



Town of Poetry, Texas

Minutes

Special Town Council Meeting



Monday, March 30, 2026
Poetry Town Hall
5671 County Road 323, Poetry Texas 75160
5:30pm

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF KAUFMAN AND HUNT
TOWN OF POETRY, TEXAS

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS DAY OF THE 30TH of March 2026 at 5:30pm, the Town Council of Poetry, Texas, held a Special Town Council Meeting at Poetry Town Hall, 5671 County Road 323, Poetry, Texas 75160.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Mike Jaffe called the public meeting to order at 5:30pm. Roll call was taken by Deputy Secretary Lora Lehew. Present were: Mayor Mike Jaffe, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Fowler, Council Members: Tom Anderson, Dale Bryant, Tracie Hibbs, and Doug Kendrick. No Council Members were absent. The Deputy Secretary announced a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Pro Tem Fowler
Invocation: Mayor Pro Tem Fowler

B. 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.

1. Mayor Jaffe reminded citizens about the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 4, 2026 from 12noon-2pm. The Town of Poetry is partnering with Faith Temple Baptist Church through our Volunteer Events Committee. The Town is not funding this; it is all done through donations.

C. Regular Agenda

1. Discussed and took action to select road(s) to be rebuilt using Texas Department of Agriculture Community Development Block Grant (TDA CDBG) funds (\$750K) under Grant #CDV25-0425. Mayor Jaffe and the Councilmembers discussed several roads for

inclusion on the application with the understanding that all roads included on the application would not be rebuilt given the amount of funds available from the grant. Including multiple roads on the application allows flexibility if one or more of the roads are ineligible to be rebuilt under the rules and guidelines of the grant. Due to the deadline being tomorrow, March 31, 2026, Mayor Jaffe is going to email the Grant Administrator and the Grant Engineer with the details on the roads selected tonight at the conclusion of this meeting to be able to meet the deadline. Mayor Jaffe will copy the Councilmembers on the email he will be sending. The Mayor and Council selected five (5) roads to be included on the application and prioritized them in order from 1 to 5 (1 being the highest priority). The roads selected were: 1) 2451 starting at 1565 winding back to 2454 and then following around the curve past 2456 and as far as we can go; 2) 2434 beginning at the Town limit extending back to 1565; 3) 2454 from Poetry Road past the new culverts to the curve; 4) 2440 starting at 2434 from the Town limit and going down 2440 as far as funds allow; and 5) 2430 extending from 1565 to the "T". Mayor Jaffe will indicate on his email to the Grand Administrator and the Grant Engineer to include language on the application that clarifies to include the maximum linear footage as our funds will allow on the road(s) selected. Mayor Jaffe described each road in the priority order discussed above and conducted an informal straw poll on each of the five (5) roads and their priority placement. The Council indicated unanimous agreement for each of the five (5) roads including the description of the location of the road and the order of the priority placement.

Citizens Speaking on this topic:

- David Emard, Poetry

Motion made by Councilmember Hibbs to approve these five (5) roads to be included on the application for the maximum linear footage we can afford in the order we have them 1 to 5: 1) 2451 starting at 1565 winding back to 2454 and then following around the curve past 2456 and as far as we can go; 2) 2434 beginning at the Town limit extending back to 1565; 3) 2454 from Poetry Road past the new culverts to the curve; 4) 2440 starting at 2434 from the Town limit and going down 2440 as far as funds allow; and 5) 2430 extending from 1565 to the "T".

Motion seconded by: Councilmember Anderson

All in Favor: Anderson, Bryant, Fowler, Hibbs, Kendrick

All Opposed: none

Abstain: none

Result: Passed 5-0

D. General Public Comments

Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. If a translator is needed, the speaker may be given up to four (4) minutes. Sign up is required in advance either in-person prior to the start of the meeting or by emailing your comments to speak@poetrytexas.org at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting. The Texas Open Meetings Act restricts council members from discussing items not posted on the

agenda. Action or responses to your remarks by council members (if not a posted agenda item) are limited to either a statement of fact or recitation of an existing policy or a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting.

Citizens Speaking on General Public Comments:

- None

E. Adjournment

The Town Council meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

I certify that the minutes of March 30, 2026 were voted and approved by the Council of the Town of Poetry on this 16th day of April, 2026.



Mike Jaffe, Mayor
Town of Poetry, Texas

ATTEST:



Lora Lehew, Deputy Secretary
Town of Poetry, Texas

