

Agenda
Town of Poetry
Regular Town Council Meeting

May 17, 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.—Elizabeth Patterson, Deputy 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 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.
 - 1) **Town Secretary**—Theresa Scholander is out longer than expected. Return now expected in August.
 - 2) Campground Community Cemetery Board to have clean up day Saturday, May 21st, 10-12 noon.
- g) **Receive Reports and discuss the following:**
 - 1) Financial Report—April 2022
 - 2) Town Map Clarifications
 - 3) Planning & Zoning Report, Mike Griffin
- h) **Consent Agenda:**

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

- 1) Minutes for the April 17th, Regular Town Council Meeting.
- 2) Employment contract with Deputy Town Secretary.
- 3) Ordinance approving no thru truck routes within the Town.

i) ****Regular Agenda:**

1. Discuss and consider an ordinance for Right of Way permitting within the Town.
2. Discuss and consider payment of legal invoice from Town Attorney.
3. Discuss and determine the definition of “resident” for the Town of Poetry.
4. Discuss TXDOT’s willingness to install Town-approved entry signs and discuss and consider placement of signs.
5. Discuss and consider maps submitted by the Freese Thoroughfare Planning company, hired by Kaufman County, and consider options regarding Town approval of regional throughfare plan.
6. Discuss efforts made by the Town Council thus far to protect the “Poetry way of life”.
7. Discuss and consider the gift of the Annex building and consider quote/s for moving cost.
8. Discuss and consider the agenda process.
9. **Executive Session:** In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the Town Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:
 - a. Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney. A governmental body may not conduct a private consultation with its attorney except: (1) when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about: (A) pending or contemplated litigation; or (B) a settlement offer; or (2) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Board of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter: letter received from solid vendors
 - b. Texas Government Code Section 551.072. Deliberation regarding Real Property. A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the

governmental body in negotiations with a third person: Town Hall site location

10. Take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

- 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 *factual only*. The Town Council may consider putting citizen concerns on a future agenda.**

k) **Adjournment**

**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 14th day of May 2022, by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor