

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights December 9 – December 13

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

- Building permits were pulled for the Anna Whataburger this past week. Construction will begin and the restaurant plans to open up as quickly as possible.
- City staff will be meeting with the City's Attorney the week of December 16 to constructively work on the Development Agreement with Centurion American.
- EDC Staff finalized plans for ICSC Red River States Conference which will take place January 8-10 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. This will be the first time that Anna has had a booth at this event.
- EDC Staff set up a meeting for January to meet with Collin College President Dr. Neil Matkin to discuss a campus in Anna.



Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- The bids were received for the Comprehensive Plan, Downtown Master Plan, and Parks/Trails Master Plan. Staff will begin reviewing the ten-plus submittals the week of December 16.
- Revised information for water/sewer rate study on staffing, equipment, capital projects, and maintenance projects were provided to Finance Director and rate study consultant.
- Chief Isom is coordinating with Anna ISD to review internal Emergency Management Plans.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The City officially opened Paw Park at Natural Springs Park on Saturday, December 14. The Mayor and Councilmembers in attendance greeted our neighbors to the new park with treats and toys. The event was heavily attended.

- City staff participated in the Christmas Parade that wound through the City limits. The City was more than happy to help participate in the Chamber's and CDC's community building event.



- The Fire Department's annual Operation Santa community outreach program was a great success. The department did an outstanding job of communicating the neighborhood routes and bringing Christmas cheer to the community!

- A final test of the water tower's lighting was held on Thursday night (December 12) with a temporary lens change provided by vendor. The test was successful and lights went live with a Christmas theme on Friday, December, 13, so that the City could have the lighting in use for the holidays. Permanent lenses have been quick shipped and will be installed upon arrival.

- The Police Department sponsored "Cocoa with Cops and Kids" at the tree lighting event last weekend and Chief Caponera read "A Cops Night Before Christmas" to the children.

- The Police Department continues to collect toys for the Toys For Tots toy drive. As of this update, we have three overfilled boxes. The toy

drive runs through December 16.

- The Rental Program amendment was approved by the City Council at the December 10 City Council Meeting. The Code Compliance Manager has created a Residential Rental Registration Application and a Certificate of Registration. A letter will be going out to rental property owners notifying them of changes to the program..

High Performing, Professional City

- Finance staff has continued to work on creating and developing new information to place on the Financial Services website in order to submit for the Finance Transparency Stars award through the State Comptroller. The Traditional Star information has minor additions in order to be ready to submit for the first star. In addition, the majority of the information related to the City's debt has been created and will be posted on the City's website next week. Finance will continue to work on this effort until all five stars are received.
- Finance staff continues to finalize the City's FY 2019-2020 Annual Budget Book in order to submit the budget book to GFOA for the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.
- Finance staff has continued to compile and provide information requested from the auditors this past week. No known concerns have been discussed with staff at this time.

- EDC Inc. Cube Renovation is approximately 50% complete, and ahead of schedule.
- Chief Caponera attended a one day roundtable discussion concerning recruitment and retention in law enforcement hosted by the Department of Justice (DOJ). This event was by invitation only and was an all-expense paid trip to Reno, Nevada. The DOJ, through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), will publish a white paper with recommendations from the 35 people who attended the roundtable discussion.
- Both police officer candidates passed their pre-employment screening. They begin serving our neighbors on January 13, 2020.
- The City has received several applications for the Records Administrator position and a review of the applications will occur the week of December 16.
- Officer Davis attended a training course on Trauma Affecting Veterans. This is a 24-hour course to train law enforcement officers about military-related trauma and the impacts trauma may have on an individual. It is designed to prepare law enforcement officials to respond effectively and safely to an increasing number of veteran-related crisis incidents.
- Chief Wood will soon establish volunteer stipend and new-hire lateral entry policies in the Fire Department. He is also working with the Human Resources Director to begin using TimeClock Plus for volunteers.
- Physical Agility Testing and Phase I interviewing is scheduled for five volunteer firefighters in early January 2020.
- The Fire Department responded to multiple structure fire calls this past week; fortunately, damage was limited. The department also responded to a major fatality accident on 121 near the Outer Loop involving a concrete truck.
- The Human Resources Director and Public Works held interviews this past week for the ROW Inspector position.

