



Special thanks to **HR Dirt Works** for installing the new sidewalks at the Camp Ground Church seen here.

## Lights Contest Committee:

The committee members donated time, monies and efforts for the contest, wreaths and Tree Lighting ceremony. Members included; Debbie Emard, chair, Kenz Salisbury, Barbara Meler, Amy Fowler, Sheri Vinson, Candy Fletcher, Evie Anderson, and Mayor Tara Senkevech. Donated items from community businesses were listed in the January newsletter.

*(Some committee members making wreaths below)*



Thanks ladies, you made a fun and memorable event for our town!

## Synopsis of January 18th first Regular Town Council 2022:

- Decision to accept the proposed road maintenance interlocal agreement with Kaufman county;
  - Decision to divide up the town roads between the Mayor and councilmembers to be inspected for needed forage trimming;
  - Updates from the comptroller's office about implementing the recently passed 2% Sales and Use Tax; the town is awaiting a GNIS code for the census required before implementing the tax;
  - Discussion about citizen concerns of the sand/rock crushing pit and explanation from the pit co-owner;
  - Decision to obtain an inspection for the Poetry Town Hall and remove the sanctuary from the inspection.
  - Discussion about unregistered solid waste vendors and active efforts to report them as well as issuing formal receipts of franchise fees from registered vendors;
  - Discussion of putting out more town expenses for informal or formal bid, which the council decided to discuss in more depth at the next workshop; and
  - Discussed councilmember emails which will be available at [poetrytexas.org](http://poetrytexas.org). Want to talk with your council? The following will be their direct emails:  
[mayor.tara@poetrytexas.org](mailto:mayor.tara@poetrytexas.org)  
[cm.anderson@poetrytexas.org](mailto:cm.anderson@poetrytexas.org)  
[cm.fowler@poetrytexas.org](mailto:cm.fowler@poetrytexas.org)  
[cm.jaffe@poetrytexas.org](mailto:cm.jaffe@poetrytexas.org)  
[cm.vinson@poetrytexas.org](mailto:cm.vinson@poetrytexas.org)  
[cm.white@poetrytexas.org](mailto:cm.white@poetrytexas.org)  
[secretary@poetrytexas.org](mailto:secretary@poetrytexas.org)
- A presentation from the Kaufman County EMC Steve Howie about emergency management coordination;
  - Discussion of applying NIMS courses to managing town issues and applying for a storm siren grant; which the council moved to discuss in greater depth at a future workshop;



Above: Josh Senkevech holding the newly council-approved audio equipment to host the attorney via telephone for meetings. Such practices will save money by minimizing the attorney's travel fees.



CBD Septic donated labor for the new septic installation seen above. The funds raised by the town flea market last spring paid for much of the 500-gallon aerobic system.



Above: Donnie Yost, Jr. of Elmo showed up to assist the Community Service Day at the Annex! He is seen here installing door knobs.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

\* **February 15th** – Town Council Meeting 6:30pm  
Faith Temple Baptist Church

\* **Saturday, February 19th** —  
**Camp Ground Community Church Work Day**  
9-5pm All folks are welcome to come assist!

Kane Hansard installed new countertops in the Camp Ground Annex. As a retired electrician, he also provided much of the finish out on electrical fixtures along with David Emard.

**Thanks guys!**



Above: City Secretary Karoline Chapman took her Notary oaths with the assistance of long-time notary Dorothy Dillon. She will be available once regular hours are established at the new Town Hall offices.

*Got pictures of events happening in Poetry?*

*We welcome your snapshots!*

Please submit them to [contact@poetrytexas.org](mailto:contact@poetrytexas.org)

**HELP OUR TOWN BY SIGNING UP FOR A REGISTERED Solid Waste (trash) vendor: AWT, CRS, Titan, and Reed Sanitation are the only approved vendors in the town of Poetry.**