

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF KAUFMAN AND HUNT
CITY OF POETRY, TEXAS**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS DAY OF THE 19th of October 2023 at 6:30 pm, the City Council of Poetry, Texas, held a Workshop, and Regular Town Council Meeting at 11214 Fm 1565 Poetry, TX 75160, Faith Temple Baptist Church with the following present:

Mayor Tara Senkevech
Councilmember Tom Anderson
Councilmember Mike Jaffe

Councilmember Simeon White
Councilmember Terry Fowler
Councilmember Jonathan Blake

Mayor Senkevech called the meeting to order at 6:30

Evie Anderson, Clerk confirmed quorum.
All council members were present.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Councilmember Fowler led the pledge and invocation.

f: Mayor Tara Senkevech gives items of community interest;

- * Thanks to Terry Fowler for getting our Town hall Fire Extinguisher re-certified.
- * Thanks to Kevin Senkevech for spending 9 hours getting the Fire Exit plan drawn up.
- * Thanks to Josh Senkevech for spending 12 hours setting up all the electronics at the Town Hall.
- * Thanks to Sheri Vinson for typing the minutes.
- * The Town hall now has a phone number. It is #469-902-7001. Town Hall is only open to the public Thursdays 1- 5 pm

g) Workshop Agenda

- 1) Listen to four 20-minute presentations by Solid Waste Vendors.[Order chosen randomly]. Three vendors gave presentations: Cards, Blackjack and Titan.
- 2) Council asked questions of vendors after each presentation.

h) Reports

1. Financial—

a) September end 2023

b) Sales & Use Tax Receipts

2. Budget Report –clarification

3. TML Report

4. Town Hall—Occupancy report and Fire Exit Plan

I) Consent Agenda:

1. **Minutes from September 21st. 2023 Meeting.** Motion to accept by **Councilmember Jaffe**, seconded by **Councilmember Blake. Passes 5:0**
2. **Pay August legal bill of \$1487.39.** Motion to approve **Councilmember Fowler**, seconded by **Councilmember White. Passes 5:0**

J) Regular Agenda:

1) Discuss and take action on Solid Waste Vendor Ordinance. Council discusses letters from the town and from the vendors to citizens of any changes. Citizen Christina Wallace is disgruntled with Cards. Citizen Tracie Hibbs asks what constitutes commercial trash, and private roads franchise fees. **Councilmember Jaffe** recommends taking more time to make decisions. **Councilmember Jaffe** makes motion to change wording in proposed Ordinance to be for all trash pick-up, and to have Legal modify the franchise agreement, seconded by **Councilmember White. Passes 5:0**

2) Discuss and take action on definition of voter in Poetry in light of SB2038. Attorney Berman explains Senate Bill 2038. Citizen Dale Bryant gives his interpretation of the bill. Citizen Patrick Smith clarifies that his voter id is on his petition. Attorney Berman clarifies a few points.

3) Discuss and take action on definition of candidates for office in the Town in light of SB2038. Attorney Berman clarifies that candidates must be voters in the Town. Mayoral candidates must have been a citizen for 12 months.

4) Discuss and take action on the Smith Petition. Council discusses with legal. Citizen Dale Bryant discusses surveys. Citizen Patrick Smith discusses metes and bounds. Motion to deny petition based on inadequate parcel description which includes land within the town made by **Councilmember Anderson**, seconded by **Councilmember White. Passes 3:2**

5) Discuss and take action on the Hibbs Petition. Citizen Tracie Hibbs says that petitions are not an item to be voted on. Citizen Patrick Smith feels the town needs to be legally surveyed. Motion made by **Councilmember White** to disapprove petition based on inadequate parcel description which includes land within the town, seconded by **Councilmember Blake. Passes 3:2**

6) Discuss and take action to approve items at Town Hall: Dead tree removal \$550, dirt & spreading \$800, roofing quote \$4736.45, ADA railing \$1000, Foam spray \$3500, and skirting \$3797. Citizen Tracie Hibbs asks for total so far on Town Hall, and the value of the Town Hall. Citizen Dale Bryant questions ADA compliance, and Town Hall inspection.

Councilmember Fowler makes motion to pay for dirt. Seconded by **Councilmember Blake**. **Passes 5:0** **Councilmember Fowler** makes motion to approve roofing quote, seconded by **Councilmember Blake**. **Passes 5:0** **Councilmember Fowler** makes motion to approve skirting up to \$4000, seconded by **Councilmember Blake**. **Passes 5:0**

7) Discuss and take action on the Community Fall Cleanup for November 11, 2023. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to approve, seconded by **Councilmember Jaffe**. **Passes 5:0**

8) Discuss and take action to update the Rules of Procedure & Decorum Resolution as shown. The council discusses various changes. Citizen Tracie Hibbs asks for clarification on volunteer hours, and about the 72 hours notification to the public. Citizen Patrick Smith asks about certain changes. Citizen Haley Dennis says that there should not be a volunteer book. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to accept changes discusses, seconded by **Councilmember Blake**. **Passes 4:1**

m) **General Public Comments**

Citizen Tracie Hibbs voices appreciation for Council, then tells Council that they are not relevant. Citizen Shelley Smith accuses Mayor of not replying to emails. Citizen Glenn Strauss expresses his admiration for the Council.

Mayor Senkevech adjourns the meeting at 10:33 pm.

Minutes typed by Sheri Vinson.