



Town of Poetry, Texas

Agenda

Special Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Poetry Town Hall

5671 County Road 323, Poetry TX 75160

6:30 pm



A. Call to Order

Roll Call for Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Persons wishing to speak on any posted Workshop or Regular Agenda item may do so when the individual item is opened for consideration by the Council. Speakers will be limited to (3) minutes. If a translator is needed, the speaker may be given up to (4) minutes. Sign up is required in advance either in-person prior to the start of the meeting or by emailing your request/comments to speak@poetrytexas.org at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

B. 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.

1. None.

C. Regular Agenda (item sponsor)

1. Discuss and take action as needed on Ordinance to order a Joint Special Election on November 3, 2026 in Kaufman and Hunt County for voters to consider reauthorization of our 1.5% Sales and Use Tax. (Mayor)

In November of 2022 Poetry voters approved a sales and use tax of 1.5% to help fund road maintenance. This tax must be reauthorized every 4 years. It will be on the November 3, 2026 ballot for consideration. This ordinance allows the Town to place this item on the ballot and must be passed between July 23 and August 17 by statute (August 12 for Kaufman county).

D. 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 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.

E. 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.

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 at 214-704-1593.

I certify that the above Notice of the Meeting and Agenda was posted at 5671 CR 323 Poetry, Texas on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.



Mike Jaffe, Mayor

**TOWN OF POETRY, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08-11-01**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF POETRY, TEXAS, ORDERING A JOINT SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 IN THE TOWN OF POETRY WITH BOTH HUNT AND KAUFMAN COUNTY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN DESIRE TO REAUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SALES AND USE TAX FOR STREET MAINTENANCE AT A RATE OF ONE AND A HALF PERCENT (1.5%) TO PROVIDE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING AN ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. THE TAX EXPIRES ON THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE OF THIS ELECTION UNLESS THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX IS REAUTHORIZED.

WHEREAS, the Town of Poetry is a Type A General Law municipality, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Texas Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 327.001 et seq (the "Act"), provides that municipalities may adopt a sales and use tax to provide for street maintenance, if the tax is authorized by a majority of the qualified voters; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Poetry desires to order a special election to be held to in accordance with Chapter 321 of the Texas Tax Code and the Texas Election Code to determine whether the voters of the Town desire to reauthorize the levy of a sales tax for street maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF POETRY, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. A special election shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to submit to the qualified voters of the Town of Poetry, Texas, a proposition to determine whether to reauthorize the levy of a one and one-half percent (1.5%) sales and use tax for street maintenance purposes.

SECTION 3. The official ballots for the election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the proposition, with the ballots to contain such provisions, marking and language as required by law, and with such proposition to be expressed substantially as follows:

Proposition

For	()	The reauthorization of a local sales and use tax in the Town of Poetry at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. The tax expires on the fourth anniversary of the date of this election unless the imposition of the tax is reauthorized.
Against	()	

Proposición

A favor	()	La reautorización de un impuesto de ventas locales y uso en el pueblo de Poetry a razón de uno y medio por ciento (1.5%) para continuar proporcionando ingresos para mantenimiento y reparación de calles municipales. El impuesto finaliza el cuarto aniversario de la fecha de esta elección a menos que la imposición del impuesto sea reautorizada.
En contra	()	

SECTION 4. By contract with Kaufman and Hunt Counties respectively, the Town Council has agreed that Kaufman and Hunt County shall conduct the special election. The Town Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or designees to enter into any necessary election agreements with Kaufman and Hunt Counties.

SECTION 5. The election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 6. Both early voting and Election Day voting by personal appearance will be conducted as designated by the Kaufman and Hunt County Elections Divisions and approved by the Kaufman and Hunt County Commissioners Courts and shall be incorporated herein once set by each county, without further need to amend this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Notice of this election shall be given in accordance with the Election Code. Returns of the election shall be made to the Town Council as soon as practicable after the closing of the polls.

SECTION 8. Upon adoption of the Ordinance, the Mayor or designee is directed to immediately give notice of the election to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, by delivering to him a copy of the Ordinance.

SECTION 9. The Town Attorney is authorized to make such submissions as are necessary to the United States Justice Department to seek pre-clearance as to the extent required by law.

SECTION 10. The Mayor, in consultation with the Town Attorney, are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Election Code and Chapters 327 and 321 of the Tax Code in carrying out and conducting the election, whether expressly authorized by this Ordinance. In accordance with the Code, immediately after the closing of the polls on the day of the election, the election officers shall make and deliver the returns of the election in accordance with the provisions of the Election Code.

SECTION 11. The Mayor is hereby directed to engross and enroll this Ordinance by copying the exact Caption and Effective Date clause in the minutes of the Town Council and by filing this Ordinance in the Ordinance records of the Town.

SECTION 12. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and approval.

DULY PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Poetry, Texas on the
11th day of August, 2026.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

TOWN DEPUTY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

TOWN ATTORNEY