

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF KAUFMAN AND HUNT  
CITY OF POETRY, TEXAS**

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS DAY OF THE 16th** of November, 2023 at 6:30 pm, the City Council of Poetry, Texas, held a Regular Town Council Meeting at Poetry Town Hall, 5671 CR 323 Poetry, Texas 75160 with the following present:

Mayor Tara Senkevech  
Councilmember Tom Anderson  
Councilmember Mike Jaffe

Councilmember Simeon White  
Councilmember Terry Fowler  
Councilmember Jonathan Blake

**Mayor Senkevech** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Evie Anderson, Clerk** confirmed quorum.  
All council members were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

**Citizen Daryll Watson** led the pledge and invocation.

**f: Mayor Tara Senkevech** gives items of community interest;

\*Newly approved Solid Waste Vendor for Roll-offs; Blackjack Disposal.

\*Thanks to Kevin Potts for spreading the Landscaping Mix at Town Hall and providing disposal of tree limbs and debris.

\* Thanks to Sheri Vinson for typing the minutes.

**g) Reports**

1. Financial— a) October end 2023  
b) Sales & Use Tax Receipts to date

**h) Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from October 19th, 2023 Meeting

Mayor Senkevech makes motion to move to Regular Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Jaffe.

**a) Minutes from 10-19-2023**, pg. 2. The word addendum should be changed to ordinance.

**Mayor Senkevech** makes motion to amend minutes, seconded by **Councilmember Anderson. Passes 5:0**

**1) Discuss and take action on paying October legal bill of \$1706.25** Councilmember Jaffe suggests that two council members should agree to invite legal. **Councilmember Fowler** makes motion to pay bill, seconded by **Councilmember White. Passes 5:0**

**2) Discuss and take action on Solid Waste vendors and applicable ordinance.**

Council discusses polycarts vs roll-offs. Council discusses the past conclusions with trash vendors against current realities. Citizen Brian Vinson voices desire to decline exclusivity. Citizen Sheri Vinson discusses no exclusivity. Citizen Evie Anderson recommends BlackJack for exclusivity. Citizen Glenn Strauss prefers competition. Council discusses opinions from other towns and citizens. Titan and BlackJack are both called as experts. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to go exclusive for polycarts and dumpsters, but not rolloffs. Seconded by **Councilmember White. Passes 3:2.** **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to accept contract with BlackJack for polycarts and dumpsters. Seconded by **Councilmember White. Passes 3:2.** Council discusses changes to contract years and franchise fees. **Councilmember Jaffe** makes motion to create a subcommittee of Mayor Senkevech, Councilmember White, and Councilmember Anderson to review contract with BlackJack and return to council with changes. Seconded by **Councilmember Blake. Passes 5:0**

**Mayor Senkevech calls for 5-minute recess.**

**3) Discuss and take action to approve HVAC installation \$9044.59 plus needed electrical (under \$1000) for the HVAC system and ADA metal loop railing for Town Hall, \$1000. Discuss and take action on needed other construction items as needed.**

Council discusses various bids. Council discusses budget, timing, current costs vs future costs. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to accept Ross Welding handrail bid, seconded by **Councilmember Fowler. Passes 5:0.** **Councilmember Blake** makes motion to accept HVAC bid with addition of Wifi thermostat up to \$10,500. Seconded by **Councilmember Anderson. Passes 5:0**

**4) Discuss and take action on M365 annual subscription choice.** Council discusses Midlothian bid, and calls on expert Josh Senkevech to weigh in. **Mayor Senkevech** makes a motion to choose a Microsoft service, not over \$705.04 contingent upon Councilmember Jaffe and Josh Senkevech deciding on the best course understanding the time ramifications. Seconded by **Councilmember Anderson. Passes 5:0**

**5) Discuss and take action on the third Annual Christmas Lights contest from December 1 to December 12th and Lighting celebration with Council informal gathering for Saturday, December 16th, 2023.** **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to accept , seconded by **Councilmember White. Passes 5:0**

**6) Discuss and take action on Town's policy regarding dead tree removal in the Town's Right of Way versus on private property and determining such.** Council discusses information found on this topic. Council plans to talk to counties, and follow the checklist.

**7) Discuss and take action on lack of service on 3 roads by Kaufman County paid for by Town of Poetry with Interlocal Agreement Project Sheet K-04 end of April 2023.**

Council thoroughly discusses past, present, and future plans for this project list. **Mayor Senkevech** makes motion to buy product, not over \$3000 and have volunteer crew to finish this project sheet. Seconded by **Councilmember Jaffe. Passes 5:0**

**8) Discuss and take action on Hunt County Project Sheet H-07 for serving 12 roads in Poetry. Mayor Senkevech** clarifies project. **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to accept, seconded by **Councilmember Blake. Passes 5:0**

**9) Discuss current proposed Zoning Ordinance with added amendments.** Council makes additions and subtractions. Councilmember White is tasked with creating a subcommittee. Citizen Brian Vinson lists various items for review.

#### **j) General Public Comments**

Citizen Brian Vinson thanks Council for changing decorum rules concerning the stating of addresses. Citizen Sheri Vinson requests Council decide on inclusion or exclusion of citizen comments, and requests a street sign for CR 323.

**Mayor Senkevech** adjourns meeting at 10:00 pm.

Minutes typed by Sheri Vinson.