

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights **May 25– May 29**

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 compiled and reviewed applications for the small business grant program—CDC/EDC will make decision to award on June 3.
- Staff held a Zoom meeting with an assisted living/senior living developer. Staff also held Zoom meetings with two Business Park prospects

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The Parks Department is accepting rentals for the ballfields at Slayter Creek Park. The Governor's most recent Executive Order allows for recreational sports programs and practices. Games and similar competitions can resume on June 15. In preparation, the Parks Department cleaned out the dugouts at the ballfields and edged the ballfields including the baselines.
- In order to have adequate clearance for the train at Sherley Heritage Park, the power lines need to be buried underground. Oncor is putting the City on their schedule to perform the work.
- The Parks Department mowed FM 455, half of Ferguson Parkway, and Johnson Park.
- The Code Compliance Manager sent 60 rental registration letters out this week and 15 notices of violation.
- Due to the Governor's most recent Executive Orders, businesses continue to open and expand their operations. The Code Compliance Manager patrolled the City making sure businesses were in compliance with the new regulations. Several gyms and fitness centers opened this past week.
- The Neighborhood Services Manager spent time working on grant applications to submit to Collin County for new trails. The goal is to get trails built in areas where land has already been dedicated to the City and to provide linkages between parks, neighborhoods, schools, and the downtown. The City Council will approve the projects to be submitted to Collin County at the second meeting in June.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- Staff held interviews for the solid waste RFP and the City Council has directed the City Manager to begin negotiations with CARDS. Staff is coordinating with the City Attorney and CARDS to get a contract reviewed and prepared for Council approval.
- The Public Works Director initiated a restructuring of the Public Works Department, including freezing two positions to help with the costs of a water/sewer rate adjustment. Public Works is working with Human Resources to finalize the changes.
- Staff held a pre-construction meeting for the Shadowbend Subdivision.

- Public Works coordinated with TxDOT on traffic signal installation at CR371/376. TxDOT is starting design and the project will go to construction after design is complete.
- TxDOT signals on SH 5 at 4th Street and at Hackberry Lane have been turned on. The lights will remain flashing for several days before going to regular mode.

High Performing, Professional City

- Fire personnel continue to manage the PPE and logistical supply inventory to ensure adequate stockpiling of basic supplies.
- Chief Wood and Company Officers met with a representative from a mobile intensive care unit manufacturer to explore options and related costs.
- The SAFER Grant application was submitted to FEMA for consideration. If awarded, it will provide a means to hire 9 additional fulltime Firefighter/Paramedics.
- Chief Isom completed a draft version of local fire ordinances. The ordinances are currently under review by the City Attorney and will be voted on by the City Council at a later date.
- Engine 1 was temporarily taken out of service for repairs to the power steering pump. It has returned to active front-line service.
- The new IT volunteer started this past week and is assisting the IT Manager in asset inventory and drafting the IT policy.
- The IT Manager is working with the City Clerk in acquiring a new streaming service for Council Meetings. The new service will stream the City Council meetings through the City webpage. With the new service, the City would no longer be reliable on the performance of social media platforms for streaming service.
- The Director of Human Resource held interviews for the Seasonal Parks positions. An offer will be extended next week for one of the two positions.
- The Director of Human Resources is reviewing the City of Anna personnel policy for policy revisions.
- The Director of Human Resources met with the City's TML Health Representative and The Standard to discuss updates to the City's life insurance packages.
- The Director of Human Resources conducted a harassment training for the Public Works Department. Human Resources also discussed and answered questions regarding the Employee Assistance Program.
- The Director of Human Resource drafted a job description for a part-time Administrative Assistant that will report directly to the Human Resources Director.