

Agenda
Town of Poetry
Executive and Regular Town Council Meeting

Thursday, February 15th, 2024

Poetry Town Hall

5671 CR 323

Poetry, TX 75160

6 pm Executive Meeting/ 7 pm Regular Meeting

- a) Call the Town Council to order.
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum– volunteer clerk, Robin Boles
- c) Pledge of allegiance
- d) Invocation

e) Executive Meeting: (Closed Session) 6pm to 6:45 pm

The Town Council will conduct an executive session in accordance with Sec. 551.074 (Personnel), Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Town Secretary.

The Town Council will conduct an executive session in accordance with Sec. 551.071 (Legal Advice), Texas Government Code, to receive legal advice and consultation from the Town Attorney regarding roles and responsibilities of members of the Town Council.

- f) 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 6:45-7 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)**

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.

*Thanks to Brian Vinson and Herbert Fletcher for assisting with locks for offices.

*Thanks to CM Mike Jaffe for cutting up a discard boat on public property so that Blackjack could dispose of it.

*We have extra food in our Giving Box—if you know of anyone in need, it is available in front of Town Hall 24-7.

*Please encourage others to NOT litter in Poetry. We have some roads especially littered.

g) Reports

1. **Financial**—
 - a) January end 2023
 - b) Sales & Use Tax Receipts
 - c) Q1 + 1 month Report on Budget vs. Actual Oct 2023-Jan 2024

2. **Secretary's Report**—Deputy City Secretary Theresa Scholander read by prospective secretary Anne Hamilton.

h) Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes from December 21st, 2023 Meeting.
2. Pay November legal bill of \$292.50

i) Regular Agenda:

1. Discuss and take action on any items from Executive Session.
2. Discuss and take action on **Resolution 2024-02-01R** regarding rock-crushing plant application on Hwy 276 within 2.7 miles of our town border.
3. Discuss and take action on city secretarial candidate: **Anne Hamilton**
4. Discuss and take action for **Spring Clean up Day** Saturday, April 20th 7 am-7 pm.
5. Discuss and take action on a **Street Dynamics** Solar-powered Speed and Communication device for Roadways to collect data needed for grant applications for roadwork according to price-sheets provided.
6. Discuss and take action on **Hunt County Project Sheet H-11** for pot-hole repairs on CR 2458, CR 2426, CR 2326, CR 2440, CR 2460, and CR 2451.
7. Discuss and take action on the **Hibbs updated petition** for release from the ETJ.
8. Discuss and take action on the updated **zoning map** of the town.

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 February 10th, 2024 by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor