



# POETRY POST

April 2024 Town newsletter

## This Month!



### COMMUNITY-WIDE *Spring Cleaning Day*

FRIDAY, APRIL 19  
12 PM TO 6 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 20  
7 AM TO 7 PM

5671 CR 323 POETRY, TX 75160

*We invite our Poetry friends & family to help us preserve the beautiful place we all call home.*

Volunteers are encouraged to adopt a half mile of Poetry Road (CR 249/CR 2458) and help clean by:

- PICKING UP TRASH
- REMOVING MATTRESSES/FURNITURE
- TABLETOP APPLIANCES
- BAGGING TRASH FROM CLEANING ROADWAYS

This does **not** include:

- BARBED WIRE/STUMPS
- BRICKS/ROCKS/CONCRETE/CONSTRUCTION ITEMS
- BOATS/TRAVEL TRAILERS
- DEAD ANIMALS
- TIRES/BATTERIES/MOTOR OILS/RAILROAD TIES
- PAINTS & LACQUERS/INKS & RESINS/ASBESTOS
- INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS
- LARGE APPLIANCES/INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS

Suggested Supplies to Bring:  
tools, trash bags, gloves, long-sleeved shirt, etc.

*Once collected, trash & debris can be dropped off at the Town Hall Dumpster with Proof of ID or your Poetry Water Bill.*

*Orange safety vests will be available for use to check out at Town Hall for the day.*

*Special thanks to Blackjack, & Texas Contractor Roll-Offs for providing dumpsters for the town!*

Grab a trash bag and help us clean up the roadways in Poetry!

Our town has zero property taxes and thus depends on volunteers to help us keep Poetry beautiful! Make it a family event and teach caring for the community in the process!

Thank you for reminding folks not to litter.



The zoning map is mostly green representing Agrarian. Yellow represents business/non-profit, pink represents Single Family and purple Single-Family Estates.

## Synopsis of Public Hearing Meeting Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> held at Faith Temple:

- **The Mayor** thanked the volunteer road crew team from Feb 22 (featured last month.) She also thanked the team from March 13th (picture next page) Road team; and the
- culvert repair team for work on March 1<sup>st</sup>: Mike Broshous, CM Terry Fowler and CM Mike Jaffe. Chad Dalida donated rock.
- Mayor explained that the TCEQ hearing was scheduled on the same night as the Public Hearing for the town zoning and was unfortunately an unavoidable conflict.
- Mayor gave the February end financial report, Sales & Use tax report and an update on the Solid Waste/Trash transition report.
- The town's attorney, **David Berman**, gave a report on Annexations. He explained that Type A General Law towns such as Poetry have never had the ability to forcibly annex. He explained that property outside the town in the ETJ or not, they are under either Kaufman or Hunt County subdivision ordinances.
- Secretary Hamilton read the secretary's report.

**Public Hearing:** Thirty people signed up to speak regarding the Proposed Comprehensive Map/Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Over one hundred persons were in attendance. The Zoning plan was adopted with edits in a 3-2 vote, with the mayor serving as tie-breaker. The meeting adjourned at 11:06 pm. INA

## Synopsis of Special Meeting, Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 held at Town Hall:

### Consent agenda items:

- **Approved** minutes for Jan and Feb meetings
- **Approved** paying legal bill of \$682.50
- **Approved** TML insurance renewal of \$812
- **Approved** QuickBooks renewal of \$649.

### Regular Agenda:

- **Approved** allocating \$3000 for materials cost for the volunteer roads team to take care of any Kaufman County roads in Poetry.
- **Discussed** the citizens' request for changing road names and survey for such.



- **Discussed** needing warranty contract information and recommendation from engineer before purchasing Street Dynamics Solar-powered device for collecting data for potential grant applications.
- **Approved** the Professional Services Agreement with Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, L.L.P. as Poetry's town engineer.
- **Approved** David Potts petition for release from ETJ.
- **Approved** Ryan Scott petition for release from ETJ.
- **Approved** Darrel Scott petition for release from the ETJ.
- **Discussed** modifying fees for petitions to release from ETJ.
- **Voted** to move the May Town Council meeting from May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- **Voted** to open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Poetry Agricultural Scholarship application season beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 with donations from citizens. Presentation is in June. Donors are invited to participate. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting at Poetry Town Hall 5671 CR 323 Poetry, TX 75160.**

**Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> Spring Cleaning Day along roadsides. 12 noon-6 pm**

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Spring Cleaning Day. 7 am-7 pm Dumpsters at Town Hall.**

[See poetrytexas.org for more information.](http://poetrytexas.org)



**Mike Broshous, Terry Fowler and Mike Jaffe repair a culvert March 1<sup>st</sup> on CR 2426. Chad Dalida donated rock rubble. Our volunteers make a difference!**



*The Volunteer Road Crew of Poetry worked March 13<sup>th</sup> on CR 249. The town approved material costs and volunteers prepared, spread, and rolled it: Leland Barnett, Yasmin Barnett, two employees of LBJ Enterprises, Herbert Fletcher, Ken Phillips, Kevin Senkevech, and Brian Vinson. Trailers were donated for use by Mike Jaffe and Ken Phillips.*



*Hunt County Road crew worked on six roads in Hunt County portion of Poetry March 15<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>.*

**WANT TO BE ABLE TO VOTE IN POETRY OR RUN FOR OFFICE?** You can potentially vote or run for office if any part of your property connected with your primary domicile is in the town border. **The Town of Poetry is opening a window of 90 days to Voluntarily Annex into the town from Feb 1-April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**



**Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>,** a total eclipse is passing right over our area! You must use safety glasses to view it without suffering eye damage. Traffic is expected to be heavy during the days before and after owing to visitors from all over the nation.

**Got questions or concerns?**  
Town Hall phone number is 469-902-7001.  
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[secretary@poetrytexas.org](mailto:secretary@poetrytexas.org).