

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights December 12 – December 16

The Mission of the Anna City Government is to provide exceptional city services and facilities in a financially responsible and neighbor-focused way through a high performing, professional city team that provides results in adding value to neighbors' lives.

City Manager Update

- On December 9 and 10 the City Council, the City Manager's Office, and representatives from Raftelis (the facilitator) held two work sessions to update the strategic plan and the elements of the City Vision and Mission. In the coming weeks the City Management team will work on the development of the 2023 work plan based on this work effort and its results to prepare for a follow work session to align the work plan with the Council's Vision and Mission.
- The City Manager and ACMs met with the AISD Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to discuss a series of topics to coordinate efforts between the two organization.
- Senior City Management Staff attended a regional meeting with the North Texas Municipal Water District to get updates on several NTMWD initiatives and processes.
- The City Manager was a keynote speaker, coach, and mentor for a nationally presented "think tank" lunch and learn webinar to address work force challenges in local government regarding recruitment, development, and retention of employees. The think tank resulted in numerous ideas which can be replicated easily that will published in one of the trade magazines.
- On Friday, December 16, the City Manager provided lunch for Court and staff.
- This coming Monday, December 19, the City Manager is hosting an appreciation breakfast for the staff and community. The breakfast is intended to have participants donate canned food for donations to the local food pantry. Donations for this effort should be brought to the City Manager's Office no later than December 20. If you are coming to this breakfast, please respond ASAP and don't forget to bring a donation.

Growing the Anna Economy

- Economic Development staff discussed new ad designs and digital media strategies with Swimming Duck and Cooksey Communications
- The City Council approved the Wayfinding Signage Project that will kickoff in January with Lee Engineering and Merje Design.
- Assistant Director and Coordinator attended the Transportation Crossroads Conference hosted by the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce in Dallas.
- Economic Development staff attended three DRC meetings.
- Economic Development staff met with five developers this week.
- City of Anna mentioned in the following article, *High School Football: Is Population Key to Winning Titles?*
 - https://reader.dallasnews.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=6bdcddbd-f1c3-4f21-a7c1-9cb5785ca2b1
- Upcoming Economic Development Events:
 - 12/19 CDC/EDC Special-Called Board Meeting – Council Conference Room

- 12/19 Public Hearing for Community Development Fund and Downtown Revitalization Program – Council Chambers

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- Collin Pump Station – Well #10 complete. Well #11 drilled and awaiting screen.
- Public Works held a meeting with Freese and Nichols for Hurricane Interceptor Alignment.
- Public Works received executed easements for US75 water relocations.
- Landscape plans were sent to the architect for Fire Station #2.
- The Sherley Heritage Park Train is scheduled for Sherley Heritage Park to be delivered Monday December 19.
- Public Works held a meeting for DART permit with Gessner.
- Public Works continued work to lay sewer line for Hurricane Sewer Line B.
- Council rejected all bids for City Hall Parking Expansion.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The Parks Crew cleaned and repaired Slayter Park restrooms after they were vandalized Thursday night. \$550 worth of damages. A police report has been completed along with an invoice and video. Restrooms will be closed for the weekend until repairs are made. Next week all restrooms will close at sunset due to cold temperatures to prevent busted water pipes.
- The Parks Team welcomed Robert Durbin as our new Park Maintenance Worker.
- The Parks Crew replaced new water fountains at Slayter Creek Park pavilion and Natural Spring Park down by the Gazebo.
- The Parks Crew finished setting construction signs for the splash pad and skate park. Staff removed benches, tables and three water features before they start of demolition on Monday.
- The Park Superintendent met with contractors to finalize paw park projects and timelines.
- The Recreation Team welcomed the new Part-time Recreation Coordinator who will coordinate Contract Classes and Adult Programs and will assist with other programs.
- The Recreation Division hosted a senior trip to the Grapevine Historic District on Thursday, December 15. Thirteen seniors originally registered for the trip but due to illness, family emergencies, and holiday conflicts, only 2 attended.
- The Parks and Recreation Department, Development Services Department, and Community Enhancement and Code Compliance Division hosted a holiday snack hour for all staff on Thursday.
- The Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services met with the Part-Time Senior Programs coordinator for a four-month checkup.
- The Department's Director, Assistant Director, and Park Planning and Development Manager met on Wednesday, December 14 to discuss the CIP and department updates.
- The Community Enhancement and Compliance Division created **12** new Code cases this week. The team re-inspected **61** cases and **38** closed as complied by owner. In addition, officers removed **6** signs from the public right of way. Finally, the Division conducted **1** Health inspection of our local food establishments this week.
- The Community Enhancement Coordinator met with the Anna Historical Society to continue planning for a Historical Building recognition event in February.

- The CEC Division partnered with Parks and Recreation to host the 2022 We Notice Christmas Lights competition. We received 45 awesome submissions and had the difficult task of naming one winner! However, congratulations to our 2022 winner, Mike Nelin!



- The Communications Manager Scheduled a video shoot for January 12 to film episode 4 & 5 of the Anna Neighbor employee series and to capture “Before” footage of all the Parks CIP projects so we can do a compilation video at the end of 2023 of the finished projects.
- The Communications Manager filmed and released the “Grinch Tried to Steal Christmas” video with Police Department.
- Our Facebook engagement is up 33% over Oct. 21 – Nov. 17. Our posts about the tree lighting event and ice skating were very well received, but our post about downtown revitalization was highly engaging reaching more than 96% more people than our last 50 posts and receiving 100% more comments and reactions than our last 50 posts.

High Performing, Professional City

- Anna Fire Rescue, for December 10-16, responded to 49 calls for service; 33 of those calls were EMS related and we transported 18 individuals to area hospitals. We received three mutual aid responses.
- Chief Isom attended the Texas Fire Chief’s Workshop in San Antonio this week for Continuing Education.
- On Tuesday, December 13, Anna began its day with an announcement from the National Weather Service out of Fort Worth Texas, that our area was currently under a Thunderstorm and Tornado Watch. The City’s Emergency Management Team came together and developed a plan of action to prep for the possibility of severe weather in Anna and notified our management team of the weather concerns. Our Emergency Operations Center was softly opened in this preparation.
- Anna Fire Rescue’s Operation Santa was another success, even in the drizzle.
- Utility Billing coordinated 91 cutoffs with Public Works.
- Municipal Court had 38 defendants on the docket for Municipal Court on Friday, December 16.
- The new Court Clerk attended New Court Clerk’s Seminar this week sponsored by the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center. She was one of 129 court clerks that attended.



- The Finance Department distributed a Request for Applications for Bank Depository Services. The City is in the last year of a contract with Independent Financial and will be seeking a new contract to start June 1, 2023.