

Agenda
Town of Poetry
Regular Town Council Meeting

Thursday, August 10th, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Faith Temple Baptist Church
11214 FM 1565 Poetry, 75160

- a) Call the Town Council to order.
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum— Evie Anderson
- c) Pledge of allegiance—
- d) Invocation—

- e) **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 6-6:30 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)

- f) **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 Bob Boles for retrofitting audio equipment into a donated cabinet by Acclivus of Addison, TX who is downsizing and has a manager who lives in Poetry.*
** Thanks to Corrinne Hanson and Lisa Rae Hirogoyen for cleaning the Town Hall.*
**Thanks CM Tom Anderson and grand nephew for installing accessories in bathrooms and working several days on various projects for town hall.*
**Thanks to Sheri Vinson for typing the minutes.*
**The Town is soliciting for any grant-writers available to please email to contact@poetrytexas.org*
****The town is looking for volunteers to move furniture to the Town Hall Friday, August 25th. We will begin at 7 am to try to beat the heat. We need those who are strong, but also those who can help clean.***

**If you live in Kaufman County. We want to hear from citizens. Anyone who believes they were adversely affected by the property ID's split out in Kaufman County to please email with factual information regarding such to mayor.tara@poetrytexas.org. To solve any of the problems, we need factual information about any hardships this may have caused. Coy Johnson, the Deputy Appraiser of Kaufman County has said it does not affect your property values as the group them together in what is called "economic unit" when evaluating values. He says it doesn't affect one's homestead or Agriculture exemptions.*

g) Reports

1. Financial— a) July end 2023

b) Q3 Budget vs. Actual updated.

c) Sales & Use Tax Receipts Report

2. Secretary's Report—Deputy City Secretary Theresa Scholander-read by Evie Anderson

3. Town Hall progress—Tom Anderson and Mayor Senkevech

h) Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes from July 18th, 2023, Meeting.

2. Pay June legal bill of \$ 1218.75

3. Pay the remainder of the Hunt County Final Election bill for May election of \$3167.19-\$500 payment= **\$2667.90**.

4. Pay Annual License fee from Hunt County for Voting Equipment of **\$500**.
[\$13,500 divided by 27 entities=\$500]

i) Regular Agenda:

1) Discuss and take action on the Zero Zoning or revised Ordinance proposed.

2) Discuss and take action on an Interlocal 1445 Agreement.

3) Discuss and take action on the possibility of town bearing the burden of maintaining private roads.

4) Discuss, evaluate and take action on approved Solid Waste vendors' accounts.

5) Review of the Poetry Post newsletter and take action if any changes need to occur.

6) Discuss and take action on proposed Business plan for phone & Internet.

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 August 5th, 2023 by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor