

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



Local Gold Star moms, Mrs. Emard, and Mrs. Davidson were honored with a flag at the Monday, May 30th Memorial Day Service held at the Kaufman County Veterans Memorial Park.

We remember our Local Heroes who gave it all:

Army Sgt. Gerard ‘Chito’ Moreno
Army Staff Sgt. Sean Brady Berry
Army Spc. Jonathan David, ‘JD’ Emard
Army Staff Sgt. Shawn Henry McNabb
Army Spc. Joseph ‘Joe’ Michael Lewis



Lender Library- Borrow one, leave one--donated by Jennifer McFarlane and reorganized by Marissa Frankum is NOW available at Poetry Plaza. A recent donation of ‘Unstoppable’ written by local Pastor Kelly, was added!

Synopsis of Special Meeting May 10th:

- **Council Voted** in Deputy Secretary, Elizabeth Patterson as Theresa Scholander will be out until August owing to surgeries.

- **Council voted** to approve Hunt County and Kaufman County new asphalt pot hole repair on roads.

[Update: The dangerous bridge out on CR 2316, has taken priority over the needed repairs on Poetry roads according to Hunt County Commissioner Strait.]

Synopsis of May 17th Regular Town Council Meeting:

- **Approved** Ordinance and payment for signs Which say ‘No Thru trucks over 33,000 GVWR’ on 9 CR roads in the Town. (This is not for destinations on those roads, but only for those who use them as a short-cut.) Law enforcement has stated this is a first step to countering heavy trucks on our roads.

- **Considered** an ordinance for Right of Way permitting within the Town.

- **Approved payment** for our first invoice from Poetry’s Law Firm, Messer-Fort-McDonald.

- **Considered three definitions for ‘resident’** and decided to further consider with legal definitions next meeting.

- **Approved seven locations** for entry signs in Town: 1565, 986, 3486, 2458, 2434, 2400, and at Campground. Actual design and installment will be decided later.

- **Voted on a Committee to review proposed thoroughfare plans in our area.** CM Anderson, CM Jaffe, citizens Rose & Alan Ingram, Sherri Vinson, Lauri Rasmussen, Kenz Salisbury and Mayor Senkevech formed that committee.

- **Discussed** efforts made to protect the “Poetry way of Life”. Attorney Andy Messer, expert on cities, gave the council tools for consideration.
- **Discussed** the quotes for moving cost for the Annex building; \$3500 and \$7500. Citizen Brett Patterson offered to pay the cost of moving.
- **Voted** to have Agenda to Councilmembers 120 hours prior to the Meetings instead of the state-mandated 72 hours.
- **Entered Closed session:** Regarding real property for the new permanent location of Town Hall and Breach of Contract by two solid waste vendors.
See video of meeting online [@poetrytexas.org](https://www.poetrytexas.org) for more details!



UPCOMING EVENTS:
June 21st– Town Council Meeting 6:30pm
 Faith Temple Baptist Church



Bob Neely of TXDOT, awaits tree-removal crew after storm on May 5th resulted in limb over FM 986.

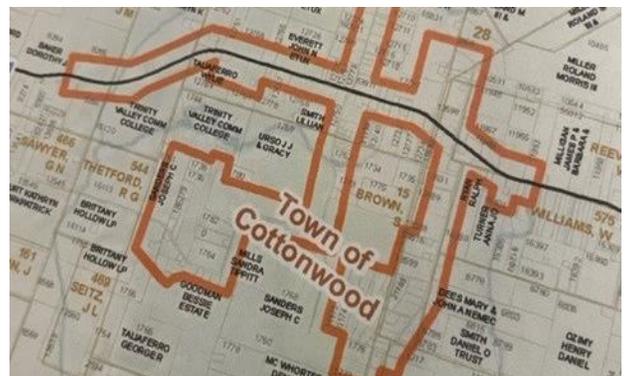
Poetry currently has only four registered solid waste their direct emails: on [poetrytexas.org](https://www.poetrytexas.org)-vendors (TRASH) at this time. (Others CAN register as desired). **This means that it is illegal to use any other service in the Town of Poetry.** Vendors, out of compliance, can be fined \$500 per day. [Poetry’s council voted to limit the weight of trucks, which tear up our roads, and collect 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](https://www.poetrytexas.org/solid-waste) for more information.



Two local antique tractors refurbished by Wilke Boyd and Richard Williams, owners.

Want to talk with your council? The following are
mayor.tara@poetrytexas.org Tara Senkevech
cm.anderson@poetrytexas.org Tom Anderson
cm.fowler@poetrytexas.org Terry Fowler
cm.jaffe@poetrytexas.org Mike Jaffe
cm.vinson@poetrytexas.org Brian Vinson
cm.white@poetrytexas.org Simeon White
secretary@poetrytexas.org Liz Patterson,
 (Deputy Secretary)

See a road in town which needs help? Please file a Road Report online at [poetrytexas.org/roads](https://www.poetrytexas.org/roads). This assists us to prioritize the worst roads first!



Fun fact: The Town of Cottonwood located in southwestern Kaufman County was named for all the cottonwood trees.

This newsletter is available online and by request for mail out. Please email your address to contact@poetrytexas.org