

Agenda

Town of Poetry

Workshop and Regular Town Council Meeting

June 21, 2022

6:30 pm

Faith Temple Baptist Church
11214 FM 1565 Poetry, 75160

- a) Call Town Council to order and convene into Workshop Meeting.
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum—Volunteer Clerk—Evie Anderson.
- c) Pledge of allegiance—Pastor JB Bryant.
- d) Invocation.
- e) **This is a Workshop Meeting of the Town Council. No Town Council action will be taken at this Workshop Meeting. Discussion will be limited to members of the Town Council only. At such time an item is placed on the Town Council agenda, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.**
- f) **Workshop Agenda:**
 1. Discuss the definition of “resident” for the Town of Poetry as it relates to voting, solid waste franchise fees, and sales and use tax.
 2. Discuss changes to Solid Waste Ordinance No. 2021-10-01 to more clearly define which “residents” of Poetry are subject to the ordinance by adding an applicability section.
 3. Discuss changes to the standard form non-exclusive solid waste franchise agreement to more clearly define which “residents” of Poetry are subject to the ordinance and the associated franchise fee.
 4. Discuss ways to reduce Town of Poetry legal fees.
- g) Adjourn Workshop Meeting.
- h) Convene into Regular Session of the Town Council.
- i) **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. Comments may only concern the agenda item(s). 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)

j) **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.

-Letter from Deputy Secretary Liz Patterson.

k) **Receive Reports and discuss the following:**

- 1) Financial Report—May 2022
- 2) Planning & Zoning Report—Katherine Hardwicke

l) **Regular Agenda:**

1) **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 19th, Regular Town Council Meeting.
- 2) Minutes for the May 10th, Special Town Council Meeting.
- 3) Minutes for the May 17th, Regular Town Council Meeting.

2) **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: residency; letter received from solid waste 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

3) Return to Regular Session from Executive Session and possibly take action on items listed in Executive Session.

4. Discuss and take action on the creation of a list of "residents" of the Town of Poetry who are subject to the Town's solid waste regulations and distribution to the Town's approved solid waste vendors.
5. Discuss Kaufman County Thoroughfare Committee findings and take possible action, if necessary.
6. Discuss and consider a Town response to disbursement of disinformation relating to the Town.
7. Discuss and consider the design and appearance of signs for the approved 7 Town entrance signs.
8. Discuss and consider the design and appearance of signs for the approved "No Thru Trucks over 33,000 lbs." signs including types of poles and brackets needed.
9. Discuss and consider expectations from Campground Community Cemetery, Inc. regarding usage of the Annex as the Town Hall.
10. Discuss and consider the Town Newsletter and its disbursement.
11. Discuss and consider ways to reduce legal fees.
12. Consider approval of payment for TML Risk insurance annual renewal in the amount of \$1445.50 for \$500,000 of coverage or the lesser amount of \$1,123.00 for \$300,000 of coverage.
13. Discuss and consider an amendment to Ordinance No. 2021-10, the Town's solid waste ordinance, to add an applicability section; and providing an effective date.
14. Discuss and consider an amendment to the standard form non-exclusive solid waste franchise agreement to more clearly define the agreement's application.

m) **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.**

n) **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 18th day of June 2022, by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor