

## City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights January 6 – January 10

***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*

- The Anna EDC had a booth for the first time ever at the ICSC Red River States Conference and Deal Making Show in Fort Worth, and it was a huge success:
  - Over 3,500 people attended the conference including real estate brokers, developers, retailers, restaurants and Cities/EDCs;
  - The EDC handed out over 125 packets of information to interested parties and collected over 200 business cards;
  - At least 10 developers are interested in touring Anna over the next few months.



### *Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth*

- The Public Works Department met with multiple neighbors who live on Hackberry to discuss the project of expanding the road and received additional feedback to those who the department met with previously.
- The Public Works Department provided Collin County with traffic count estimates for Ferguson Parkway to use with the City's request for project funding.
- At the Monday, January 6, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, the Board approved the zoning request from applicant Nathan McCartney for a planned development of multi-family residential and commercial west of US 75.

### *Anna – A Great Place to Live*

- The City Manager's Office held their monthly HOA Leadership Meeting this past week. Police and Code Compliance fielded questions and addressed concerns from those in attendance. The Managing Director of Community Services presented a departmental presentation to the group.
- The water system conversion from free chlorine to chloramine begins Monday, January 13. Neighbors may notice a difference in the taste of their water starting Tuesday.
- The Rental Registration program is underway. Letters have been sent out to landlords notifying them of the program and the necessity to register their properties.

### *High Performing, Professional City*

- The Fire Department, with assistance from the Police Department and Public Works, activated a precautionary partial EOC due to the inclement weather Friday and Saturday evening.
- The Police Department has received over 40 applications for the Records Administrator position; of which the department narrowed the list to four. Interviews will occur on Thursday, January 16.
- Sergeant Fernandez updated the Field Training Policy to facilitate a more productive learning environment for our newly hired police officers.
- Finance has been compiling information and working with the City Secretary to update the Financial Transparency web page. The State Comptroller's Office recognizes cities for their transparency efforts with Transparency Stars. There are five stars a city can earn and the Finance Department submitted for the "Traditional Finances Star" this week with the goal of obtaining all 5 stars.
- The FY 2019-2020 book has been finalized and submitted to GFOA for the Distinguishing Budget Presentation Award. Council will receive their bound copy of the budget document at the next Council meeting, January 14.
- The Budget Manager attended a Roundtable meeting at the NCTCOG on Friday, January 10, on the changes that will be required due to the passage of Senate Bill 2. This bill lowers the rate a City can adopt without voter approval and requires mandatory election to go above the new roll back rate. This new lower rate is called the "no-new-revenue rate." Senate Bill 2 will have an impact on the budget calendar and requires truth-in-taxation modifications.
- The Neighbor Services Manager is working with PayGov to set up online payments for our neighbors to pay for code violations. PayGov is in the process of building the page.