

Amended Agenda  
Town of Poetry  
**Workshop, Budget Public Hearing and Regular  
Town Council Meeting**

Thursday, September 21st, 2023  
5671 CR 323  
Poetry Town Hall  
6:30 p.m.

- a) Call the Town Council to order.
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum— Evie Anderson
- c) Pledge of allegiance—Councilmember Blake
- d) Invocation—Councilmember Blake
  
- 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](mailto: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.*

*\*Kaufman County is celebrating 175 years Anniversary. They are having a parade with all the mayors of Kaufman County and the representative school mascots on October 10<sup>th</sup> on Washington Avenue in Kaufman at 9 am. It begins at the Auto Zone in Kaufman. schools. They are also having a Harvest Festival. All are welcome!*

*\* Thanks to Wesley Jackson & Brett Patterson of Ace Paint & Décor for all the Tape, Bed & Texture in new closet and repairing cracks from the move and repainting the interior.*

*\* Thanks to Kane Hansard for installing lighting in closet.*

*\* Thanks to Bob Boles for installing the speaker system in the new town hall.*

*\* Thanks to Sheri Vinson for typing the minutes.*

*\* Thanks to Corinne Hanson for assistance in watering trees at Town Hall.*  
*\* Thanks to CM Blake, CM Anderson, former CM Vinson, and Kevin Senkevech and for helping us move much of our furniture into the town hall.*  
*\* Thanks to Rae Hirogoyen for helping clean and work on the floor at Town Hall.*  
*\*Thanks to CM Tom Anderson for putting up the handicapped sign and Town Hall sign as well as a street sign on CR2426. In looking at the history for the last 6 months, it shows that we CAN accommodate those who show up.*  
*\*Thanks to CM Anderson and CM Jaffe for assisting with moving a file cabinet and cleaning up debris at Town hall.*  
*Every hour donated, helps our town avoid taxes. We also get to know each other better and build our community in the process.*  
**\*CURRENT NEEDS:**  
***\* Two small trees need to be cut down at the edge of the town hall property. Looking for a volunteer.***

**g) WORKSHOP Meeting 6:30 pm -7:25 pm.**

Citizens will be given 3 minutes at the front of the workshop to speak regarding their views regarding zoning.

**Topic: Discuss the Zero Zoning or other Ordinance proposed.**

**h) BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING 7:30 pm**

**Topic: Discuss and take action on the proposed budget for fiscal year Oct. 1, 2023-September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**I) REGULAR MEETING**

**j) Reports**

1. **Financial**— a) August end 2023  
b) Sales & Use Tax Receipts
2. **Secretary's Report**—Deputy City Secretary Theresa Scholander
3. **Town Hall Report**—**passed inspection**
4. **New TEC rule:** Any campaign or SPAC reports filed on or after Sept 1, 2023 **must** be posted on a city website within 10 days of receipt and kept there for 5 years. [Certain items must be redacted online, but not on original].

**k) Consent Agenda:**

1. Minutes from August 10th, 2023, Meeting.
2. Pay July legal bill of \$853.64

**l) Regular Agenda:**

- 1) Discuss and take action if needed on the Poetry Post Newsletter.
- 2) Discuss and take action on the updated map of town to include the volunteer

annexation for purposes of the 1445 agreement.

- 3) Discuss and take action on the 1445 agreement.
- 4) Discuss and take action regarding meeting places for Council meetings.
- 5) Discuss and take action regarding a Town position in addressing tree removal for those which are in the Right of Way.
- 6) Discuss and take action on contracting with someone to clean the town hall each month up to 4 hours each month.
- 7) Discuss and take action on letter of engagement with CPA for annual audit.
- 8) Discuss moving the Regular October meeting to Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, or Wednesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> to meet a legal requirement.

**m) 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.**

**n) 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 September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.***

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***Tara Senkevech, Mayor***