



POETRY POST

January 2024 Town Newsletter

NEW: TRASH CHANGES!

On November 16th, the Poetry Town Council voted to make **Blackjack Disposal** the **exclusive polycart** and **smaller dumpster provider in the town!**

After January 1, 2024, if any part of your driveway is in the town, the only approved service will be Blackjack Disposal. Vendors found in violation are subject to a \$500 per incident fine.



Town of Poetry Exclusive Trash Service Starts January 2024



To Start Service

Call: **972-427-7770**

or

Email: **Poetry@BlackJackDisposal.com**



(Left) Council member Simeon White witnesses Managing Member, Andrea Oliver, of Blackjack Disposal, signing finalized four-year agreement with the Town of Poetry. Blackjack Disposal is family owned and is based out of Quinlan, Texas.

Synopsis of Regular Town Council Meeting Thursday, December 21st :

- **Mayor** thanked the Christmas Lights Committee and all those volunteering for set up. She congratulated winners of the 3rd Annual Christmas Lights Contest. She also congratulated Poetry citizen Ryder Grimes named Country Music's Emerging Artist of the Year on November 12th, 2023.
- **Mayor gave Financial reports.**

- **Voted** to pay legal bill of \$1171.03
 - **Approved** Proclamation for August 26th as Ryder Grimes Day.
 - **Approved** Annual insurance renewal for \$682.02
 - **Listened** to presentations by engineering firms Exceed and Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter.
 - **Finalized** Solid waste negotiations with Blackjack exclusive ordinance with Addendum A for four years.
 - **Finalized** Solid Waste non-exclusive Addendum B for roll-off vendors for one year.
 - **Discussed** four culvert replacement quote for materials from Hunt county for \$8250. Council decided to ask for two separate quotes and reevaluate.
 - **Discussed** having council member names attached to the end of agenda items.
 - **Discussed** proposed concrete crushing plant and potential adverse effects. Encouraged citizens to attend Hunt County court dealing with this item.
 - **Approved** Fowler's petition to release from the ETJ.
 - **Approved** Bennet's petition to release from the ETJ.
 - **Approved** West's petitions to release from ETJ.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.**



Wednesday, Dec. 27th, Pct 3 Hunt County Commissioner Monroe reads a formalized Resolution the Commissioners made against the Rock Crushing plant proposed on Hwy 276.

LEGAL NOTE: A TYPE A General Law Town such as the Town of Poetry with no utilities **never has had the ability to forcibly annex** properties. Only Home Rule towns and those with utilities had that capability. HB 347 greatly reduced the ability of **any** city from forcibly annexing.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, January 18th, Regular Meeting at Town Hall at 6:30 pm.

Town Hall is located at 5671 CR 323 Poetry, TX 75160. See Poetrytexas.org for more information.



(Left) Adrian & Kelly Muelstein receive first place award for their Lights at 10018 FM 986 Poetry, TX. (Right) The Poetry Baptist Church worship leaders Angela Pikett and her children lead music to the crowd at the 3rd Annual Christmas Lights Celebration.



Fun characters showed up at Town Hall and gave out candy, cookies and ornaments.



A decorated Train in front of Poetry Town Hall for the Lights Celebration December 18th.



Mayor Senkevech presents citizen Ryder Grimes with framed Proclamation of August 26th as “Ryder Grimes Day”.

(Below) Hunt County repairing roads in Poetry December 7th 2023. With our Interlocal agreement, Poetry provides fuel and material costs while Hunt County provides labor and equipment.



Got questions or concerns?

Town Hall phone number is 469-902-7001.

Email mayor.tara@poetrytexas.org



Drones spell out Happy New Year at Dallas Reunion Tower in 2023 New Year’s Eve Celebration!