

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights November 4 – November 8

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

Growing the Anna Economy

- Economic Development attended the first-ever UT Dallas Economic Development Summit as well as the Anna ISD's CTE (Career Technology Education) Advisory Committee Meeting
- A workshop for the Economic Development Strategic Plan was held with the EDC/CDC Board during their meeting on Thursday, November 7.
- Economic Development held a meeting with North Texas Commission staff to review their operations, events, and membership. North Texas Commission is a public-private partnership dedicated to advancing the vibrancy of the North Texas region.
- The development agreement for the HiRise Apartment Development has been drafted and is in review by the developer. The project is a \$35 million-dollar apartment complex located west of US 75.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- The Development Review Committee reviewed two (2) rezoning requests:
 - A rezoning request to allow for retail and restaurant with drive through pad sides, located on the west side of State Highway 5, opposite First Apostolic church.
 - A rezoning request to allow for a multifamily development located on the east side of State Highway 5, just south of First Apostolic church/
- Development Services processed four new development applications which included three zoning requests and one development plat. The zoning requests are for the following:
 - A concrete batching plant on 10 acres located at the northeast corner of the East Collin County Outer Loop Road and CR 418.
 - Multifamily residence on 20 acres located on the west side of State Highway 5, 1,420 feet south of West White Street.
 - Single-family residence and nonresidential development on 223 acres located on the north side of Hackberry Drive, 485 feet west of Ferguson Parkway.
- Development Services will be re-noticing a zoning request for a child-care center and retail development within Anna Town Square.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The City hosted the monthly HOA Leadership Meeting on Tuesday, November 5. The City Manager's Office, Code Compliance Manager, and Anna Police Department were in attendance. During the meeting Kevin Martin, the City's Code Compliance Manager, presented for comment and questions the revised Rental Registration Ordinance. Those in attendance were all in favor of the proposed ordinance revision.

- The City Manager’s Office and Code Compliance Manager met with Mayor Pro-Tem Lee Miller to discuss the Rental Registration Ordinance. The ordinance will go before the City Council on December 10.
- Anna Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works Department attended “Community Helpers Day” at Sue E. Rattan Elementary School to discuss and educate on how we build community!
- Chief Caponera attended an Advisory Board meeting at the Children’s Advocacy Center of Collin County with several other area police chiefs and the Collin County District Attorney.
- The Anna Police Department and the Anna ISD Police Department co-hosted the Civilian Response to an Active Shooter Training on Thursday, November 7.
- The Anna Police Department hosted the monthly Coffee with Anna Cops event at BancorpSouth. The police department is making plans to have December’s event feature a component for children that will involve a book readings and hot cocoa.
- In collaboration with the Historical Society and the Greater Anna Chamber of Commerce, staff held a meeting for the First Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Sherley Heritage Park.
- Staff met with the Historical Society regarding drafting a facility use agreement for the train depot.
- The Natural Springs Dog Park is close to completion. The opening and ribbon cutting ceremony is tentatively scheduled for mid-December.

High Performing, Professional City

- The City Manager’s Office and Fire Chiefs met with Mayor Nate Pike to discuss general operational and administrative aspects of the department.
- Engine 1 was temporarily out of service for maintenance this week; Engine 2 was placed into front-line service during this time. Engine 1 is back in service.
- The Police Department participated in a number of trainings throughout the week:
 - Officers Kutz and Long attended an Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) through Texas State University.
 - Officer Goodman attended a Drug/Human Trafficking course through Desert Snow.
 - Officer Yates attended a Crime Scene Investigation course through Collin College Law Enforcement Academy.
 - Detective Smith attended a Mental Health Peace Officer course through Collin College Law Enforcement Academy.
 - All officers completed an assigned set of in-house training courses focused primarily on responding to persons in a mental health crisis. The courses included Understanding Excited Delirium Calls, Suicide by Cop, Missing Persons with Alzheimer’s, and Responding to People with Mental Illness.
 - Chief Caponera attended several courses of instruction at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference in Chicago.
- The Human Resources Director attended the TMRS Annual Seminar in San Antonio and the quarterly Human Resources Roundtable meeting in Wylie. The roundtable meeting provides the opportunity for local human resources professionals to discuss current challenges and successes each are experiencing in their respective organization.

- Staff held a meeting with ESRI representatives to plan for the deployment of a GIS system for the entire city. Layers for the base system will be built utilizing “Partners” and in-house staff. With the Planner II coming onboard next week, staff will be setting up meetings with department heads to determine their needs and develop a multi-year plan for GIS.
- The City’s addressing system has been transferred from AutoCad to GIS. This is a huge accomplishment and will ensure a more reliable addressing system in the future.
- An offer of employment was extended and accepted for the Planner I position. The candidate will join the team on November 25, 2019.
- Due to exceptional training by the Anna Fire Department, four volunteer firefighters were sought, recruited, and offered full-time employment in regionally local cities. The Anna Fire Department’s recruitment efforts are underway to backfill the volunteer positions.