

Agenda  
Town of Poetry  
**Public Forum and Regular Town Council Meeting**

Tuesday, July 18th, 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– Evie Anderson
- 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.*

*\* Thanks to Chad Dalida and 365 Land Development for clearing three fallen trees from the Town Hall site.*

*\*Thanks to Jon Simpson for donating his time to put sheetrock inside the new closet and for a reduced price in adding on the closet addition.*

*\* Huge thanks to Leland Barnett for donating gravel for the drive and additional concrete work while doing an excellent job on our ADA van-accessible parking lot. He worked the gravel so that it is very solid and will keep the area from being muddy after a rainstorm.*

*\*The Town 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.*

*\*CRS was purchased on June 23<sup>rd</sup> by Card Recycling. The Town has 4 approved Solid Waste Vendors: AWT, CARD, Titan, and Texas Contractor Roll Offs.*

#### **g) Reports**

- 1. Financial**—June end 2023; Q3 Budget vs. Actual
- 2. Secretary's Report**—Deputy City Secretary Theresa Scholander
- 3. Town Hall progress**—Tom Anderson and Mayor Senkevech

#### **h) Consent Agenda:**

1. Minutes from June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Meeting.
2. Minutes from June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Meeting.
2. Pay June legal bill of \$ 245.01

#### **i) Public Forum:**

- 1) Discuss and take action on Voluntary Annexation of Lori and Andy Bass property.**

#### **j) Regular Agenda:**

- 1) Discuss and take action on making monthly reports of sales and use tax receipts, potential disbursements and balances.
- 2) Discuss the Zero Zoning Ordinance proposed.
- 3) Discuss and take action on the 1445 Agreement.
- 4) Discuss City secretary search.
- 5) Discuss and take action on Deputy City Secretary Theresa's request to amend office

hours to Thursdays 1-5 pm to allow her to take a needed morning therapy class and to flex with occasional extra hours up to the allotted 15 hours per week until the secretary vacancy is filled.

- 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 July 15th, 2023 by 6:30 pm and online at [poetrytexas.org](http://poetrytexas.org).*

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**Tara Senkevech, Mayor**