is someone whose primary domicile has any part of contiguous property in the town's geographical boundaries.Please submit at contact@poetrytexas.org or circle and drop off at 19012 FM 986 Poetry, TX.

- **Considered** the Emergency Management Services from Kaufman and Hunt Counties and the benefits of each.
- **General Comments:** Dale Bennett of the Campground Community Cemetery Board read a letter donating the Church Annex as a gift to the town. The Town will have to move the annex building as the land cannot be sold or gifted.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



***May 7th**-Come Support Cottage Industries under the Pavilion at **Poetry Plaza 8:30-12:30 pm at the Spring Festival.**

***May 17th – Town Council Meeting 6:30pm**
Faith Temple Baptist Church



Mesquite City Hall hosted a 3-day training for Emergency Management. Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem participated in the G-300 course dealing with Details of protocols, forms, and responsibilities in the event of a major emergency incident and a half day G-200 course for Texas Public Officials Workshop in emergency management.



COMMUNITY-WIDE
Spring Cleaning Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Below:

Forty yards of trash from roadsides, mattresses and old furniture was collected Saturday, April 23rd in Poetry!



Thanks to our Volunteers: Paula Waugh, Brady Kirby, Kellen Kirby, Councilmember Brian Vinson, Toni Matthews, and Mayor Senkevech for “manning” the dumpsters. We completely filled the dumpsters to overflowing! Poetry is much cleaner ! Thanks to all who participated and to our vendors Titan and Reed who provided dumpsters. [AWT and CRS to assist with cost.]

Want to talk with your council? The following are their direct emails: on poetrytexas.org
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secretary@poetrytexas.org Theresa Scholander has a further delay in her start date owing to a second surgery.

See a road in town which needs help? Please file a Road Report online at poetrytexas.org. This assists us to prioritize the worst roads first!

