

Agenda
Town of Poetry
Regular Town Council Meeting

Thursday, November 16th, 2023

Poetry Town Hall

5671 CR 323 Poetry, Texas 75160

6:30 p.m.

- a) Call the Town Council to order.
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum-- Evie Anderson
- c) Pledge of allegiance—Darrell Watson
- d) Invocation—Darrell Watson

e) **CITIZEN COMMENTS information:** 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.

**Newly approved Solid Waste Vendor for Roll-offs; Blackjack Disposal.*

**Thanks to Kevin Potts for spreading the Landscaping Mix at Town Hall and providing disposal of tree limbs and debris.*

** Thanks to Sheri Vinson for typing the minutes.*

g) **Reports**

- 1. **Financial—**
 - a) October end 2023
 - b) Sales & Use Tax Receipts to date

- 2. **Secretary's Report—**Deputy City Secretary Theresa Scholander

h) **Consent Agenda:**

- 1. Minutes from October 19th, 2023 Meeting.

i) Regular Agenda:

- 1) Discuss and take action on paying October legal bill of \$1706.25
- 2) Discuss and take action on Solid Waste vendors and applicable ordinance.
- 3) Discuss and take action to approve HVAC installation \$9044.59 plus needed electrical (under \$1000) for the HVAC system and ADA metal loop railing for Town Hall, \$1000
Discuss and take action on needed other construction items as needed.
- 4) Discuss and take action on M365 annual subscription choice.
- 5) Discuss and take action on the third Annual Christmas Lights contest from December 1 to December 12th and Lighting celebration with Council informal gathering for Saturday, December 16th, 2023.
- 6) Discuss and take action on Town's policy regarding dead tree removal in the Town's Right of Way versus on private property and determining such.
- 7) Discuss and take action on lack of service on 3 roads by Kaufman County paid for by Town of Poetry with Interlocal Agreement Project Sheet K-04 end of April 2023.
- 8) Discuss and take action on Hunt County Project Sheet H-07 for serving 12 roads in Poetry.
- 9) Discuss current proposed Zoning Ordinance with added amendments.

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 November 11th, 2023, by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor