

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS DAY OF THE** 19th of July, 2022 at 6:30 pm, the Town Council of Poetry, Texas, held a regular town council meeting and workshop at Poetry Baptist Church, 19311 FM 986 Poetry, 75160 with the following present:

Mayor Tara Senkevech  
Councilmember Tom Anderson  
Councilmember Mike Jaffe

Councilmember Simeon White  
Councilmember Terry Fowler  
Councilmember Brian Vinson

*Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.*

**Interim Clerk Evie Anderson**, confirmed quorum. All council members were present.

**Pastor Kevin Kelly, PBC** led the pledge and invocation.

**f) Items of Community Interest:**

Special thank you to Poetry Baptist Church for hosting of Town Meeting.

\*July 23rd - Community Workday for Annex -9-noon. Clean up and prep for moving building

\*No Thru Truck Road signs in—needing volunteers to install to standards.

**g) Receive Reports and discuss the following:**

1) Financial Report—June 2022

**Mayor Tara Senkevech** gave run down of bank business.

2) Kaufman Appraisal District- Report on property ID.'s for Poetry.

**Mayor Tara Senkevech** and **Councilmember Vinson** reviewed conversations with Kaufman County Appraisal District concerning multiple Property IDs and status of exemptions.

**h) Consent Agenda:**

1) Minutes for the April 19th, Regular Town Council Meeting. Acceptance passes 5:0

2) Minutes for the May 17th, Regular Town Council Meeting. Move to regular agenda.

3) Minutes for the June 21st, Workshop & Regular Town Council Meeting. Acceptance passes 5:0

4) Easement Agreement for Access with Longhorn Organics, Inc. Moved to regular agenda tafter the break and re-labeled "A")

**i) Regular Agenda:**

**Discuss Minutes for May 17th, 2022 Minutes. Councilmember Fowler** had citizen ask for general comments to be displayed. Correction will be made.

**Easement Agreement for Access with Longhorn Organics, Inc.**

Amended agreement. Moved to after break, allowing citizen comment sign-up.

**1 . Discuss and consider a Resolution denying the August 1, 2022, effective date of the proposed change in rates as submitted by Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC on or around May 13, 2022, or Discuss and consider a Resolution suspending the August 1, 2022, effective date of the proposed change in rates as submitted by Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC on or around May 13, 2022.**

**Oncor Representative, Cindy Tayem** deciphers case. She recommends we deny case. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion for Resolution denying proposed change rates, seconded by **Councilmember Vinson**. Passes 5:0

**2. Discuss and consider H-03 Project sheet for pothole repair on the following roads CR 2450, CR 2454, CR 2432, CR 2460, CR 2400, and CR 2430 for the amount of \$1800 for material cost.**

Discussion of donations for road repair and need for a clear process was identified. **Councilmember Vinson** would like to consider a resolution for town transparency when donations are added to General Fund.

**Councilmember Fowler** makes motion to approve H-03 Project sheet, seconded by **Councilmember Anderson**. Passes 5:0

**3. Discuss and consider the design and appearance of the approved seven (7) Town entrance signs.**

Council would prefer to remove population number. **Councilmember Vinson** suggests the word Incorporated instead of Established on sign.

Green sign with cream border, founded 1845, incorporated 2020. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to approve sign, seconded by **Councilmember White**. Passes 3:2 with **Councilmember Jaffe** and **Councilmember Vinson** in the negative.

**4. Discuss and consider the Resolution adopting a policy regarding whom constitutes a Town Resident for purposes of Voting in Town Elections.**

**Councilmember White** spoke with numerous entities about the proposed resolution, and found that an exception would have to be made by the Secretary of State.

**Councilmember Fowler** laid out a path of logic on why a voter should be someone who has a part of their domicile inside the town limits. **Councilmember Jaffe** makes motion to postpone for further research, seconded by **Councilmember Anderson**. Passes 5:0

Mayor Tara Senkevech calls for break.

Meeting reconvened.

**A. Easement Agreement for Access with Longhorn Organics, Inc.**

**Councilmember Vinson** moves to accept amended agreement, seconded by **Councilmember Anderson**. Passes 5:0

**5. Discuss and consider quotes for piers or blocks and moving service requirements for the Annex building.**

**Councilmember Fowler** makes motion to accept Northcutt bid, seconded by **Councilmember Anderson**. Passes 5:0

**6. Discuss and consider expectations from the Campground Community Cemetery, Inc. regarding usage of the Annex as the Town Hall and moving plans and other potential costs.**

Council discusses new Town Hall location. The need to remove the pond completely is covered. A need for less dirt, but more site manipulation is discussed. **Councilmember Jaffe** asks for clarification about drainage from **Citizen Kevin Senkevech**. **Mayor Tara Senkevech** discusses other costs that will be upcoming due to move. Councilmember Anderson makes motion to approve extra \$700.00 expenditure from Hall Right of Way Services to fill in pond, seconded by Councilmember Fowler. Passes 5:0.

**7. Discuss and consider payment of two to four invoices due by end of fiscal year (dated May 25th ) from TX Municipal Law Firm.**

**Mayor Tara Senkevech** gives history of invoices. Council discusses name of law firm on agenda vs. actual name of law firm. **Councilmember Vinson** motions to move to next available meeting, seconded by **Councilmember Jaffe**. Passes 5:0

**8. Discuss the Texas Comptroller's letter and report regarding the street maintenance tax.**

**Mayor Tara Senkevech** gives detailed history of events concerning Sales Tax, the initial vote for, and the error found by Texas Comptroller's Office. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to put Ballot Measure for November Ballot on next agenda, seconded by **Councilmember White**. Passes 5:0

**h) General Public Comments:**

**Citizen Chad McFarlane** apologized to council for wasting their time, even though it was a miss in communication.

**Citizen Kevin Senkevech** asks about fees owed by CRS and Titan, who have been collecting fees but not paying them to the town. **Councilmember Jaffe** recounts most current conversations with both.

**Kenz' Salisbury** spoke on being forward thinking about budget.

**Citizen Shelley Smith** expresses desire to have Resolutions, Ordinances, and Planning & Zoning info online.

**Citizen Patrick Smith** clarified the difference between a P&Z Commission vs. P&Z Committee.

**Robin Followill** voices various thoughts on Town business.

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 10:08pm.

Mayor Tara Senkevech calls for break.

Reconvened into Workshop at 10:19 pm.

**n) Workshop Agenda:**

**1. Discuss Fiscal Year 22-23 Town Budget.**

Council discusses new budget and when a Sales Tax could be implemented. Discussion of franchise fees. Legal fees were debated, Secretary training, office supplies, utilities, etc. were all discussed. Deadlines were also discussed.

***Mayor Tara Senkevech adjourned meeting at 11:00 pm.***

**Minutes prepared by Sheri Vinson.**