

Agenda
Town of Poetry
Regular Town Council Meeting

Thursday, December 21st, 2023

Poetry Town Hall

5671 CR 323

Poetry, TX 75160

6:30 p.m.

- a) Call the Town Council to order.
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum– volunteer clerk, 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 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 Sheri Vinson for typing the minutes.*

**Thanks to Mary Gregory for decorating the inside Town Hall tree.*

**Thanks to the Christmas Lights committee for their hours of teamwork; Sheri Vinson, Brian Vinson, Jennifer McFarlane, Candy Fletcher, Rae Hirogoyen, Robin Boles.*

**Thanks to Bob Boles, Kevin and Josh Senkevech for the trailer set up with sound and video systems.*

**Congratulations to winners of the 3rd Annual Christmas Lights Contest.*

**Congratulations to Poetry Citizen, Ryder Grimes, named Country Music's Emerging Artist of the Year on November 12, 2023.*

g) REGULAR MEETING

h) Reports

1. **Financial**— a) November end 2023
b) Sales & Use Tax Receipts

2. **Secretary's Report**—Deputy City Secretary Theresa Scholander read by volunteer clerk, Evie Anderson.

i) Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes from November 2, 2023 Meeting.
2. Pay November legal bill of \$ 1171.03
3. Pay Town Insurance Annual renewal for \$682.02.
3. Proclamation of August 26th as 'Ryder Grimes Day'.

J) Regular Agenda:

- 1) Listen to presentation of Statement of Qualifications (S.O.Q.) by Engineering firms Exceed Engineering and Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, L.L.P. Engineering Firm. Discuss and take action as appropriate.

- 2) Discuss and take action on finalizing Solid Waste Ordinance with Addendum A; Exclusive Solid Waste Franchise Agreement with Doliver Enterprises, LLC dba Blackjack Disposal.

- 3) Discuss and take action on finalizing Solid Waste Addendum B; Non-exclusive for Roll-offs Solid Waste Franchise Agreement.

- 4) Discuss and take action on four critical culvert replacements on CR 2464 on Project Sheet H-09 for the amount of \$ 8,250.00 for materials cost only.

- 5) Discuss and take action to have agenda items author and supporters' names attached at the end of each item. [CM Fowler and CM Jaffe].

- 6) Discuss and take action on the proposed concrete crushing plant on Hwy 276. [CM Blake and CM White].

- 7) Discuss and take action on Council member Fowler's petition to release from ETJ.

- 8) Discuss and take action on Bennet's petition to release from ETJ.

9) Discuss and take action on West's three petitions to release from ETJ.

10) Discuss Preliminary Zoning Map.

k) 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.

l) 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 December 16th, 2023 by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor