

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights

March 16 – March 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

- The Economic Development Director received updates on prospective tenants for Anna Town Center from Chief Partners.
- The Economic Development Department held a conference call with two different developers looking at Anna for multi-family and commercial opportunities. The team also held a conference call with two marketing firms to discuss possible scope of services related to tag line, messaging, etc.
- Salsa Tex-Mex opened their doors on Monday, March 16, and Chick-fil-A is still planning to open in mid-April. Whataburger plans to open in early April and Sunview Cafe plans to open in June.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- The Building Department conducted 53 inspections this past week.
- Work on the Municipal Complex continues. Oncor has been delayed by rain, but they are continuing to work on running the new electrical around the site. They will be at the site the week of March 23 and Suddenlink has removed their equipment from the utility poles.
- This past week the Collin County Commissioners Court made the decision to not select Ferguson Parkway to receive 2018 Bond Funds. Twenty five projects were submitted by thirteen cities. The Collin County Engineering Department provided the Court with three funding options. Option B would have funded Ferguson Parkway. The Commissioners Court chose to use the available \$38M to fully fund five city projects in a revision to "Option A" instead of distributing the available funding to a broader group. Anna (District 3), who supports Collin County transportation initiatives, only requested \$1.6M and received nothing. Lucas (District 3), who has historically opposed the Collin County Mobility Plan, received \$10M. Due to this, staff is moving forward with the agreement with TxDOT for final engineering design. Staff coordinated with TxDOT this week and they are drafting the agreement based on the understanding that Collin County will not be participating in engineering funding.
- Public Works staff held a conference call with GTUA staff and Kimley-Horn to discuss the new City Water Model, the City's water supply needs, and the current water supply capability of GTUA/CGMA. TCEQ requires cities to be able to supply 0.6 gallons per connection (per minute). As Anna grows we are quickly approaching that line. Currently all water supplied to Anna from GTUA/CGMA is from NTMWD. However, Sherman has excess water rights and could increase water supply for CGMA cities. Staff is concerned that CGMA/GTUA will not be able to supply sufficient water supply for Anna without acquiring a second water source.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- Code Compliance is finishing the update to the Property Maintenance Code and will bring the update next month to the City Council for adoption. Staff has also been working on an update to the Food Establishment Ordinance which includes food facility inspections, temporary health permits, and mobile vendor permits.
- The Parks Division trimmed trees and sprayed them with insecticides. They picked-up debris left from the rain and cleared the trails. Extra time was spent this week on cleaning and disinfecting all the play structures, picnic areas, bathrooms, and agility equipment in the dog park.
- Community Services has been working on an analysis regarding what it will take to establish and operate a municipal library. Areas of the operation staff has been researching include facility requirements and maintenance, operational standards (personnel, collections, materials, technology & programming), service levels (basic, enhanced, and exemplary) and associated costs. Staff will present their findings in a report to Council.
- The Relocation and Restoration Agreement for the 1906 ALCO is complete. All details to ensure the train gets to Anna in excellent condition have been finalized.
- The City of Anna Water Tower Lighting Project is taking a new direction to correct the inadequate work done by the contractor:
 - The original project construction budget identified by Birkhoff, Hendricks, & Carter (BHC) prior to design was roughly \$170,000.00.
 - The current project budget for the approved project is \$111,000.00. If the City decides to pay for the existing lights (we have not paid for the lights yet because we have not been happy with the results) is roughly \$32,000.00.
 - Staff consulted with Main Street LED (separate from BHC) to get a second opinion. Main Street LED is an all-in-one design/construction tower lighting specialist. Main Street provided recommendations for different and additional lighting to better illuminate the entire bowl at a higher intensity. Their cost estimate is \$42,000.00. If we choose to go with Main Street LED and reject the existing lights, the total additional cost to the City will be approximately \$12,000.00.
 - We are still awaiting recommendations from BHC – the design engineer for the project. BHC is supposed to be getting us recommendations to improve the intensity and coverage to meet our expectations. As soon as we have BHC's new recommendation and estimated costs, we will compare the two options and work with the City Manager to finalize the project adjustment.

High Performing, Professional City

- The Finance Department and Community Services continue to work on the financial connector, Heartland Payment Systems, that will connect with the Dude Solutions, SmartGov platform. Finance has been working with departments to compile data that will be used in setting up the connector.

- Human Resources and the Parks Division conducted interviews for two vacant maintenance positions.
- The Finance Department has been working on information to provide to the City Manager and Council for the 2020 Strategic Planning session. This information will address items such as projections of the tax rate, how Senate Bill 2 will impact the City, year-to-date revenues and expenditures, and potential options for the utility rate study implementation.
- The Finance Department continued to work with the auditors on finalizing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. With the auditors and staff not being in attendance at the March 24 City Council Meeting, a letter from Weaver and Tidwell and a presentation will be provided to Council. There were no “findings” for the audit.
- The Finance Department received the official award from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for the Traditional Finances Star. This will be displayed in the Finance Office. Staff will continue to work toward receiving the remaining four stars this fiscal year.
- The Director of Human Resources has posted two vacant Police Officer positions. The City is now accepting applications.
- The Director of Human Resources is in the process of creating/issuing new City employee ID badges for staff.
- The Human Resources Department has requested professional reference checks on two candidates to fill vacant Maintenance Worker I positions in the Parks Division.
- The City has hired Ms. Kimberly Winarski as part of the ICMA Senior Management Fellowship Program. Ms. Winarski will join the organization following her graduation this spring from the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M. Ms. Winarski will be positioned in the City Manager’s Office and will be given key assignments.
- One team member of the Fire Department completed their Incident Safety Officer Certification Training and three others completed their Fire Officer I Certification Training.
- The Fire Department completed the annual structural firefighting personal protective equipment inspections and cleaning process.
- The Fire Department completed the final draft of 2020-2023 Fire Department Strategic Plan.