

POETRY POST

March 2023 Town Newsletter



After a week public notification, City Secretary, Jana Shelton manages the drawing at 1 pm. Friday, February, 24th 2023. Tiddle Strickland draws for order of candidates on the May 6th elections ballots. Several candidates watch. Results of the drawing for the

official order are the following:

Mayor Race (1 to be voted in!)

- 1. Tara Senkevech
- 2. Hayley Dennis

Councilmember Race: (5 to be voted in!)

- 1. Chad West
- 2. Jonathan Blake
- 3. Mike Jaffe
- 4. Ivy Campbell
- 5. Jennifer McFarlane
- 6. Patrick Smith
- 7. Terry Fowler
- 8. Tom Anderson
- 9. Simeon White

Town of Poetry VOTE IS MAY 6TH!





After months of waiting for volunteers, Mike Tillinghast and Kevin Senkevech step forward to install Municipal signs! Volunteerism means lower cost to the town.

Essay about your favorite
Farmer/Rancher or Agricultural
Enthusiast! In an effort to encourage and highlight the talent among us, the Poetry Town Council would like to publish top essays quarterly in the Poetry Post! Please send any essays to contact@poetrytexas.org

Synopsis of February 13th Special Meeting.

- Voted in Theresa Scholander as Deputy City Secretary to share up to 5 hours per week with the City Secretary, Jana Shelton. Theresa's focus will be on accounting and bookkeeping.
- <u>Voted</u> for the Order of Election for Kaufman County.
- Voted for Order of Election for Hunt County.
- Voted for Ordinance 2023-2-01 and Ordinance 2023-02-01 establishing procedures for the May 6th Elections in both Hunt and Kaufman Counties to elect a Mayor and councilmembers.
- <u>Moved</u> the Kaufman Election Contract until next meeting.
- <u>Voted</u> to accept the Hunt County election contract. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Synopsis of February 21st Regular Meeting.

- <u>Voted</u> to accept Election Contract with Kaufman County with addendums.
- <u>Approved</u> CM Tom Anderson as primary and Simeon White as secondary financial oversight for financial reports.
- <u>Approved</u> final letter to MFM, former Poetry attorney firm with check for \$3000.
- <u>Voted</u> to pay current law firm \$1365 for December and January invoices.

- Approved Road Project Sheet \$2900 for Hunt County covering repair for roads CR 2434, CR 2432, CR 2430, CR 2464.
- <u>Discussed</u> phased budget regarding the new Town Hall site.
- <u>Discussed</u> ideas for Rules of Procedure &
 Decorum policy; 1) limit experts to 15 minutes;
 2) move public comments to front of meeting
 for all items 3) Cut off meeting time to 9:30
 pm. No action was taken.
- <u>Approved</u> modified list of questions for exit interview for city secretaries.
- <u>Discussed</u> proposal to make a possible scholarship for future farmers/ranchers and highlighting farmers/ranchers and agricultural enthusiast among us by selecting top essays and printing them quarterly in the Poetry Post.
- <u>Voted</u> to dissolve the current P & Z Subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, March 21st, 2023-Poetry Town Council Meeting <u>Faith Temple Baptist Church</u> 6:30 pm.

Coming soon....Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 Meet the Candidates

Night 7 pm. at Poetry Community Christian School.



(Above) Longhorn Organics paid for painting of fence and trimming of trees and grass on the Town Hall leased property as a gift to the town.

**Keep Poetry Beautiful! Picking up litter regularly reduces the volume of litter!

**Approved solid waste vendors for the Town of Poetry are AWT, Card, CRS, and Titan.

See a road that needs repair? Please help us by filing a Road Report online at <u>poetrytexas.org</u> under Roads. Roads with more reports will be prioritized on repair schedules.





November 2022

February 2023

On February 20th, Governor Abbott made a proclamation which added **Hunt County** to the list of counties eligible for aid from the winter storms of January 29th through early February, 2023.

Got electric lines down in your area? Keep people and pets away and call 911 immediately! If you have an Oncor power outage, call 888.313.4747 or Get the My Oncor App for updates. For Farmers Electric Coop. (FEC) lines, call 903.455.1715.

Not a Poetry Resident, but want to be? As promised, the window to voluntary Annex is ongoing now through March 31, 2023. The land for the domicile must be contiguous to current Poetry town boundary. Please email to contact@poetrytexas.org to find out more information.

Website: www.poetrytexas.org The new Town Hall mailing address: Town of Poetry, 5671 CR 323, Poetry Texas, 75160



Council member Tom Anderson donated wood and time to build the steps to the back door at the Town Hall!