

Agenda

Regular Town Council Meeting

Thursday, October 17th, 2024

5671 CR 323

Poetry, TX 75160

6:30 pm

- a) Call the Town Council to order.
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum— Town Secretary, Anne Hamilton
- c) Pledge of allegiance—Pastor Paul Jacobs, PBC
- d) Invocation—Pastor Paul Jacobs, PBC

- 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 6:00-6:30 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.
***Reminder of Fall Cleanup THIS Friday and Saturday. Make it a family event while teaching respect for our beautiful area.**

- g) **Reports:**
 1. Financial
 - a. September End 2024
 - b. September Sales & Use Report
 - c. Town Hall contractor change to a local Poetry business, **Fletcher Lawn & Landscaping** for significant savings.

 2. Secretary's Report—read by Town Secretary, Anne Hamilton

- h) **Consent Agenda:**
 1. Approve Minutes from September 19th, 2024, Meeting.
 2. Approve September legal bill of \$ 1055.75 (\$877.50 is for West vs. Poetry lawsuit)
 3. LBJ Fire Lane at Town Hall quote for \$2190.00
 4. Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Insurance \$4858.84 Annual Premium.

i) Regular Agenda: [Discuss and consider action on items below:]

1. Update on prospective Bishop Airfield LLC. MUD.
2. Hunt County Project Sheet H-17 pothole/side repair for 6 roads.
3. Vote on Town Hall shutter/trim paint colors: White, Black, gray or other.
4. Town of Poetry flag ideas. Consider a citizen contest for designing a town flag.
5. Update on fence that was damaged by Town Contractor during the July tree felling.
6. Owing to his change of vocation and out-of-state work, moving co-signatory and accountability on Municipal Bank account from CM White to Mayor Pro Tem Blake. [CM Anderson most often co-signs checks with the mayor, but this additional co-signatory is in case of CM Anderson's absence].
7. Set date for **Volunteer Appreciation BBQ Saturday**, November 23rd 5 pm for about 35 volunteers who have participated in the last 3 years: 6 council, 2 secretaries and town attorney. Budget set at \$650.
8. Volunteer Road team \$4500 for any pothole repairs for roads as needed this quarter.
9. Approve **4th Annual Christmas Lights Event** for Saturday, December 21st at 5 pm. Change the name to the **Evie Anderson Christmas Lights Event** in her memorial.
10. Revising the Rules of Procedure to allow citizens to speak for 3 minutes in front of the meeting for General Public Comments/Citizen Comments, so they do not need to wait through to the end of a long meeting and striking items F and K on pg. 4. [CM Blake and CM White].
11. BHC Task order 104 and engineering possibilities.
12. Discussion of permits and inspections of new and remodel construction. [CM Fowler].

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 Monday, October 14th, 2024, by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor