



POETRY POST

May 2024 Town newsletter

April Showers brought beautiful bluebonnets!



The Town Hall has a new flag which was donated by State Representative Lance Gooden.



Synopsis of Regular Meeting, Thursday April 18th, 2024 held at Town Hall:

- Mayor gave March End Report, Sales & Use Revenue Report, and Q2 Budget Vs. Actual Report.

Consent agenda items:

- **Approved** minutes for March 21st & March 27th meetings
- **Approved** paying legal bill of 1365.00
- **Approved** TML annual renewal of \$812 and Insurance renewal of \$1039.
- **Approved** 18 ETJ petition releases.
- **Approved Ordinance 2024-03-01** in final form with newspaper announcement.

Regular Agenda:

- **Denied** TES Big Rack Ranch ETJ petition removal for legal reasons. Denied Bishop Field LLC. ETJ petition removal for legal reasons.
- **Approved** Chad Dalida/365 Development ETJ petition removal.
- **Decided** to form an ad hoc committee comprised of CM Fowler and CM Anderson to communicate with the town's engineering firm regarding map questions.
- **Discussed** results of surveys and keeping Poetry Street names the same but considered adding a "historical reference" to roads such as "League Line Rd" added to the poles.
- **Approved** Ad Valorem Restriction Ordinance.
- **Discussed** trying to develop a fair policy for dead removal. Decided to get quotes on tree removal for safety issues.
- **Discussed** needing warranty contract information and recommendation from engineer before purchasing Street Dynamics Solar-powered device for providing data for potential grant applications. Constable Johnson upon hearing the item, offered to "loan" their data collection unit free of charge to the town when it is not being used.
- **Discussed** the cost of checking ETJ removal survey checks at \$75 each.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.



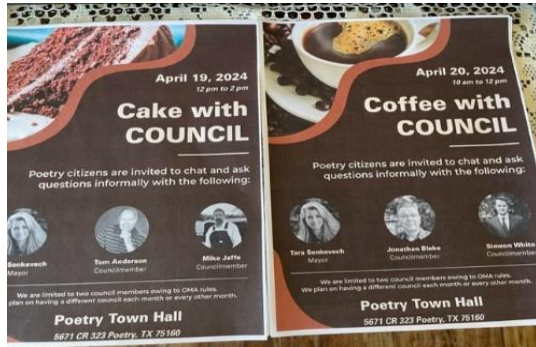
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, May 30th Regular Council

Meeting 6:30 pm at Poetry Town Hall 5671

CR 323 Poetry, TX 75160. (*This meeting was voted on to be moved from the usual 3rd Thursday.)

See Poetrytexas.org for more information.



*By citizen request, the first informal meeting called “**Cake with Council**” and “**Coffee with Council**” was held during the Spring Cleanup on Friday and Saturday. Future opportunities to meet informally with council will be held in June.*



Council member Mike Jaffe, Darrell Watson, and Council member Tom Anderson cleaned up fallen branches on Town Hall grounds. Volunteers Tom Parsons, Sr., Robin and Bob Boles assisted in “manning the dumpsters” for the Spring Clean up day. Several citizens contributed on Friday, but Saturday was a bust as it rained all day!

LEGAL NOTE: A TYPE A General Law Town such as the Town of Poetry with no utilities **never has had the ability to forcibly annex** properties. Only Home Rule towns and those with utilities had that capability. HB 347 greatly reduced the ability of **any** city from forcibly annexing.

Concerned about your family’s descendants selling out to just any developer? Idea: Ask for your will and warranty deed to have specific deed restrictions prior to selling.



Several volunteers assisted to concentrate on cleaning the heavily littered CR249. Thank you to Marissa Frankum, Candy Fletcher, Zach Lee, Sheri Vinson, Darrell Watson, Karen Baker, Brian Vinson and Herbert Fletcher.

Our town has zero property taxes and thus depends on volunteers to help us keep Poetry beautiful!

Engineers/ Surveyors, Gary Hendricks, and Justin Ivy visit Poetry to evaluate roads and discuss possible future needs with Mayor Senkevech.



Interesting fact:

The city of Stafford, population 20,000, eliminated property taxes 22 years ago and remains the largest city in Texas to have no city property taxes.

Got questions or concerns?

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