

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



Local Gold Star moms, Mrs. Emard, and Mrs. Davidson were honored with a flag at the Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>:

- **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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> resulted in limb over FM 986.*

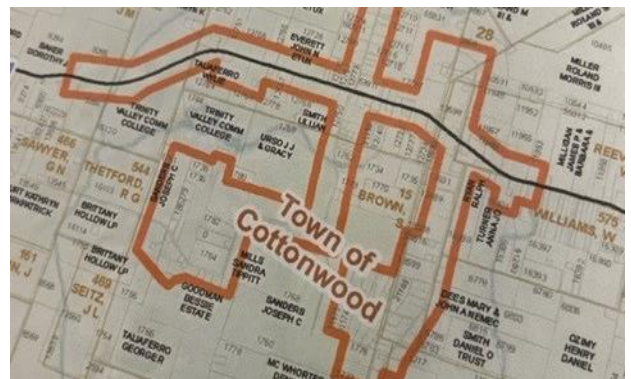
**Poetry** currently has only four registered solid waste their direct emails: on [poetrytexas.org](https://www.poetrytexas.org)-vendors (TRASH) at this time. (Others CAN register as desired). **This means that it is illegal to use any other service in the Town of Poetry.** Vendors, out of compliance, 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  
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 (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.*

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