



**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF KAUFMAN AND HUNT
CITY OF POETRY, TEXAS**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS DAY OF THE 22nd of May 2025 at 6:30 pm, the Town Council of Poetry, Texas, held a Special Town Council Meeting at Poetry Town Hall, 5671 CR 323 Poetry, Texas 75160 with the following present:

A.-B. Mayor Mike Jaffe called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken by Town Deputy Secretary, Theresa Scholander. Present were Mayor Mike Jaffe, and councilmembers Tom Anderson, Terry Fowler, Dale Bryant, Doug Kendrick and Tracie Hibbs.

C.-D. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation: Mayor Mike Jaffe

E. Citizen Comments:

Johnathan Blake: requested that meeting minutes clearly indicate whether listed councilmembers voted in favor or against motions to improve clarity. Mayor Jaffe agreed.

Blake clarified that his earlier emails to Mayor Jaffe, and Councilmembers Anderson, and Fowler were not accusatory, but sent because of their experience and familiarity with council procedures.

He also encouraged posting updates on the official town website instead of Facebook for broader accessibility. Mayor Jaffe noted Facebook was used due to limited website support.

Blake praised the website's meeting pop-up notifications and recommended continuing their use.

Shelley Smith: proposed adding an agenda item for the next meeting to consider forming a citizen watchdog committee focused on financial oversight. The suggested committee, informally titled "TOP DOGE" (Town of Poetry Department of Government Efficiency), would promote transparency by assigning citizens to monitor specific budget areas and present monthly reports.

The resident also requested the full reconstruction of one mile of League Line Road in Hunt County, citing high traffic and available funds. She recommended allocating approximately \$105,000 from the road fund and general account to cover costs and asked the council to prioritize remaining portions of League Line Road in Kaufman County, even if it delays work on less-traveled roads.

F. Community Interests:

1. A Town Hall meeting is scheduled FOR Thursday, May 29th at Poetry Community Christian School from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

G. Regular Agenda:

- a) **Approve minutes from May 13th, 2025, council meeting:** Councilmembers discussed improving clarity and consistency in how votes are recorded in meeting minutes. The consensus was to always list affirmative votes first (e.g., "2:3"), followed by the names of those who opposed the motion, using the term "opposed" rather than "dissent" for neutrality. Three specific edits to the minutes of May 13th were agreed upon for the following vote records:
On agenda item I 1, the minutes will reflect the second motion as "2:3, opposed: Anderson, White, Blake."
On the third motion, the record will state "3:2, opposed: Jaffe, Fowler."
These changes aim to ensure the minutes are both accurate and legally clear. On item 10, the second line, first word "was" is a typo and is to be deleted.
Motion to approve with the corrections discussed made by Councilmember Anderson with a second by Councilmember Tracie Hibbs. **Motion passed**
5:0

H. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:44pm

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF POETRY,
TEXAS ON THIS 19TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025**



Mike Jaffe, Mayor

Anne E. Hamilton, Town Secretary