

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights July 27 – July 31

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 City distributed \$90,000 in small business COVID recovery grants to 18 businesses in Anna.
- The Economic Development Director met with a McKinney Development group interested in several Anna properties.
- City staff met with DR Horton at a DRC meeting regarding the 277-acre Harlow tract.
- Economic Development initiated process to apply for EDA infrastructure grants for the Anna Business Park.
- The CDC/EDC Board Meeting was held on Thursday, July 30. The FY 2021 EDC and CDC Budgets were approved and will be forwarded to the City Council for two readings.
- Economic Development staff held a kick-off call with Cooksey Communications for the marketing plan and tagline development process.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The Neighborhood Services Director met with the President and Treasurer of the Friends of the Anna Public Library to review the initial draft report for future public library options to bring to Council for consideration at an upcoming meeting per the Council's Action Agenda.
- The Neighborhood Services Team, City Council, and the City Manager's Office celebrated Kevin Martin, Code Compliance Manager, for being named Code Professional of the Year by the Building Officials Association of Texas.

- The Neighborhood Services Team, City Council, the City Manager’s Office, other city departments, and volunteer neighbors celebrated the City of Anna for being awarded the American Public Works Association (APWA) Texas Project of the Year - Structures Less than \$2 Million - for the Sherley Heritage Park Community Build Playground.
- The Neighborhood Services Team presented to Council a proposed amendment to the Park Development Fund ordinance in order to allow use of funds for the creation of recreational programming and the addition and enhancement of community events. Council approved the amendment to the ordinance.
- The Neighborhood Services Team, the Director of Public Works, and the City Manager’s Office continued to review the initial concept plan for enhancements to Johnson Park and are developing a second option layout to also be considered. This concept plan will be brought to the Parks Advisory Board and Council at an upcoming meeting for discussion and direction.
- The Code Compliance Manager issued 40 notices of violation related to the International Property Maintenance Code. Of the violations related to the International Property Maintenance Code, there were 12 for high weeds, 12 for parking, 4 for trash and rubbish, 3 trash containers, 2 for trees, 1 for fence, and 6 other violations. A parking sweep of Oak Hollow Estates was performed, 12 parking issues were addressed, and parking stickers placed on 4 vehicles. A restaurant was found not abiding by the Governor’s Executive Orders regarding menus.
- The Parks Department had a busy week. Parks and facilities that were mowed include:
 - Slayter Creek Park, the disc golf course, the ballfields, multipurpose field and soccer field, Natural Springs Park, Sherley Heritage Park, Geer Park and Creekside parkland;
 - City Hall, the Public Works Building, and the Municipal Annex.
- Other duties performed by the Parks Department include:
 - Picked-up the grounds and cleaned the restrooms at Slayter Creek Park, Natural Springs Park, Sherley Heritage Park, and Lakeview Park;
 - Edged, weed-eated and prepped the ballfields at Slayter Creek Park;
 - Rebuilt the pitcher mounds and batter boxes at Slayter Creek Park;
 - Cleaned and weeded the entrance and flower beds at Slayter Creek Park;
 - Worked on utility lines at Sherley Heritage Park;
 - Fixed the irrigation at Lakeview Park;
 - Met with TXDOT regarding FM 455 irrigation.
- The Police Department received positive press with the announcement and release of the “Take Me Home” program. The news story is can be found at this link: <https://www.kten.com/story/42424118/anna-police-joins-take-me-home-program>

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- This week the Building Department received 52 new single-family permits for review and issued 27 for construction.
- Numbers for the month of July are:

Month	Permits received	Permits issued
July	167	156

- Staff held a final walk-through for Pecan Grove Phase 3 subdivision and a final walk-through for the City Hall Sanitary Sewer Construction project.
- At the Municipal Complex site, rough plumbing for the new Fire Station is complete. Municipal Complex onsite underground public utilities are complete (water/sewer/drainage).
- Staff held meeting with Standridge, Centurion, and Don Collins regarding the culvert under Standridge Parkway to ensure all developers were on the same page regarding drainage needs.
- CARDS has begun stockpiling carts and dumpsters at Public Works in preparation for the transition of solid waste providers (pictured above). Their local staff, who will be working in Anna, have been meeting with Public Works this past week to discuss the transition process. The local manager who will be stationed in Anna has 10+ years of solid waste management experience including managing contracts for Waste Connections.

High Performing, Professional City

- The City Council approved a resolution during the Council Meeting on Tuesday that enables the Police Department to start the acquisition and installation of five automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras. The cameras will be located at points of ingress and egress of the City. This crime prevention measure will act as a force multiplier by notifying Anna patrol officers of vehicles with active NCIC “hits.” These hits include stolen vehicles, wanted persons, missing and endangered persons, or any other person or vehicle of interest. The Police Department expects the installation to be completed by the end of September.
- The Police Department moved forward with the purchase of 22 body worn cameras. The purchase replaces nine existing older model units with new technology and adds 12 additional cameras. Adding the additional cameras to the existing system ensures that every uniformed officer will have a functional body worn camera. Replacing the older models reaffirms the Police Department’s commitment of maintaining a high level of transparency without the worry of outdated equipment failing in the field.
- The IT Manager continued work on organization-wide inventory of desk phones, cells, and Mobile Hot Spots.
- The IT Manager successfully worked with CivicPlus to enable Zoom streams to the City of Anna website.