

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF KAUFMAN AND HUNT  
CITY OF POETRY, TEXAS**

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS DAY OF THE** 20th of June, 2023 at 6:30 pm, the City Council of Poetry, Texas, held a Regular Town Council Meeting and Canvass at 11214 FM 1565 Poetry, Texas, 75160 with the following present:

Mayor Tara Senkevech  
Councilmember Tom Anderson  
Councilmember Mike Jaffe

Councilmember Simeon White  
Councilmember Terry Fowler  
Councilmember Jonathan Blake

**Mayor Senkevech** called the meeting to order at 6:30

**Evie Anderson, Clerk** confirmed quorum.  
All council members were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

**Citizen Darrell Watson** led the pledge and invocation.

**f: Mayor Tara Senkevech** gives items of community interest;

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**

Letters went out to FEC customers who received but did not cash reimbursement checks, expressing the desire to take care of this business.

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

**h) Consent Agenda:**

1. **Minutes from May 16th, 2023, Meeting.** Motion made by **Councilmember Jaffe**, seconded by **Councilmember Fowler**. **Passes 5:0****Legal bill of \$ 1023.75.**

Motion made by **Councilmember White**, seconded by **Councilmember Blake**. **Passes 5:0**

**i) Regular Agenda:**

1. **Discuss and present award for the First Annual Poetry Agriculture Scholarship Recipient—Landon Lord.** Congratulations to Landon Lord, Photo Ops, and special thanks to Two Guys Laser, Councilmember Fowler, Chad West and anonymous donor.
2. **Discuss and take action on Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a general use town engineer.** Councilmember Anderson explains the packet items. Motion Made by **Councilmember Jaffe**, seconded by **Councilmember White**. **Passes 5:0**
3. **Modifying Budget Ordinance to take money from Legal fund to provide for road and election costs.** Council discusses at length. **Councilmember Fowler** makes motion to approve, seconded by **Councilmember Anderson**. **Passes 5:0**
4. **Discuss and take action advertising City Secretarial position vacancy.** **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to advertise on free spaces, seconded by **Councilmember Blake**. **Passes 5:0**
5. **Discuss and take action on voting in the Mayor Pro-tem for a one-year term.** **Council Votes Councilmember Jaffe to position of Mayor Pro-tem 4:1**
6. **Discuss and take action on a Regular Schedule Meeting time to the third Thursday instead.** **Councilmember Anderson** makes motion to move to third Thursday starting in September, 2023. Seconded by **Councilmember Blake**. **Passes 5:0**
7. **Discuss and take action on changing the August meeting to Thursday, August 10th or other appropriate date.** Motion made by **Councilmember Anderson**, seconded by **Councilmember Fowler**. **Passes 5:0**

**Mayor Senkevech calls for 5-minute recess.**

8. **Discuss and take action on May 6th Election results.** **Councilmember Fowler** discusses results of his research. He feels very strongly that council should help citizens file appropriate paperwork to vote. **Mayor Senkevech** feels the voter list should be taken offline, due to the fact that it is outdated. **Councilmember Jaffe** makes motion to pull voter list off of the town website, seconded by **Councilmember Blake**. **Passes 5:0**

**Councilmember Fowler** volunteers to host committee for the voter lists. Committee will be **Councilmember Fowler** and **Councilmember Jaffe**, including **Mayor Senkevech**.

**j) General Public Comments No General Comments**

**k) Adjourned Regular Meeting @ 8:35 pm**

**Minutes typed by Sheri Vinson.**