

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights December 2 – December 6

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 Wednesday, December 4, in preparation of their presentation on the Hurricane Creek Development to City Council at the December 10 Council Meeting.
- The CDC/EDC Board convened on Thursday, December 5, and continued their efforts with consultant Jason Claunch in developing the Boards' strategic plan. Following completion of the strategic plan, a joint meeting between the CDC/EDC Board and City Council will be held.
- Staff met with local stakeholders and property owners to discuss the Downtown Master Plan. The Downtown Master Plan, along with the Comprehensive Master Plan and Parks and Trails Master Plan, remains out for bid.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- Planning Staff continues to refine the Planning & Development webpage and review regulations and procedures to ensure completeness, compatibility, and accessibility.
- At Tuesday's (December 3) DRC meeting, staff met with the Harlan Properties, the owner of the Anna Ranch Development. The applicant would like to rezone approximately 200 acres from single-family residential and commercial to commercial/industrial, multifamily, town homes, and single-family residences. Staff recommended the development incorporate unique features, design elements, and new and innovated concepts in land utilization. The City has an ample supply of starter homes either built, under construction, or currently zoned. The City does not have concerns with density of a development but rather the quality and uniqueness of the development.
- At Monday's (December 2) Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, the Commission took the following action:
 - Approved a Planned Development request for residential and nonresidential on the north side of Hackberry, west of Ferguson Parkway.
 - Approved Light Industrial-1 zoning request with a Specific Use Permit for a concrete batching plant located at the northeast corner of Collin County Outer Loop Road and CR 418.
 - Approved a Development Plat for a Truck Parking Lot.
 - Denied a Planned Development zoning request to allow for a child-care center and retail at the southwest corner of Leonard Avenue and Sharp Street.

- On Wednesday (December 4) the Planning and Development Department received four new development applications and one new zoning request. Project information on new submittals can be found under the New & Active Zoning & Development List located on the Planning Department webpage <https://www.annatexas.gov/1141/Current-Projects>
- Staff issued 11 permits to Lennar in Avery Pointe and 20 permits to LGI in Northpointe. The building department collected \$91,085 in fees for these homes. The savings to the City for performing these inspections in-house is approximately \$20,000.
- The Building Department is taking over the plan review and inspections for commercial development. Over the last month, fees have been paid for Chick-Fil-A, Neighborhood Credit Union, Freedom Flex Car Wash, and Altice totaling \$11,044. The savings to the City for performing the plan review and inspections in house is approximately \$8,434.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The Parks Department laid sidewalks at Sherley Heritage Park, constructed a fire pit, and decorated the train depot, pavilion, and Christmas tree in preparation for Anna's Christmas in the Park event. The event was held on Saturday, December 7 with excellent turnout.
- The pergola shade structures were completed at the Natural Springs Paw Park. This upcoming week, the entry and agility equipment will be installed in preparation of the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the dog park (Paw Park) on Saturday, December 14.
- The City hosted the monthly HOA Leadership Meeting on Tuesday, December 3. The Public Works Director gave an informative departmental presentation to the group.
- The Code Compliance Manager removed 23 signs from the public right-of-way this past week.
- The Code Compliance Manager followed up with Mantua Property Management following an issuance of code violation related to the graffitied water tower on their property. Mantua reported that they are in the process of mobilizing a clean-up crew with the proper equipment to remove the graffiti.
- In anticipation of approval of the amended Rental Registration program at the December 10 City Council Meeting, the Code Compliance Manager created registration forms for Single Family, Multifamily, and Mobile Home Parks in order to begin immediate enforcement.
- The Anna Fire Department completed a test of the monthly outdoor warning siren earlier this week.
- Police Officer Wesley Davis will receive a life-saving award for pulling a man to safety from a burning vehicle following an accident on US 75 that left a family, including a seven week old baby, in a fight for their lives. The accident occurred on Friday, November 22.
- On Saturday, November 30, while checking the area around a local business park, Police Officer Thomas and Sergeant DeVore observed an occupied vehicle that appeared out of place. Upon checking the registration, it was discovered that the plates on the vehicle were reported stolen out of Colorado. One of the occupants provided officers with a fictitious name; however, once he was fingerprinted at the jail, his real identity was discovered and he had several active warrants out of Colorado, one for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Sgt. DeVore and Officer Thomas did an exceptional job and have received recognition for their hard work.

High Performing, Professional City

- Finance and Community Services held a meeting with Dude Solutions to coordinate transaction processing and fee handling for SmartGov with the integration of the City's existing accounting system.
- Finance staff has worked this past week with the auditors, Weaver & Tidwell, on the audit for FY 2019. Weaver will have a manager and two other audit staff on site for approximately three weeks. Staff is working diligently to provide them all needed information and audit workpapers in a timely manner.
- The Budget Manager has been working diligently to finalize the budget document in order to submit the budget award on or before the deadline of Tuesday, December 17. Once the budget book is finalized, staff will prepare a bound copy of the budget book for each Council member.
- The GIS Manager met with ESRI about best practices, online mapping options, and solicited quotes for creating the City's zoning layer.
- The Human Resources Director, City Manager, and Assistant City Manager continued to review and make changes to the City of Anna Personnel Policy (Action Agenda Item identified in the City's Strategic Plan). The proposed changes will be presented before the City Council on January 14, 2020.
- The City extended a contingent Offer of Employment to two Police Officer candidates. Pending the successful completion of pre-employment screening measures, the two candidates will begin employment on January 13, 2020. Both candidates come to the Anna Police Department via the Sherman Police Department. Both candidates come highly recommended with extensive law enforcement experience and both have college degrees, one a master's in forensic science, and the other a bachelor's in criminal justice.
- Sergeants Fernandez and DeVore completed an eight-hour TASER instructor recertification course. Officer Danielle Kutz is expected to complete field training this week. Officer Long began his final phase of training.
- In an effort to maintain collaborative partnerships with Collin County and surrounding law enforcement agencies, Detective Tracy Foster has been designated as the Anna Police Department's representative at the North Texas Fusion Center (NTFC), located at the Collin County Sheriff's Office Headquarters campus in McKinney. Because of his certification as a Cyber Counter Intelligence Analyst, he will be deployed to the NTFC one day per week. Detective Foster's assignment at the NTFC will enhance APD's abilities to solve crimes more expeditiously and allows our detectives access to investigative tools that would not be readily available to non-participating agencies.
- The Human Resources Director met with the Police Chief to review the Police Records Administrator position and met with the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief to work on hiring processes and procedures for new Fire Fighters in 2020.
- Chief Isom has been designated the point person for the City's portion of the Collin County Hazard Mitigation Plan (Hazmap).
- Physical Agility Testing and Phase I interviewing has been scheduled for five volunteer firefighters in early January 2020.
- A Notice to Proceed was issued to Blais & Associates for grant writing services related to the next SAFER process.
- City Staff, led by the Human Resources Director, organized the City's Potluck Luncheon on Friday, December 6, for a large meal shared in camaraderie.