

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights November 18 – November 22

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

- Staff met with Centurion Development on Monday, November 18, to receive an update on the Hurricane Creek development project.
- The City of Anna and EDC/CDC unveiled www.OpportunityAnnaTX.com this past week. The website was created to help promote business opportunities and market the City's growing economy.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- The Development Review Committee met on Tuesday, November 19, to discuss the Meadow Vista Development Agreement (associated with the residential subdivision) with Jim Douglas. The agreement is tentatively scheduled for the City Council Meeting on December 10.
- The Public Works Department repaired a 12" main in front of Mi Estrella restaurant and a broken service line at a nearby vacant lot. Both were allowing significant stormwater into the system.
- The Public Works Department repaired multiple water service lines and completed meter repairs (antennae replacement and meter box replacement).
- Staff completed valve and meter repairs required for the switch to a chloramine water system treatment process. The switch is a long-term solution to the high THM's identified in the TCEQ notice (issued this past week and received by our neighbors on Friday, November 22). Parts that are arriving in the next two weeks will allow staff to begin testing processes followed by a formal notification to TCEQ that the City is ready to make the switch (TCEQ requires 30 day notice prior to making the switch).
- Staff came in on Saturday and Sunday (November 23 and 24) to check office phones for any calls related to the TCEQ Violation notice. All email questions received will be forwarded to Greg Peters (gpeters@annatexas.gov) and Chip Hopkins (thopkins@annatexas.gov).
- Lee Lewis Construction has begun pad preparation for the new Fire Station. Installation of Oncon conduit is 80% complete.
- City Staff met with Collin County Staff to discuss the Ferguson Parkway alignment and provided them with the alignment preferred by the City and our neighbors. Collin County Staff indicated they would share the proposed alignment with Collin County Officials and will report back to the City soon.
- The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) indicated on Friday, November 22, that conduit and lighting work will begin shortly on medians along FM 455 as part of the Green Ribbon Program.

- In accordance with the Strategic Plan Action Agenda, the Public Works Director issued to the City Manager's Office the Department's report on the Capacity, Management, Operation, and Maintenance Plan (CMOM) for the City of Anna Wastewater System.
- The Public Works Department placed a digital message board at Collin County Outer Loop and W. Foster Crossing to direct trucks to use SH5 to access construction areas instead of turning onto W. Foster Crossing at the outer loop.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The City of Anna and Anna ISD held a joint meeting on Tuesday, November 19. The joint meeting was an opportunity for both boards and respective administrations to come together and discuss a number of initiatives each are undertaking to advance the community forward. It was determined that the City and School Board will hold two joint meetings in 2020.
- City Staff had a conference call with Randall Scott Architects (RSA) and Lee Lewis Construction (LLC) on Thursday, November 21. The call was to discuss the value-engineering efforts undertaken by RSA and the new bid numbers received by LLC. Although the call ended with the City tasking RSA and LLC to continue to look at measures to decrease the cost of construction, the meeting concluded with a substantive decrease in the estimated cost of construction. Both RSA and LLC are currently prepared to bring the final GMP before the City Council on December 10.
- The City Manager's Office met with the Greater Anna Chamber of Commerce to continue its efforts in planning the Neighborhood Leadership Program by defining scope and brainstorming on leadership activities. The tentative start date for the first Neighborhood Leadership Program is April, 2020.
- Police Chief Caponera and Lieutenant Copin attended an open house at *The Family Place* in McKinney. *The Family Place* is a newly opened counseling center focused on providing services to victims of family violence, incest, and child abuse. The open house provided valuable resources for the Department to pass along to our neighbors who may experience family violence.
- The Police Chief attended the Investiture for newly appointed State District Judge Tom Nowak. Judge Nowak was recently appointed to the 366th District Court in Collin County by Governor Abbot.
- Police Chief Caponera and Police Chief Jones of the Anna ISD Police Department attended the North Texas Police Chiefs Association luncheon in Irving. This was an introductory meeting of the NTPCA for Chief Jones.
- Officer Goodman and K9 Ninja conducted their monthly searches at the Anna High School. Ninja alerted on three vehicles in the parking lot.

High Performing, Professional City

- The Fire Department added one volunteer firefighter to the department with four additional applicants currently being processed.
- The Finance Department prepared and issued an FY2020 Period One Monthly Report. The monthly reports will let the Department and the City Manager's Office track revenue and expenditures and compare historical variances. The information, and the format in which the

report is prepared, will help the City hone-in on key budget information over the course of the fiscal year.

- The Human Resources Director held interviews for the ROW Inspector in the Public Works Department.
- As part of the Strategic Plan Action Agenda, the Human Resources Director, City Manager, and Assistant City Manager are reviewing the City of Anna Personnel Policy for the first set of revisions.
- The Police Chief and members of his staff, along with the Mayor, City Manager's Office and the Human Resources Director met with members from the Department of Justice's Collaborative Reform Initiative-Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC). In November 2018, the Police Department enlisted the help of the CRI-TAC team to help identify strengths and weaknesses in the Department's recruitment and hiring process. The goal was to establish solid recruiting plans and hiring policies that will ensure the Police Department is representative of the diverse Anna community, and to ensure that the Department recruits, hires, and retains only the most qualified and knowledgeable staff. This site visit will help the CRI-TAC team provide the best pathway for the Department to better meet the demands of the growing population.
- Officer McDaniel attended a 40 hour Basic Instructor school and Officer Yates attended a course on handling *Encounters Involving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing* and another course on *Canine Encounters*.
- Each month the sergeants are tasked with reviewing three random body worn camera videos to ensure officers are acting within policy. The sergeants then contact, either by phone or in person, the neighbors the officers came into contact with, as depicted in the videos, to gain feedback on their performance, knowledge, appearance, attitude, and overall opinion of the officer and department. This week the Police Chief reviewed the audits from October and November. Review of the videos and discussions with the neighbors contacted, revealed that the officers performed well above expectations.