

Agenda
Town of Poetry
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 21st, 2021
6:30 pm
Faith Temple Baptist Church
11214 FM 1565 Poetry, TX 75160

- a) Call Regular Town Council Meeting to order
- b) Roll call to confirm quorum
- c) Pledge of Allegiance (led by Pastor Michael Moonoo)
- 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 three (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 agenda item on which to 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 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. (Tex. Loc. Gov. 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 about upcoming Town Council events; 5) reminders about upcoming community events; and 6) announcements involving imminent threat to public health and safety.
- g) **Reports:**
 - 1) Road Report—
 - 2) Planning & Zoning Report—
- h) **Consent Agenda:**
 - 1) Approval of minutes from the August 17th, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting.
 - 2) Approval of minutes from the September 7th, 2021, Workshop Meeting of the Town Council.

i) **Regular Agenda:**

- 1) First Amended June 29th 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- 2) Discuss and consider a Resolution of the Town of Poetry, Texas adopting Rules of Procedure for Town Council Meetings.
- 3) Interview candidate Karoline Chapman for the Town Secretary position.

J) **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: § 551.074: Deliberation regarding the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of public officer or employee: Town Secretary

K) **Reconvene into Regular Session:**

- 4) Discuss and consider appointing the Town Secretary.
- 5) Discuss and consider an Ordinance of the Town of Poetry, Texas approving a franchise agreement with Farmers Electric Cooperative (FEC); providing a penalty for violations of the Ordinance; and providing for publication and an effective date.
- 6) Discuss and consider an Ordinance of the Town of Poetry, Texas approving the Town's Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
- 7) Discuss and consider payment of bills currently due by the Town.
(TML Risk Insurance for volunteers, council, and any staff: \$1035.86
Newspaper legal notices \$190 + \$209=\$399.00
Kaufman County Elections for 375 registered voters \$550.00
Current checking balance at \$10,875.76)
- 8) Discuss and consider granting _____ authorization to approve expenditures of not more than \$_____ without Council approval.
- 9) Discuss and consider authorized signatories for the Town's bank account.
- 10) Discuss and consider an Interlocal Agreement with Kaufman County for road maintenance as modified.
- 11) Discuss and consider an Ordinance of the Town of Poetry approving nonexclusive solid waste collection throughout the Town, and associated regulations; providing for a penalty; and providing an effective date.

l) **General Public Comments:** Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. If a translator is needed, 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.***

m) **Adjournment**

The Town Council may go into closed session at any time when permitted by Chapters 418 or 551, Texas Government Code, or Section 321.3022 of the Texas Tax Code. Before going into closed session, a quorum of the Council must be assembled in the meeting room, the meeting must be convened as an open meeting pursuant to proper notice, and the presiding officer must announce that a closed session will be held and must identify the sections of Chapter 551 or 418, Texas Government Code, or Section 321.3022 of the Texas Tax Code authorizing the closed 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 Meeting Notice was posted at 11214 FM 1565 Poetry Texas on the 17th day of September, 2021 by 6:00 pm and online at poetrytexas.org.

Tara Senkevech, Mayor