

Agenda  
Town of Poetry  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**

Tuesday, June 20th, 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.
- 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](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.*

*\*The mayor is soliciting for any **grant-writers available** to please email to [contact@poetrytexas.org](mailto:contact@poetrytexas.org)*

*\*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](mailto: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.*

*\*The town welcomes a newly approved **Solid Waste Vendor Texas Contractor Roll Offs** which can be reached at [kpotts@texascontractorrolloffs.com](mailto:kpotts@texascontractorrolloffs.com) or 469-576-5162. They only service the large 15, 20 and 25-yard dumpsters.*

*\*Thanks to Chad Dalida and his crew from **365 Land Development** for clearing three downed trees on the Town Hall site free of charge!*

**g) Reports**

**1. Financial**—May end 2023

Sales & Use Tax -June first monthly receipt= \$6432.63.

**2. Secretary's Report**— Deputy City Secretary Theresa Scholander

**3. Town Hall progress**—Mayor Senkevech

## **h) Consent Agenda:**

1. Minutes from May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Meeting.
2. Legal bill of \$ 1023.75.

## **i) Regular Agenda:**

1. Discuss and present award for the First Annual Poetry Agriculture Scholarship Recipient—Landon Lord.
2. Discuss and take action on Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a general use town engineer.
3. Modifying Budget Ordinance to take money from Legal fund to provide for road and election costs.
4. Discuss and take action advertising City Secretarial position vacancy.
5. Discuss and take action on voting in the Mayor Pro-tem for a one-year term.
6. Discuss and take action on a Regular Schedule Meeting time to the third Thursday instead.
7. Discuss and take action on changing the August meeting to Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> or other appropriate date.
8. Discuss and take action on May 6<sup>th</sup> Election results.

**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 June 17th, 2023 by 6:30 pm and online at [poetrytexas.org](http://poetrytexas.org).*

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**Tara Senkevech, Mayor**