



Patriotic Wood Post!

America celebrates its 246th Birthday!



On Monday June 20th, a male motorcyclist crashed into the field on the corner of CR 249 and FM 986 sustaining multiple fractures. The cause of the wreckage is still under investigation. Fire Chief Terry Van Sickle and Kaufman County Sheriff Department were on the scene.

Synopsis of June 21^s Workshop and Regular Town Council Meeting:

- **Mayor read resignation letter from Deputy Secretary stating an unexpected loss of a key employee in her business which precluded her job as Town Secretary.**
- **Held Executive Meeting with attorney via phone regarding the definition of**

Residency and the solid waste vendors letters as well as the real property for the new location for Town Hall.

- **Announced** the donation of 1.03 acres of land on CR 323 for the location of the new Town Hall.
- **Discussed** a creation of a list of “residents” of the town to distribute to the Town’s approved solid waste vendors.
- **Discussed** the Kaufman County Thoroughfare plan as a “placeholder” for possible future plans. The next update is expected in three years. No action is currently needed.
- **Discussed** a Council response to disbursement of disinformation relating to the Town. No action taken.
- **Discussed** signs for Town entrance; Postponed to next meeting.
- **Voted** to purchase the black signs with standard quality poles.
- **Voted** to accept the gift of the Campground Annex as the Town Hall, which is to be moved a new site currently under consideration.
- **Discussed the decision by Poetry Water Supply Corporation to no longer carry the Poetry Post in the water bill.**
The council decided a direct mailer was cost prohibitive at this time. The Post will continue to be offered on the Town website, and at various businesses. A copy can also be to be mailed upon request.
- **Discussed** ways to reduce legal fees, including having the attorney call in for meetings, having the secretary and council do more of the first drafts of ordinances, and reducing number of items on the agenda.
- **Voted** to pay the reduced amount for annual insurance premium for Town Risk Insurance.

- **Voted** to add an Applicability section to the solid waste ordinance stating that it applies “to any property or easement that abuts any roadway including but not limited to the Town’s PR, CR, State roads & Town roads within the town’s incorporated boundaries where trash might be collected”.
- **Voted** to amend the Solid Waste Franchise agreement with identical language as above.

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See a road in town which needs help? Please file a Road Report online at poetrytexas.org. This assists us to prioritize the worst roads first!

This newsletter is available online at poetrytexas.org and by request for mail out. Please email your address to contact@poetrytexas.org

KAUFMAN COUNTY PROPERTY TAX QUESTION: Does the new Poetry property ID affect anything on my tax liability?

ANSWER: No. Deputy Appraiser Coy Johnson stated in a phone interview June 27th, that Poetry’s two property id’s DO NOT change anything on your tax liability; not ag or homestead exemptions. He said it is possible they may have errors which need to be addressed.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 19th– Town Council Meeting 6:30pm

Faith Temple Baptist Church
July 23rd Annex Work Day



Poetry currently has only four registered solid waste vendors

(Trash) They are listed on poetrytexas.org-vendors. (Others CAN register as desired). **This means that it is illegal to use any other trash service in the Town of Poetry.** Vendors, out of compliance, can be fined \$500 per day. The following are those approved: AWT, CRS, Titan, and Card Recycling (formerly Reed Sanitation) . See poetrytexas.org/solid-waste for more information.



A back pasture in Grande Verde caught fire while the homeowner was out of town. Some considerate neighbors called for help! Union Valley Fire Department promptly put out the fire! The cause of the fire is unknown.

Very Dry conditions and high winds contribute to hazardous conditions for grass fires. A BURN BAN IS NOW IN EFFECT for Kaufman County.

Want to talk with your council? The following are mayor.tara@poetrytexas.org Tara Senkevech
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Franchise fees have paid for these signs to be put out on 9 CR roads. If you are able to volunteer to assist in their installation, please write to contact@poetrytexas.org. Thank you!



Citizen Carmen Molina is making removable decals to spread Poetry Pride! All profits will go to help with moving cost for the Town Hall. \$5 for small \$7 for large. (Pictured is small)