

Agenda  
Town of Poetry  
**Regular Town Council Meeting and  
Budget Public Hearing**

September 20th, 2022

6:30 pm

Faith Temple Baptist Church  
11214 FM 1565 Poetry, 75160

- a) Call Town Council to order.
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum. —Theresa Scholander, Town Secretary
- c) Pledge of allegiance
- d) Invocation.
- e) **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](mailto: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 upcoming Town Council events; 5) about community events, and 6) announcements involving an imminent threat to public health and safety.*  
\*No Thru Truck Road and Town entry signs are in—needing volunteers to install according to minimum professional standards.  
\*Special thanks to Roger Hall and Councilmember Tom Anderson for moving and spreading pea gravel at the new Town Hall site prior to the rain.
- g) **Receive Reports and discuss the following:**
  - 1) Financial Report—August 2022
  - 2) P&Z Committee Report—Katherine Hardwicke

**h) Consent Agenda:**

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

- 1) Amended Minutes for July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting.
- 2) Minutes for the June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Workshop & Regular Town Council Meeting.
- 3) Minutes for the August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting.

**i) Regular Agenda:**

1. Discuss and consider a Resolution adopting a policy regarding whom constitutes a Town "resident" for purposes of voting in Town elections, in accordance with state law.
2. Discuss and consider paying the remainder of the estimated invoice received from Kaufman County Elections for November 2022 special election services in the amount of \$77.53. [\$500.00 deposit already paid]
3. Discuss and consider Voter Alert information for the upcoming November 2022 special election.
4. Consider and act on selecting a Town Auditor for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, as required by state law. [Murrey Paschall & Caperton, PC, or Brian Thomas, CPA]
5. Discuss and consider insurance coverages and rates for the Town Hall located at 5671 CR 323 Poetry, TX.
6. Discuss and consider quotes to put selected soil over the sandy loam at the Town Hall site for erosion control.
7. Discuss and consider a Resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of a water meter from the Poetry Water Supply Corporation and designating use.
8. Discuss unapproved solid waste vendors operating within the Town.
9. Discuss and consider utility installation costs for the new Town Hall site.
10. Discuss and provide direction regarding a proposed template Right of Way agreement.
11. Discuss and provide direction regarding a Town Council Code of Ethics.

## Public Hearing

13. Conduct a public hearing, discuss and consider an Ordinance adopting the Town budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

j) **General Public Comments: Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. If a translator is needed, the speaker may be granted up to six (6) minutes. Sign-up is required BEFORE the Meeting is called to order. Be aware that the Town Council can only respond with specific factual information or recite existing policy. No action can be taken. The Town Council may consider putting citizen concerns on a future agenda.**

k) **Adjourn Regular Meeting.**

\*\*The Town Council reserves the right to recess into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters posted on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, "Consultation with Attorney" for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

***Note: 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 17th day of September 2022, by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.***

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***Tara Senkevech, Mayor***