


## City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights December 16 – December 20

*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 finalized the last EDC Newsletter of 2019. The newsletter has been an excellent way for the City to inform our neighbors on the current status, and future plans, of business developments in the City.
- The Economic Development Director met with 3 development groups regarding land in Anna.
- Economic Development and the City Manager's Office met with the City Attorney to further discuss Centurion American (Villages of Hurricane Creek/Sherley Tract) Project Agreements.

### Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- The Development Review Committee reviewed two (2) RV park proposals this past week. Both projects are within the ETJ and located in western Anna.
  - On Thursday, Planning staff met with potential investors (Bluebonnet Capital Partners and First Texas Homes) to discuss development options for the property located on the north & south side of Rosamond Pkwy from Ferguson Pkwy to Throckmorton Blvd. The development included retail, multifamily, & single-family. Staff stressed the importance of quality of development in addition to creating a sense of place.
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- Building staff are no longer inspecting only Avery Pointe and Northpointe. This past week, the Building Official and Building Inspector inspected homes in Pecan Grove, West Crossing, Lakeview, and Anna Crossing. All inspections are being done in-house now. Moving forward Bureau Veritas will be performing residential plan review only.
  - The week of December 13, the Building staff performed 9 trade, 56 single family, and 10 commercial inspections. The week of December 20, the Building staff performed 4 trade, 53 single family and 10 commercial inspections.
  - New single-family homes generated \$15,175 in revenue this past week.
  - Public Works met with the Collin County Director of Engineering to discuss the Ferguson Parkway project and next steps. Staff and the design engineer are starting the final design process. Staff will follow up with the Luscombe Family on the project status.
  - The Public Works Department met with Bloomfield to discuss Hackberry Road and the trunk sewer main – public infrastructure related to the recently approved 162 acre

rezoning/annexation. Staff will be working with the developer and their engineer to put together a development agreement to partner with the developer to construct additional public infrastructure (beyond their project scope) that is in the best interest of the City. The developer's engineer is going to put together scope and cost options for the City to review.

- The Public Work's Director held a conference call with the Utility Rate Study consulting team to discuss details on the proposed CIP and the maintenance projects and associated costs that are to be included in the rate evaluation. The consultant is putting all information into their modeling of potential rates.

### *Anna – A Great Place to Live*

- The Parks Advisory Board held a meeting on Monday, December 16. Board Members recapped the Christmas in the Park event and Dog Park Ribbon Cutting. Future improvements at Sherley Heritage Park were discussed. An update was provided by staff on the Parks Master Plan submittals.
- On December 19, Slayter Creek Park was vandalized with a significant amount of graffiti at the Skate Park and several other areas. Parks staff responded quickly to remove the graffiti and lawbreakers were apprehended.



- The Police Explorers volunteered extra hours this past week and covered the front desk. They were a huge help and did a fantastic job!
- A total of 6 completely full boxes of toys were collected for the Toys For Tots program!
- Fire Department personnel participated in the annual Christmas Parade. The Honor Guard marched, and the Grand Marshal was driven by Captain James 'Doc' Dockray.
- Engine 2 was repaired and returned to service. More repairs are needed to ensure the reliability of this apparatus in a back-up role. The viability of the continued use of this

apparatus is currently being evaluated.

### *High Performing, Professional City*

- Finance staff finalized and submitted the FY 2019-2020 budget document to GFOA for the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Council will receive their bound copy at the Council meeting in January.
- Finance staff received the Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the FY 2018 CAFR. This is the first time the City has ever received this award.
- The Finance Department continued to work with the City Secretary to post documents and information for the State Comptroller Financial Transparency awards.
- Finance staff continues to work with the auditors to provide requested information and documentation.

- The configuration for SmartGov’s Building Department portal is mostly complete. At the beginning of the year, the Planning Department will begin their configuration.
- The Community Services Department, Finance Department, and Utility Billing held a meeting to work on accepting credit cards payments in the Public Works building.
- This week, the Police Department’s annual strategic planning meeting was held to identify and prioritize needs. During this meeting all supervisors went over the DISC assessment, that each had taken, and a team profile was created.
- The Police Department has received numerous applications for the Records Administrator position. The Department will continue to review the applications.
- Officer McDaniel attended a 40-hour basic investigations training at Collin County Law Enforcement Academy. Officer McDaniel also graduated from Texas A&M Commerce with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice.
- Volunteer fire fighters have been added to the City timeclock system in an effort to improve and standardize the stipends awarded for their service. All of the fire volunteers hold professional certifications and are required to serve a minimum of 60 hours per month. Many of the Department’s dedicated volunteers work more hours than the required minimum. The stipend helps to eliminate their travel and meals costs.
- Four Anna Fire Department members completed their Incident Safety Officer certification this month. NFPA standards require the establishment of an ISO on all incidents wherein Incident Command is established. With this certification, the Fire Department has more qualified personnel available to serve in this vital role. Anna Fire hosted the class that included participants from as far away as Kansas!
- The Human Resources Director and Parks Superintendent interviewed for a vacant Maintenance Worker position this past week.
- In an effort to streamline service, the Human Resources directed worked with CIVICHR, the City’s HR vendor, to improve processes for applicants, new hire onboarding, and performance evaluations.
- The Human Resources Director met with the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief to discuss training and policy education for January 2020.

