



POETRY POST

October 2023 Town Newsletter



Two wood filing cabinets for the Town Hall were donated by Frank & Barbara Rasor. It took four volunteers to move the furniture on Labor Day.



(Above): A portion of the Town Hall seating for citizens.



The town hall lit up for its first meeting held September 21st at this location.

7:30 pm Budget Public Forum: The council passed the budget presented. [See website for 2023-24 Budget]

Regular Meeting:

Mayor gave report for August end and Sales & Use tax receipts.

Volunteer Clerk Evie Anderson gave a report from City Secretary.

CM Anderson gave a report on Town Hall inspection.

- **Approved** Minutes from the August meeting with one amendment.
- **Approved** paying legal bill of \$853.64.
- **Voted** for changing Poetry Post "Poetry Proud" logo to the Town Seal emblem instead.
- **Decided** to have CM White and CM Fowler work on updating town map with the GIS specialist, Dorothy Dillon.
- **Decided** to send 1445 draft to both Hunt AND Rockwall counties. Decided to wait to approve the Kaufman County agreement until the updated map is approved.
- **Approved** contracting someone to clean the Town Hall up to 4 hours per month.
- **Approved** the letter of engagement with Murrey, Paschall & Caperton CPA for the annual audit.
- **Discussed** removal of dead trees in right of way and agreed mayor to write letter to owners of land.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.



Andres Vazques of Poetry Tack & Ag installed an outdoor LED light for the parking lot. Once fully charged, it lights a distance of 25 feet or so.

Synopsis of September 21st Workshop, Budget Public Forum & Regular Meeting :

6:30 pm Workshop Meeting:

Citizens talked at the beginning and the Council discussed many items related to potential zoning with the attorney present.



****Approved solid waste vendors for the Town of Poetry are now CARDS, Titan and Texas Contractor Roll-offs only. Note: CRS and AWT sold to CARD in June and August 2023. See a solid waste violation? Send pictures to contact@poetrytexas.org. The franchise fees are one of the few ways the town funds itself.**

Concerned about your family's descendants selling out to just any developer? Idea: Ask for your will to have specific deed restrictions prior to selling.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The next Council meeting will be **Thursday, October 19th, 2023**. It will be held at Faith Temple Baptist Church at 11214 FM 1565 as we will be discussing solid waste issues. A Special Meeting will be held the following **Thursday, October 26th** at 6:30 pm at the Poetry Town Hall at 5671 CR 323 Poetry, TX 75160.



The Town of Poetry partnered with TXDOT to put in a new sign at the corner of CR 2426 and FM 1565. The town bought the sign and TXDOT installed it.

Got a dead tree next to the road?

The State of Texas in Loc. Gov. Code 217 and Tex. Health & Safety Code 324.004 requires the homeowner to take care of these items as well as any debris.

Interesting fact:

The city of Stafford, population 20,000 eliminated property taxes 22 years ago and remains the largest city in Texas to have no city property taxes.

Town Hall Finishing Touches



(Left): Lisa Rae Hirogoyen volunteered to work on the original wood floors and to assist in cleaning.



(Below left): Becky Carter and Todd volunteered to deep clean the windows!

(Below right): CM Blake, CM Anderson, Kevin Senkevech and former CM Vinson show up for moving day!



Volunteer Sound Engineer, Bob Boles, sets up a permanent speaker system at the Town Hall. Bob and Robin Boles have both contributed over 100 hours in the last year or more to setting up, breaking down and managing the sound system at our meetings.

Our town is based on volunteerism which promotes community spirit and keeps cost low! Lower costs mean no need for property taxes. Poetry is one of 36 towns in the state of Texas which have no city property taxes.

United States Representative Lance Gooden spoke at Freedom Place Church in Rowlett for a prayer breakfast. Mayor Senkevech and Mayor Pro Tem Jaffe attended.

