



Town of Poetry, Texas

Minutes

Special Town Council Meeting



Tuesday, August 11, 2026
Poetry Town Hall
5671 County Road 323, Poetry Texas 75160
6:30pm

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF KAUFMAN AND HUNT
TOWN OF POETRY, TEXAS

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS DAY OF THE 11th of August 2026 at 6:30pm, the Town Council of Poetry, Texas, held a Special Town Council Meeting at Poetry Town Hall, 5671 County Road 323, Poetry, Texas 75160.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Mike Jaffe called the public meeting to order at 6:30pm. Roll call was taken by Deputy Secretary Lora Lehew. Present were: Mayor Mike Jaffe, Council Members: Tom Anderson, Dale Bryant, Tracie Hibbs, and Doug Kendrick. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Fowler was absent. The Deputy Secretary announced a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Jaffe

Invocation: Mayor Jaffe

B. Items of Community Interest – 6:32pm

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. None

C. Regular Agenda

1. The Mayor and Council discussed and took action to adopt an Ordinance to order a Joint Special Election on November 3, 2026 in Kaufman County and Hunt County for voters to consider reauthorization of the Town of Poetry's 1.5% Sales and Use Tax.

Citizens Speaking on this topic:

- None

Motion made by Councilmember Anderson to accept the agenda item as is.
Motion seconded by: Councilmember Kendrick
All in Favor: Anderson, Bryant, Hibbs, Kendrick
All Opposed: none
Abstain: none
Result: Passed 4-0

D. General Public Comments – 6:34pm

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 in advance either in-person prior to the start of the meeting or by emailing your comments to speak@poetrytexas.org at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting. The Texas Open Meetings Act restricts council members from discussing items not posted on the agenda. Action or responses to your remarks by council members (if not a posted agenda item) are limited to either a statement of fact or recitation of an existing policy or a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting.

Citizens Speaking on General Public Comments:

- None

Prior to adjournment, Councilmember Anderson provided an update requested by a citizen regarding the status of the Bishop Field project. Mayor Jaffe suggested this update also be placed on the September meeting agenda. **No vote was taken.**

E. Adjournment

The Town Council meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

I certify that the minutes of August 11, 2026 were voted and approved by the Council of the Town of Poetry on this 17th day of September, 2026.


Mike Jaffe, Mayor
Town of Poetry, Texas

ATTEST:


Lora Lehew, Deputy Secretary
Town of Poetry, Texas

