



Kaufman County mayors/city managers meet for their monthly gathering in Crandall. Mayor Senkevech took the picture shown here.

Synopsis of January 17th Regular Meeting and Public Forum:

- **Voted in City Secretary Candidate Amanda Bunch.**
- **Mayor read letter** by Cindy Tayem, of Oncor, stating they are still working on finalizing items for the Town of Poetry. Citizens will not be receiving reimbursements from Oncor as their charges are the same as before incorporation.
- **Mayor presented TXDOT report** stating that it finds the speed on hwy. 986 should be lowered by 5 mph to 50 mph. Council discussed entertaining citizens input on the matter.
- **Presented A new Right of Way Ordinance** to council. No action was taken.
- **Discussed proposal put forth by CM Vinson** for a Town of Poetry Volunteer Fund. No action taken.
- **Discussed proposal** for an ordinance for Electioneering in the Town. Samples from other towns desired.
- **Discussed Oath of Office** amendment adding the words " obey the Ordinances of the Town of Poetry". No action taken.
- **Voted** to pay the Hunt County Election invoice for \$5763.58.
- **Discussed** paying a reduced amount to MFM law firm. Postponed until current legal letter is penned.
- **Discussed** current construction items at the Town Hall site. Council discussed desire for a phased budget prior to approval of further items.
- **Voted** to approve the Comprehensive Plan and Future Use Map as presented online.
- **Discussed** how to promote Agriculture in our area. Discussed opening up to citizens for ideas.

Want to Run for Poetry Elected Office?

All Council positions and Mayor Position are open for new candidates this May 6th General Election.

If interested, you must turn in forms to the City Secretary at the Temporary Town Hall located at 19012 FM 986 by 5 pm on February 17th with CTA/C/OH notarized forms. Forms are available at the Texas Ethics Commission website. Poetry Town Hall Hours are Wed. & Fridays 12-4 pm and on Friday, February 17th 9 am-5 pm.

Or email forms to secretary@poetrytexas.org
City Secretary Jana Shelton has years of experience and can answer your questions.

If you mail USPS, the forms MUST be RECEIVED by February 17th 5pm. Mailing address is 5671 CR 323 Poetry, TX 75160.

<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us> Also see website poetrytexas.org for more information.



Hunt County Road Crew works on curve at CR 2451 to reinforce the culvert and roadway.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 pm.

Synopsis of January 23rd Executive and Special Meeting:

- **Met in closed session** with new attorney David Berman to discuss Rules of Procedure, Memo, upcoming election, pending legal invoices, advice on P & Z issues, Right of Way ordinance and legal training.
- **Special session** –Accepted Amanda Bunch’s resignation and voted to hire retired City Manager, Jana Shelton, for the part time City Secretary vacancy.
- **Voted** to approve Kaufman County Project Sheet 03 for Green Meadows, CR 323, Gate Lane and Four Post Lane repairs.
Meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm.

Notary Public, Dorothy Dillon swears in new City Secretary for the Town of Poetry. Pictured above is Jana Shelton, coming from Crandall with 21 years of city administration experience. We are very glad to have her!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, February 13th

Special Meeting Faith

Temple Baptist Church 6:30

pm to call election. Tuesday,

February 21st– Regular Town

Council Meeting 6:30pm Faith

Temple Baptist Church.



Faith Temple Baptist Church says goodbye to Pastor Randy Langford. His primary occupation as Nursing Home Administrator is taking him to Amarillo.



Pictured above is son Andrew, Holly, Pastor Randy, son Jonathan, son Aaron and son-in-law Alec.

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 must be contiguous to current Poetry town boundary. Please email to contact@poetrytexas.org to find out more information.

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURE IN OUR AREA?

- Awards,
- Scholarships
- What criteria?

This area once had a Vetch Parade and Vetch Queen to celebrate Hairy Vetch, a natural legume and excellent fertilizer providing nitrogen enrichment to the soil.

Please let us know your thoughts at contact@poetrytexas.org

See a road that needs repair?

Please help us by filing a Road Report online at poetrytexas.org under Roads. Roads with more reports will be prioritized on repair schedules.



Michael Whitfield, a local professional welder, donated his time to mend the fence as seen here.

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