

COMBINED COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS:

<u>Mayoral Race:</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Tara Senkevech	297*	53.32 %
Haley Dennis	260	46.68 %
<u>Councilmember Race:</u>		
Chad West	254	10.28 %
Jonathan Blake	262*	10.61 %
Mike Jaffe	429*	17.37 %
Ivy Campbell	256	10.36 %
Jennifer McFarlane	141	5.71 %
Patrick Smith	244	9.88 %
Terry Fowler	318*	12.87 %
Tom Anderson	284*	11.50 %
Simeon White	282*	11.42 %

*Those with highest confirmed votes serve for a two-year term.



After being sworn in, Pastor Kevin Kelly, prayed a blessing over the incoming Mayor and Council. **Pictured above:** CM Simeon White, Mayor Tara Senkevech, CM Terry Fowler, CM Tom Anderson, CM Jonathan Blake, CM Mike Jaffe, and Pastor Kevin Kelly.



Deputy City Secretary Theresa Scholander, Mayor Senkevech and Notary, Dorothy Dillon.



Newest Council member Jonathan Blake being sworn in by Notary Dorothy Dillon.

Synopsis of May 16th Regular and Canvass Meeting

• **Reports:**

Secretary Jana Shelton was absent owing to her husband's medical emergency. Volunteer Evie Anderson filled in for her.
CM White gave a report regarding Terrell's Resolution 2066.

- **Voted** to approve the addendum and voluntary annexation agreement for Lori & Andy Bass property. A public notice and forum still must be held prior to final approval vote.

- **Voted** to pay Town's legal bill of \$780.00.
- **Voted** to pay Annual Insurance premium for the town to include property liability, City liability, Workman's Compensation and Cyber coverage for \$2358.12.
- **Approved** the Ordinance to Canvass the May 6th Election results.
- **Voted to approve** an addendum to the Right of Way Ordinance.
- **Voted** to discuss an Ordinance restricting an Ad Valorem Tax in Poetry in a more focused way at a later date.
- **Approved letters** to be sent from council and mayor to Hunt County and all cities in Hunt county encouraging a Resolution against Municipal Utility Districts in the entire county similar to the way Kaufman and Rockwall counties.
- **Rejected** amending the Oaths taken by Town officials.
- **Discussed** presenting the first Annual Scholarship promoting Agriculture at the June Regular meeting and paying the school directly instead of the recipient.
- **Approved** spending allotted monies of \$10,617.71 to finish phase 1 and 2 on the Town Hall with "Ice and Water Shield" being used on roof decking until new roof can be addressed in new fiscal year October 1.
- **Discussed** various sample Request for Qualifications (RFQ) needed to hire a town engineer as needed on a contract basis.

VOTER NEWS:

In an interview with the mayor, Bob Brown, who has served 8 years on the Early Voter Ballot Board (EVBB) for Kaufman County stated: *“Just because you have moved and pay taxes, you are not automatically registered. You must re-register. If there is any doubt, just re-register. Even moving down the street, means you must re-register. The easiest way to check is to call the Elections Director of the county in which you live. (In Texas) You must be registered within 30 days of any upcoming election.”*



Former Campground Church located at 20425 FM 986 Poetry, Texas



Wesley Killian, Campground Cemetery Board Director, stated in an interview: *“The 127-year-old church was found to be not sound enough to remodel. When the back hoe knocked the back wall, the roof fell straight down, and the walls fell out. As soon as the ground is smooth enough, we will build a Pavilion.”* Their goal is to raise \$52,000 to do so. (Around \$5000 cash monies donated previously, went directly to buy building supplies for the Church Annex-- later donated to the town of Poetry for its City Hall.) Mr. Killian stated that he hopes that the new sidewalk put in by the Restore campaign can be utilized with the new Pavilion. He wants to name it “Campground Church Pavilion” which will be available for funerals, reunions, and other events.



UPCOMING EVENTS:
Tuesday, June 20th, 2023
Poetry Town Council Regular and Public Forum Meeting
will be at Faith Temple Baptist Church 6:30 pm.

The first recipient of the Poetry Agricultural Scholarship will be awarded at the June council meeting.

****Approved solid waste vendors for the Town of Poetry are AWT, Card, CRS, and Titan. NEW vendor for Roll-offs only: TEXAS CONTRACTOR ROLL-OFFS owned by Kevin Potts #469-573-5162**

IF you see a vendor illegally operating in the town, it is unfair to those above who are doing it correctly. Please send a picture of the action to contact@poetrytexas.org



See a road that needs repair? Please help us by filing a Road Report online at

poetrytexas.org under Roads. Roads with more reports will be prioritized on repair schedules.
Kaufman County Pct. 3 Road Crew worked on Poetry Road CR 249 May 23 -24th as initiated by Poetry Town Council.



(Left) Dr. Horan, PCCS, Administrator, presented a history of Poetry at the May 18th Swearing In Ceremony.

(Right) Sheri Vinson and outgoing Councilmember Brian Vinson received donated flowers and plaque for their service to the Town of Poetry over the last two years. [Plaque donated by Two-guys Engraving]

