

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights

April 27 – May 1

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 met with an engineering firm and their clients who may be interested in developing in Anna.
- City staff met with Centurion regarding the Sherley Tract Development Agreement and standards. The follow-up meeting is taking place Monday, May 4.
- Economic Development updated opportunityannatx.com/covid-19 site with new information from Governor Abbott.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The Parks Department mowed and sprayed several city parks, municipal facilities and right-of-ways.
(Mowed)
 - Johnson Park, Pecan Grove Park, Sherley Heritage Park, and Slayter Creek Park
 - South end of the frisbee disc golf course
 - City Hall, Inc. Cube, and Public Works buildings
 - Right-of-Way and medians along FM 455, Hackberry Lane, Ferguson Parkway, and Rosamond Parkway(Sprayed)
 - Right-of-Way along FM 455
- The restrooms at Sherley Heritage Park were completed this past week. The design of the new bathrooms match the design of the historical depot, enhancing the look of “the heritage park.”
- In preparation for the opening of city parks on Saturday, May 2, staff sanitized and cleaned all playground equipment, slides, handrails, picnic tables, restrooms and facilities. A heightened standard of maintenance will be maintained in the forthcoming months.
- The Code Compliance Department issued 39 violations for rental registrations and 11 violations for property maintenance. In coordination with the Collin County Health Department, the Code Compliance Department facilitated a report of unsanitary health conditions at a local food establishment. The Code Compliance Department also spent time patrolling the City and educating businesses on the new Executive Order that came down from the Governor's Office.



- The Community Services Department worked on their first budget, incorporating many things that have been asked for in the community including money for additional events and programs in parks and recreation, neighborhood services, and health and sanitation. A primary goal of Community Services this next year is to increase services through funding from a variety of revenue sources including grants, sponsorships, and user fees.
- The Community Services Department worked on an ordinance regarding new baseball field rental fees to bring to the City Council for consideration.
- The Community Services Department held a meeting with Kevin Hall, President and CEO, of the Greater Anna Chamber of Commerce, to discuss next steps for planning the July 4, 2020, fireworks show. The event will be held in a slightly different fashion this year to ensure a safe, sanitary event with proper social distancing.
- Police officers continue to have a visible and impactful presence in the neighborhoods. Recently, the department had noticed a proliferation of several open residential garage doors during the nighttime hours. The Police Department PIO created a social media post to help remind our neighbors to ensure their garage doors and vehicles are locked every night to help prevent opportunity crimes. The post reached over 4,000 neighbors.
- The Police Department PIO was busy this week creating several crime prevention posts for social media. The department noticed a decline in their followership and post reach and began developing strategies to help regain our social media momentum. We are not alone in this area, many law enforcement agencies have seen declines because of a lack of “exciting” crime reports and community events. The department hopes the strategies will improve the reach over the coming weeks/months.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- The overhead utilities on the Municipal Complex are now underground. Due to the delay by Oncor in completing their work, Lee Lewis Construction is looking to accelerate the construction work out on the site. In the coming weeks, the community will begin seeing the placement of the foundational level of the new fire station.
- The Public Works Department is making the Green Ribbon Project a priority in 2020. As such, the department is in the process of beginning routine meetings with TxDOT and the engineering firm Pacheco Koch to bring accountability to the project and for staff to monitor and report progress. The City is committed to doing everything possible to make sure the project does not languish further.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission meets on Monday, May 4, via Zoom. The meeting agenda can be accessed through the City’s website <https://www.annatexas.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1250>.

High Performing, Professional City

- City staff and the City Council held final workshops regarding the City’s Strategic Plan and completed an action agenda with deliverables for the community. The updated strategic plan will go before the City Council in May as a consent item for approval.
- The Assistant City Manager completed the requisite 10 hours of training on the Public Funds Investment Act (via online). As he is a signatory for the Quarterly Investment Report, the 10 hours of training is a component for the City to receive a clean financial audit.

- The Finance Department continues to work on refining an estimate on the tax rate based on estimates of the taxable assessed valuation which Collin County Appraisal District continues to provide.
- Finance provided a walk-through of the 5-year financial model for the City Manager's Office on Thursday, April 30. The financial model will allow staff to evaluate the future impacts of adding positions, issuing debt, or any other financial impacts to the budget.
- Finance continues to work with departments on their FY 2020 budget estimates, FY 2021 base budget, and their supplemental requests (decision packages).
- Finance compiled information for financials for the quarter ending March 31, 2020.
- The Budget Manager attended the TML Budget and Tax Rate Workshop (remotely via webinar).
- The Police Department currently has two remaining vacancies. The department continues to review applications and are conducting backgrounds to fill those positions. One background is nearing completion, an interview will be scheduled next week.
- Fire personnel continue with managing the PPE and the logistics of the supply inventory processes to ensure adequate stockpiling of basic supplies.
- Three new fulltime firefighter/paramedics have been assigned to their respective shifts and are now serving Anna. This allows the AFD to provide 4 fulltime firefighter/paramedics on a 24/7 basis; meeting NFPA standards for engine company staffing for the first time in the department's history.
- Fire Administration has completed preparations for the SAFER Grant application. The grant application will be uploaded into the FEMA portal next week and if awarded will enable a cost-share program for 9 additional fulltime firefighter positions.
- Fire Operations personnel conducted training on water streams and foam application.
- Engine 2 returned to service after repairs were made for multiple oil leaks.
- Brush 2 is out of service and currently under repair for an electrical short.
- 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 currently monitoring progress of the Cyber Security Training by staff. Human Resources has also set up Customer Service training for administrative staff that are in direct contact with our neighbors.
- The Director of Human Resources is continuing to review the City of Anna personnel policy and draft recommendations for review.
- The Director of Human Resources is setting up interviews to fill vacancies in Parks and Development Services.
- The IT Manager held a demo for a possible Helpdesk solution for City of Anna. By moving the Helpdesk in-house, the City will be able to reduce spending to Isogent, the IT contractor working for the City.
- In late April, the IT Manager registered the City of Anna as a MS-ISAC member. This is division of the Center for Internet Security for cyber threat prevention, protection, response,

and recovery for the nation's state, local territory, and tribal (SLTT) government. Being a part of this organization allows the City to leverage services offered free to the City.