

Agenda
Town of Poetry
Workshop and Town Council Meeting

Thursday, November 11th, 2021

6:30 pm

Faith Temple Baptist Church

11214 FM 1565 Poetry, 75160

- a) Call Workshop Meeting of the Town Council to order and convene into Workshop. Confirm Quorum.
- b) Pledge of allegiance -led by Pastor JB Bryant, PUMC
- c) Invocation-led by Pastor JB Bryant, PUMC
- d) **This is a Workshop Meeting of the Town Council only. No Town Council action will be taken at this Workshop Meeting. Discussion will be limited to members of the Town Council only. At such time an item is placed on the Town Council agenda, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.**

- e) **Workshop Agenda:**
 - 1) Discuss potential bonding insurance for each Town signatory.
 - 2) Discuss meeting dates; Regular, Special and Emergency.
 - 3) Discuss Public and council notifications.
 - 4) Discuss staggering terms for Councilmembers, volunteers to step down, drawing lots and/or putting a measure on ballot to extend terms.
 - 5) Discuss the Town's first Christmas tree lighting.

Special Town Council Meeting

- a) Roll call to confirm quorum - by City Secretary, Karoline Chapman

- b) **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 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 about upcoming Town Council events; 5) about community events, and 6) announcements involving an imminent threat to public health and safety.

**Veterans Day—Honoring Gold Star Parents, David & Debbie Emard and Judge David & Anne McNabb from our area. We choose to remember the sacrifice..*

**Regular Town Council next Tuesday Nov. 16th*

Reports:

- 1) **Planning & Zoning Committee--Katherine Hartwick, Chairwoman**
- 2) **Road Report-- Kevin Senkevech**
- 3) **Campground Community Cemetery, Inc. Board Meeting update.**

h) **Consent Agenda:**

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

Approval of minutes from the October 19th, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting.

- 1) Discuss and consider an Ordinance of the Town Council an Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of the Town of Poetry, Texas, canvassing and declaring the results of the November 2, 2021 Special Election held for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the Town the Ballot Proposition of whether to adopt the levy of a sales and use tax for street maintenance at a rate of two percent (2%) to provide for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

- 2) Discuss and consider the Resolution of the Town of Poetry, Texas affirming support for and compliance with Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order GA-40; providing for the incorporation of premises, and providing an Effective Date. [This order relates to prohibiting vaccine mandates.]
 - 3) Discuss the Town Attorney attending regular meetings by video conference to minimize legal cost.
 - 4) Discuss Christmas Lights Contest, designating judges, who will also solicit for a few donated prizes and date to present awards.
- 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 may go into closed session at any time when permitted by Chapters 418 or 551, Texas Government Code, or Section 321.3022 of the Texas Tax Code. Before going into closed session, a quorum of the Council must be assembled in the meeting room, the meeting must be convened as an open meeting pursuant to proper notice, and the presiding officer must announce that a closed session will be held and must identify the sections of Chapter 551 or 418, Texas Government Code, or Section 321.3022 of the Texas Tax Code authorizing the closed session.

Notes: 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 8th day of November 2021 by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor