

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights February 24 – February 28

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 Economic Development Strategic Plan was finalized. The plan goes before the EDC Board on Thursday, March 5, and then to the City Council on March 24.
- The Anna EDC Newsletter for February was issued.
- Economic Development staff met with David Cox to discuss the City's Business Park.
- Economic Development staff met with two developers and held a meeting with the UT Dallas Economic Development team.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- Public Works staff met with Director of Public Works for Collin County to discuss mutual boundary road maintenance (Taylor is one example) as well as developing a mutual boundary road program whereby City and County CIP plans will identify Anna projects and funding by fiscal year so that the City can improve maintenance of mutual boundary roads in conjunction

with the County. City staff and county staff will work together to develop map, costs, and draft priorities – which will be discussed during annual budget process. Funding will be based on which segments are County versus City (each pays 100% of their share).

- The contractor for the Water Tower Lighting Project has scheduled the installation of the correct lenses this coming Monday, March 2. Staff will be on-hand to see how the permanent housing/lenses look. Based on the results, staff will determine if further action is needed to ensure that the final product meets all expectations.
- Public Works staff met with a land surveyor to complete a survey of water line maintenance project along County Road 373. Staff will do the engineering in-house, with construction to be a potential item for consideration in the FY 21 budget.
- Staff met with a consultant and ran scenarios through the new water model. Public Works will be making recommendations for future maintenance and expansion projects from the data, along with developing real supply needs to provide GTUA/CGMA to ensure that as the City grows we have enough water.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- Like many communities throughout Texas and the Country, the City of Anna is actively monitoring news and updates on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The City will be posting, online, informational FAQs as well as precautionary steps to take to protect oneself during this flu-season.
- On Saturday, February 29, the groundbreaking for the Municipal Complex was held. The new Municipal Complex has been designed for Anna neighbors to conduct business, share ideas, gather and meet. It will also unite staff in one centralized location leading to an increase in operational efficiencies, lower costs of doing business, higher customer service levels, and a better experience with the City. The site was selected as a catalyst project for downtown revitalization efforts. The City Hall is a \$21 million dollar project and 36,800 square feet in size, and the Fire Station is a \$8 million dollar project and 15,800 square feet in size. Randall Scott is the architect and Lee Lewis is the construction company for the municipal complex.
- The Parks Advisory Board met on Monday, February 24. Motions were made to recommend to the City Council that the City partner with Anna ISD to place little libraries in neighborhood parks and to place push cars in Natural Springs Park. New rules for Lakeview Park were refined to move forward to Council as well. Direction was provided on using park development funds for Northpointe Park, Anna Crossing, Pecan Grove, and Meadow Vista Parks. These items will be discussed further in the City Council's Strategic Planning sessions. Staff provided an update on the train, train tracks, and restrooms at Sherley Heritage Park as well as an update on the status of the Parks Master Plan. A date was set for the Parks Board and staff to go on a field trip to all the City parks to perform a community-wide parks assessment.
- The Parks Department made significant drainage improvements on the southwest field at Slayter Creek Park. If the City were to undertake a rebuild of the field, which was suggested by the City's contracted Engineering Services, it was going to cost over \$200,000. Performing the drainage improvements in house cost the City \$5,000.
- Code Compliance has collected over \$6,000 in connection with the revamped Rental Registration Program.

- As a measure of performance, the Anna Police Department tracks the rates of crime in Anna as they pertain to violent crime (murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and property crime (burglary, theft, and motor vehicle theft). Through the Department's latest review of the City's crime stats, the Police Department has found crime rates, within Anna and in the respective categories, are well below the Texas and national crime rates as reported by the FBI. The preliminary crime rate as reported to the FBI for violent crimes, is **1.19** incidents per 1,000 residents (Texas = 4.95; Nation = 4.49). This is a slight increase over 2018 (1.12). The preliminary crime rate as reported to the FBI for property crimes, is **8.92** incidents per 1,000 residents (Texas = 29.11; Nation = 27.11). This is a significant decrease over 2018 (12.21).

High Performing, Professional City

- The Assistant City Manager and Economic Development Manager attended an Ethics Training luncheon in Addison on Thursday, February 27, sponsored by the North Texas City Management Association (NTCMA).
- Channel KTEN produced an updated news segment on the growth in Anna.
- The Police Department sent several personnel to training courses this past week:
 - Records Administrator Pamela West attended a two-day course on Building a Model Police Records Unit. This course is designed to teach records managers/administrators how to reduce liability, improve performance, build professionalism, and increase customer service. This is the first of three professional development courses Pamela will be attending over the course of the next few months.
 - Officers Yates, Kutz, Long, and Stoy attended a Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) course. This course is designed to certify officers in the detection of those who may be driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.
 - Officer Thomas attended an Auto Theft training course. This course is designed to aid officers in detecting and identifying stolen vehicles and provides them with resources to contact should they encounter a vehicle they believe may be stolen but not reported.
 - Officers Yates and Goodman attended training on deceptive behavior. This course helps officers identify the behaviors a person may exhibit when they are being deceitful.





- This past week, the City received notification from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts that the Finance Department was awarded a Transparency Star in Traditional Finances. This award is based on the City having meaningful financial information on the City's website related to the City's expenditures and revenue sources including raw data that allows neighbors to download and review key financial data. The City will receive the award certificate within ten business days. The star, pictured below, will be placed on the Traditional Finances page on the City's website.

- Finance completed the draft of the Financial Management Policies.

The policies will be submitted to the City Manager and Assistant City Manager for review. The complete policy manual address accounting, auditing, financial reporting, the budget process and policies, revenue management, expenditure controls, asset management, and fixed assets.

- The Director of Human Resources has extend an official offer of employment to a candidate for the Information Technology Manager position. The new hire will start on Monday, March 30, 2020.
- The Director of Human Resources meet with the City's TML Health Benefits Pool representative to review additional benefits and plan options for PY 2020-2021.
- The Human Resources Department has requested professional reference checks on two candidates to fill vacant Maintenance Worker I positions in the Parks Department.
- The Director of Human Resources attended a Human Resource peer group meeting to discuss current changes in law and get updates from the Texas Municipal Human Resource Association.