

Amended Agenda
Town of Poetry
Special Town Council Meeting

Thursday, April 27th, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Faith Temple Baptist Church
11214 FM 1565 Poetry, 75160

- a) Call Town Council to order.
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum. –Evie Harper
- c) Pledge of allegiance—CM Simeon White
- d) Invocation. –CM Simeon White

- 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 Card and Titian for donating the dumpsters for our Spring Clean-up day. And thanks to CM Vinson, Paula Waugh, Tanya Pollack, and Jonathan Blake, and all those who volunteered for the Spring Clean-up.*
**Change in QISD Bond election—if you want to vote on this issue, you must vote in Quinlan City Council Chambers at 104 E. Main Street on election day or at Quinlan ISD Admin Building 401 E. Richmond Avenue, Quinlan, TX for early voting.*

g) Reports

1. **Financial**—March end 2023
Budget Vs. Actual—End of Q2 Midyear Report
2. **Election Report**—submitted by Secretary Shelton, reported by Evie Harper
3. **Secretary's Report**—submitted by Secretary Shelton, reported by Evie Harper
4. **Oncor Letter**--Mayor's statement from the online Forum

5. **Postmaster's letter**—Preferred Last Line- Councilmember Vinson
6. **Comptroller's Letter**-- Councilmember Vinson

h) Consent Agenda:

1. Corrected Minutes from January 23rd 2023 meeting.
2. Minutes from March 21, 2023, Regular Meeting

i) Regular Agenda:

Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the Town Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:

1. Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with this chapter: Employee matters and 1099 vs. W-2 for city secretary/s.
2. Reconvene into Open Session and take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.
3. Discuss and take action on considering an RFQ for contractual engineer as needed for the town.
4. Discuss and take action on Voluntary Annexation Agreement with Lori and Andy Bass authorizing commencement of annexation proceedings for property located at 16750 CR 248.
5. Discuss and take action on CM Vinson's Ordinance preventing Ad Valorem Tax in Poetry.
6. Discuss and take action on CM White's letter to Mayors and CM of Hunt County cities urging them to consider a resolution opposing the formation of Special Use Districts by developers.
7. Discuss and take action on two-year Interlocal Agreement with Kaufman County for

roads.

8. Discuss and take action on payment of legal bill for March of \$195.00
9. Discuss and take action on annual TML membership of \$788.00.
10. Discuss and take action on Kaufman County Project Sheet 04 for roads CR 247, CR 249, Gate Lane, Four Post Lane, and Green Meadows Lane for \$3280.00.
11. Discuss and take action on Hunt County Project Sheet 06 for roads CR2458 and CR 2432 for \$1000.00.
12. Discuss and take action on outdoor bulletin board presented at \$587.40.[The one approved last month was not weatherproof despite advertised as “outdoor”.]
13. Discuss and take action on items for Town Hall site.

j) General Public Comments: Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. If a translator is needed, the speaker may be granted 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 this April 24nd, 2023 by 6:30 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor