

## **City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights**

### **March 30 – April 3**

***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**

- Economic Development staff reached out to local banks and credit unions that will be offering SBA loans. More information will be available in the next few weeks
- Chick-fil-A will open April 16, offering drive-thru only. The Anna Town Center location is hiring and more information can be found on their Facebook page.
- The CDC and Chamber are sponsoring “Chalk the City,” a social media campaign to encourage businesses to create positive messages for local businesses, health care workers, and first responders.
- Save the date: The CDC and EDC will meet virtually on Thursday, April 9, at 6:00 pm.

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

- Oncor will be completing their work at the Municipal Complex the week of April 6.
- Public Works held pre-construction meetings for Camden Park Phase 3 and Lakeview Estates Phase 3.
- The Public Works Director worked with the Director of Development Services and City Manager's Office to enact a temporary policy for partial lot release to keep development and home sales moving forward. The Public Works Department issued early release of some residential lots for Pecan Grove Phase 4 (Ashton Woods) and Anna Crossing Phase 5 (Skorburg).
- The Design Engineer for the City Water Tower Project came back with a recommendation of spending \$155k more to improve the lighting at the tower. Rather than proceeding with the expensive suggestion, staff made the decision to coordinate with lighting experts instead of the design engineer. Staff met with the lighting expert, Main Street LED, on Wednesday night (April 1) to test a better light option. The lighting option tested by Main Street LED was far superior to the lighting currently on display at the tower. The City will not pay for the existing lights and will have the contractor return them to the vendor. The install of the improved lighting fixtures are expected in 4-5 weeks upon arrival of the product.
- A total of 85 inspections were conducted this past week. Staff completed a final walkthrough for Whataburger and Chick-fil-A and both were issued certificates of occupancy.
- Below are the new Single-Family housing permits numbers for the month of March:
  - Permits received = 40
  - Permits issued = 39

### *Anna – A Great Place to Live*

- Because the calls for service have decreased for the Police Department since the COVID-19 shelter in place orders were put in place, officers have been able to dedicate more time to proactive neighborhood patrols.
- At Slayter Creek Park, the Parks Department disassembled the bridge. They also sanded the water features at the splash pad and removed benches in preparation for a repainting project.
- The Parks Department mowed and sprayed the municipal facilities, parks and medians, seeded Ferguson Parkway, and blew away debris from the walking trails.
- Code Compliance removed political signs from the Right-of-Way.

### *High Performing, Professional City*

- The Police Department completed the hiring process for one of its existing vacancies. Officer Anjanette Osborne rejoined the department and was sworn in on April 3. She will have a brief two week refresher training and will then be assigned to a shift.
- The Police Department received 12 applications thus far for the three remaining positions. Personal history questionnaires were sent to six of those applicants. The department has received four back and three have been selected to proceed to the background phase.
- Officer Kent Stoy has completed his fourth phase of training. He will begin his final phase, which entails two days of solo patrol, while being shadowed by his training officer. Officer Stoy will be released from the training program and assigned to a shift starting Wednesday, April 8.
- Lt. Copin and Sgt. DeVore have worked tirelessly over the past several months to ensure the records management conversion goes smoothly. This week, the Police Department successfully transitioned from our legacy RMS to a more powerful and robust platform that will help improve efficiency and bring the department to near paperless operations. This new platform will decrease the amount of time it takes an officer to input reports. Furthermore, the department will now be able to access the active warrant database, which will help clear more outstanding warrants.
- The Budget Manager participated in a webinar from GFOA – Budgeting During a Recession.
- The Accounting Manager continued to work with the Director of Community Services and Dude Solutions on setting up the fees to be included as part of the software.
- Three new Fire Department employees completed their final pre-employment processing and will begin the week of April 6. The new personnel will allow the department to meet NFPA standards for engine company staffing with 4 dual-certified career firefighters for the first time in our history.
- The Fire Department responded to a multi-vehicle fire at Flying J Truck stop. Three vehicles were a total loss. There were no injuries associated with this incident.
- Fire Department personnel continue to work with managing the PPE and logistical supply inventory processes to ensure adequate stockpiling of basic supplies. The department was able to collect our first PPE shipment from the NTRRAC on Sunday but supplies were limited to a presumed 3-day PPE supply.
- Fire Department administrative staff worked closely with AMR administration to develop processes for determining exposure risk of COVID-19 that are acceptable to both agencies.

- The Director of Human Resources continues to stay updated with U.S. Department of Labor rulings for Families First Coronavirus Response, Emergency Paid Sick Leave, and Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act that took effective on April 1, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff is connected to over 130 HR professionals in the metroplex and is receiving communication daily regarding how other municipalities are handling the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Director of Human Resources is working on drafting forms to help employees in navigating the Families First Coronavirus Response, Emergency Paid Sick Leave, and the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act.
- The Director of Human Resources set up a test lesson plan for the online learning course that complies with Texas House Bill 3834's requirements for educating local government employees and public officials about cyber security. This is currently being reviewed by the IT Manager.
- The Director of Human Resources attended a Texas Workforce Commission virtual Town House to stay updated on the changes made for unemployment options within the State of Texas.