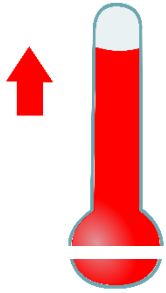


POETRY POST

August 2023 Town Newsletter



Temperatures are hot!
Extra precautions are needed to avoid heat exhaustion! Make sure animals, the elderly and children are checked on regularly. Nausea and headache are signs of dehydration. Tingling, cramping and cessation of sweating are signs of dangerous overheating.

Congratulations to Lori & Andy Bass who are the historical **first** for voluntary Annexation into the town of Poetry! They are already citizens but requested the back sliver of their property also be included in the town borders. Their property is on CR 248. The Council approved this change by Ordinance at the July 18th Council meeting.



Synopsis of July 18th Regular Meeting :

- **Reports:**

- **Financial:**

The town's revenues from Sales & Use Tax for June were \$8529.55. **Mayor Senkevech** reported on Third Quarter Budget vs. Actual. The Town is at 66.4% of total. This means the town is within (below) budget for the first 9 months of the fiscal year. Councilmember Anderson and Mayor Senkevech reported on the Town Hall construction progress and budget. The mayor stated the move-in can happen within the \$15,000 budget given. Move-in is expected to happen prior to the September 21st meeting.

- **Approved** Minutes from the June 5th and June 20th meetings.
- **Voted** to pay the town's legal bill of \$245.01 for June.
- **Discussed** making a monthly report of revenue, expenses, and balances on Sales & Use tax receipts with road fund balance. [One hundred percent of Sales & Use tax revenues must go to the road fund by law].
- **Voted in Public Hearing** to approve the Volunteer Annexation of the Lori & Andy Bass property.
- **Discussed** the Zero Zoning Ordinance presented by **Councilmember White**. Council decided to bring it back next meeting with the attorney present.
- **Discussed** the "1445 agreement" which would allow Kaufman County to approve all building requirements in the ETJ of the Poetry area. The council decided to bring it back with amendments and the attorney present for the next meeting to discuss further.
- **Mayor** discussed the applicants for city secretary coming in with Indeed.com.
- **Voted** to allow Deputy City Secretary, Theresa Scholander, to move Town hall office hours to Thursdays 1-5 pm to accommodate her therapy classes. She is also allowed to flex to add in hours up to 10 extra per week while the city secretary's job is vacant.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

****Approved solid waste vendors for the Town of Poetry are AWT, CARDS, Texas Contractor Roll-offs and Titan. Note: CRS was recently bought out by CARD Recycling June 23, 2023. See a solid waste violation? Send pictures to contact@poetrytexas.org.**

Poetry, _____
PROUD
_____ Texas

Concerned about your family's descendants selling out to just any developer? Idea: Ask for your will to have specific deed restrictions prior to selling.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHANGE: The council voted to move the August meeting to **Thursday August 10th, 2023 at 6:30 pm** at Faith Temple Baptist Church.

NOTE: The Annual Budget Public Hearing will be held Thursday, September 21st meeting.

See a road that needs repair? Please help us by filing a Road Report online at poetrytexas.org under Roads. Roads with more reports will be prioritized on repair schedules.

WANTED: GRANT-WRITERS for the Town for Federal grants. Please email mayor.tara@poetrytexas.org if interested in using your skills for this purpose.



The Town Hall of Poetry is required to have a bathroom which meets American Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. The grab bars and sink are in accordance with those regulations to accommodate those persons with disabilities. The porcelain tile installation was made possible with help of generous donations from Susan Ford, Glenn Straus, and Debra Patton.



(Above) Jacob Ross, shown here installing the ADA ramp and rails at a discounted rate to the town. Ross, a Poetry native, and a US army veteran, works in wood construction and metal welding. Mr. Ross is available for work in this area. Contact him at Ross.construction022@gmail.com or 469-986-6824.



Council member Tom Anderson (and Mayor Senkevech), shop for wood at a local store to assist in keeping costs down for the Town Hall ramp and rails.

The Town Hall building will host most future meetings as well as offices for the Mayor, Town secretary and town records as required by state law.



(Above) The ADA Ramp at Town Hall site during construction. Jacob Ross did a great job!