

Agenda  
Town of Poetry  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**

April 19, 2022

6:30 pm

Faith Temple Baptist Church  
11214 FM 1565 Poetry, 75160

- a) Call Town Council to order.
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum.--Evie Anderson, substitute secretary
- c) Pledge of allegiance. –Pastor Michael Moonoo
- d) Invocation.
- e) **CITIZEN COMMENTS: Persons wishing to speak on any posted agenda item may do so when the individual item is opened for consideration by the Council. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes unless a longer period of time is allowed by law for use of a translator. Persons wishing to speak must sign up at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by emailing [contact@poetrytexas.org](mailto:contact@poetrytexas.org) or by signing up in person at the meeting location from 6:00-6:30 pm with name, address, and an agenda item on which there is a desire to speak. You must be signed up to speak during the meeting. Comments should be respectful with no personal attacks. To preserve the order and decorum of the meeting of the Town Council, any person who makes, profane, slanderous, or threatening remarks or who becomes disruptive during the meeting will be asked to leave the Council Chambers. (Texas Penal Code §§ 38.13, 42.05)**
- f) **Items of Community Interest:**

*Pursuant to Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code, the Town Council may report on the following items: 1) expression of thanks, congratulations, or condolences; 2) information about holiday schedules; 3) recognition of individuals; 4) reminders upcoming Town Council events; 5) about community events, and 6) announcements involving an imminent threat to public health and safety.*

  - 1) **Town Attorney-** Emily Bowlin is temporarily out.
  - 2) **Town Secretary**—Theresa Scholander is out longer than expected.
  - 3) **Community Event-** This Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> The Town sponsored Cleanup 7 am-7pm Dumpsters at the Campground Church parking lot. We have it manned. Show water bill or utility bill or identification for address in the area.
  - 4) **Community Event-** Spring Festival at Poetry Plaza May 8<sup>th</sup> Petting Zoo & free hay rides. New cottage businesses can sign up for FREE Farmer’s Market under the Pavilion. Ryder Grimes, Poetry musician, to perform.

**g) Receive Reports and discuss the following:**

- 1) Financial Report – March 2022
- 2) Map Clarifications --Dorothy Dillon, GIS
- 3) Planning & Zoning Report—Katherine Hardwicke, Chairwoman
- 4) Emergency Management Training Report—Tom Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem
- 5) Solid Vendors Report--

**h) Consent Agenda:**

*Items listed on the **consent** agenda allow the Council to approve all items together without discussion or individual motions.*

- 1) Minutes for the March 15, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting.

**i) \*\*Regular Agenda:**

1. Discuss the complaints from citizens regarding the speed on Hwy. 986 and possible solutions.
2. Discuss and consider action on installing Town limit signs to points of entry for the Town of Poetry. Guest expert: James Atkins, TXDOT
3. Discuss and consider possible solutions to the noise complaints at the Springs Event Center located in the Town of Poetry.
4. Discuss and consider having Mr. Gus Timmons, Poetry citizen, continue to provide lawn service approximately every other week this mowing season at a rate of \$60. [Last year was 11 mows.]
5. Consider and take action to authorize the mayor to sign a county approved plat for Stephen L. Hilborn and wife Property on FM 1565 and CR 253, 29-acre plat in the E. Turner Survey , abstract 529 of Kaufman County, subdivided into 5 lots: 5.22 acres, 16.3 acres, 2.26 acres, 2.027 acres, and 2.057 acres primarily for family units. Lot 1 (5.22 acres) to be sold to non-family member.
6. Discuss and consider permitting requirement for working in Town's right-of-way with example provided by Bruce Seat.
7. Discuss and Consider renewing annual membership to Texas Municipal League (TML) invoiced at \$737.00 for year June 1<sup>st</sup> , 2022 to May 31, 2023 to come from Professional fees in current budget.
8. Discuss and consider the definition of "resident" for the Town of Poetry going forward.
9. Discuss the Emergency Management Protocols for Hunt and Kaufman county and the benefits of each county's program.

- j) **General Public Comments:** Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. If a translator is needed, the speaker may be granted up to four (4) minutes. **Sign-up is required BEFORE the Meeting is called to order.** Be aware that the Town Council can only respond with **factual information only**. The Town Council may consider putting citizen concerns on a future agenda.

k) **Adjournment**

\*\*The Town Council reserves the right to recess into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters posted on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, "Consultation with Attorney" for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

**Note: Disabled persons requiring special assistance are requested to notify the Town of Poetry 24 hours in advance of the meeting by calling the Mayor's office at 214-317-8128.**

**I certify that the above notice of the meeting was posted at 20425 FM 986 Poetry, Texas on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022, by 6:30 pm and online at [poetrytexas.org](http://poetrytexas.org).**

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**Tara Senkevech, Mayor**