

Agenda
Town of Poetry
Regular and Canvass Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 16th, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Faith Temple Baptist Church
11214 FM 1565 Poetry, 75160

- a) Call the Town Council to order.
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum—Jana Shelton
- c) Pledge of allegiance--Councilmember White
- d) Invocation—Councilmember White

- 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 or by signing up in person at the meeting location from 6-6:30 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.

**The Town is soliciting for any grant-writers available to please email to contact@poetrytexas.org*

**If you live in Kaufman County. We want to hear from citizens. Anyone who believes they were adversely affected by the property ID's split out in Kaufman County to please email with factual information regarding such to mayor.tara@poetrytexas.org. To solve any of the problems, we need factual information about any hardships this may have caused. Coy Johnson, the Deputy Appraiser of Kaufman County has said it does not affect your property values as the group them together in what is called "economic unit" when evaluating values. He says it doesn't affect one's homestead or Agriculture exemptions.*

The town welcomes a newly approved **Solid Waste Vendor Texas Contractor Roll Offs which can be reached at kpotts@texascontractorrolloffs.com or 469-576-5162. They only service the large 15, 20 and 25-yard dumpsters.*

**Thanks to Sheri and Brian Vinson who donated \$500 for the now installed Aerobic Septic Tank at the Town Hall site.*

**Thanks to Dale Bryant who donated 3 concrete-boards and 3 metal handrails to be used in the ADA bathroom.*

**Thanks to an anonymous donor who purchased a name-brand faucet for the town bathroom sink as recommended by a certified plumber.*

**Thanks to Butch and Charlotte Lambert who donated \$100 for the installation of the tile in the bathroom. All donations help us keep cost down!*

** Thanks to CM Tom Anderson for installing the **new Bulletin Board at the Town Hall site. All town notices will be available on this board from now on.** Note that the Texas local government code requires a **bulletin board or an electronic bulletin board** and be that it be available to the public. Loc. Gov. Code Sec. 551.043. Sec.551.050. Therefore, this board was installed right at the fence for easy access and continuous availability.*

g) Reports

- 1. Financial—April end 2023**
- 2. Secretary's Report—City Secretary Jana Shelton**
- 3. Report about Resolution 2066—Councilmember White**

h) Consent Agenda:

1. Amended minutes from Regular Meeting March 21, 2023
2. Minutes from Special Meeting April 27th, 2023.

i) Regular Agenda:

1. Discuss and take action on Voluntary Annexation Agreement **with Addendum** for Lori and Andy Bass authorizing commencement of annexation proceedings for property located at 16750 CR 248.
2. Discuss and take action to pay Town's legal bill of \$780.00
3. Discuss and take action to pay the annual TML Property liability, City liability insurance premiums, Workman's Comp, and Cyber coverage premiums of \$2,358.12.

4. Discuss and take action on the **Ordinance** to Canvass the May 6th Election Results.
5. Discuss and take action on Addendum to Right of Way Ordinance.
6. Discuss and take action on **Ordinance** Restricting Establishing Ad Valorem Tax in Poetry.
7. Discuss and take action letters to Mayors and Commissioners of Hunt County urging them to consider a resolution opposing the formation of Special Use Districts by developers.
8. Discuss and take action on the **Ordinance** to personalize the Town of Poetry Oaths to be in accordance with the duties required for Town officials.
9. Discuss and take action on Town of Poetry's First Annual Scholarship promoting agriculture in our area.
10. Discuss and take action on items for Town Hall site.
11. Discuss and take action on Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as presented for a general use town engineer.
12. Discuss posting the agenda for the June 20th meeting early on June 10th
This means that items for next month need to be submitted by June 2nd.

j) 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 BEFORE the Meeting is called to order. Be aware that the Town Council can only respond with *factual information only*. The Town Council may consider putting citizen concerns on a future agenda.

k) Adjournment NOTE: The Town Council reserves the right to meet in Executive Session closed to the public at any time in the course of this meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, including Sec. 551.071 (private consultation with the attorney for the Town); Sec. 551.072 (purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property); Sec. 551.074 (personnel or to hear complaints against personnel); Sec. 551.076 (deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices); and Sec. 551.087 (economic development negotiations). Any decision held on such matters will be taken or conducted in Open Session following the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Notes: 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 5671 CR 323 Poetry Texas on May 13th, 2023 by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor