

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights August 17 – August 21

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 confirmed sponsorship of the [Chicago Industrial Properties Summit](#) on August 27, 2020.
- The EDC will be a sponsor at the Red News DFW Industrial & Logistics Summit on September 1, 2020, at The Clubs of Prestonwood.
- Staff met with a Business Park prospect and three speculative building developers.
- Economic Development sent out [Anna Alert! Monthly Newsletter](#) to 210 subscribers. (Signup form is located at: <http://eepurl.com/gKpOtv>).

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The Neighborhood Services Team presented the draft department Community Investment Program (CIP) to the Parks Advisory Board. The plan included capital projects for enhancements to Johnson Park, Natural Springs Park, and Slayter Creek Park such as a redesign of the disc golf course, upgrades to the splash pad, an addition of a basketball court, and upgrading the skate park. The plan also reviewed options for a future library, recreation center, and sports complex. The Parks Advisory Board unanimously approved a recommendation to Council on a design and amenity option for Johnson Park as well as unanimous approval to recommend adoption of the overall community investment plan to the Council. The community investment plan will be presented to Council for consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- The Neighborhood Services Team presented preliminary results of the parks assessment performed by the Parks Advisory Board. A formal report and presentation are being prepared to share with the City Council.
- The Neighborhood Services Team held a discussion with La Terra, the consulting firm working on the development of a parks and trails system master plan, to discuss next steps in the planning process, neighbor engagement and input, and a project timeline.
- The Neighborhood Services Team held a discussion with a planning and design firm to discuss a Sports Complex and Recreation Center Feasibility Study, Market Analysis, Operations & Maintenance Projections, and Cost Recovery Models. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for next week.
- The Neighborhood Services Team received notification from the developer of West Crossing Subdivision that the new playground for Slayter Creek Neighborhood Park arrived and should be installed in the next two to three weeks.
- The Neighborhood Services Team finalized the Facility Use Agreement with the Anna Area Historical Preservation Society. The Facility Use Agreement is on the City Council agenda for approval. This is a mile-stone event as the Anna Area Historical Preservation Society has been

working on this project for years. Soon, the Train Depot will be open for Anna Neighbors to come and learn about the history of Anna and surrounding communities.

- The Neighborhood Services Director met with the President/CEO of the Greater Anna Chamber of Commerce to discuss options and locations for the rescheduled fireworks show.
- The Neighborhood Services Team made significant steps towards the recruitment and addition for the new recreation, events, and sports team position.
- The Neighborhood Services Team held meetings with several departments to finalize the validation process for SmartGov. This will be ongoing for several weeks to ensure the permits are working correctly before going live. The Neighborhood Services Department and the Planning Department have started working on the configuration (look and feel of the portal) of the area in SmartGov that will be utilized by developers, builders, and Anna Neighbors to access online permitting.
- The Code Compliance Manager issued 27 notices of violation related to the International Property Maintenance Code and 15 notices of violation for the rental registration program. Approximately \$24,760 has been collected in rental registration revenue.
- A restaurant and a food vendor were found to be in non-compliance with local ordinances. The Code Compliance Manager, Fire Department, and Collin County Health Department found health violations at a local restaurant. The restaurant agreed to voluntarily shutdown for 48 hours to come into compliance with health regulations. As of Saturday, August 22, the restaurant was permitted to re-open having come back into compliance.
- On Saturday, August 22, the Code Compliance Manager removed 17 signs from the public right of way.
- The Code Compliance Officer position has been posted. Forty-three applications have been received and are under review.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- The Development Review Committee (DRC) discussed two projects this week:
 - New 2-story, 30,000 square foot medical office building proposed just north of the Texoma Medical Center which is located on the west side of US Highway 75, north of Suzie Lane;
 - Amendments to the Villages of Hurricane Creek zoning and Development Agreement. The proposed amendments include modified lot sizes and reconfiguration of roadways and relocation of public amenities sites. These changes were preliminarily discussed and shown as part of the Subdivision Improvement Agreement of the Sherley Tract Subdivision that was recently approved by Council in June 2020.
- There is now a second ‘virtual room’ as part of the community engagement process through the Anna 2050 website. This means that anyone interested in Anna has more choices for how they want to help shape Anna’s future. The new virtual room, [Imagine Future Anna](#), is live.
- This week the Building Department received a total of 15 new single-family permits. For the month of August, the City has received a total of 40 permits. The current yearly total is 721.

High Performing, Professional City

- City staff continues its communication outreach efforts to ensure that all neighbors understand the solid waste changeover from Bradshaw and Sons to CARDS. A page on the website has been established with all pertinent information and multiple Facebook posts were made on the

new days and zones of service. Trash carts have been distributed to neighbors as this upcoming week is the final week of Bradshaw and Sons trash service for the City.

- City staff conducted a Telephone Town Hall on August 18, 2020, to discuss the City's new water rates and to provide information about the new solid waste provider. The town hall resulted in almost 300 neighbors engaged from beginning to end of the hour-long call. Several questions were asked and answered, and the City received good feedback on desired services from survey questions asked during the telephone town hall.
- Alan Guard, Interim Finance Director, completed 10 hours of PFIA training in accordance with Public Funds Investment Act Section 2256.08. The City now has three certified investment officers. This training is required to be maintained every two years by each investment officer.
- Municipal Court was held Friday, August 14, for the first time since February. Statistics for last Friday are as follows:
 - Scheduled Violators (appearances) for Court – 40
 - Scheduled Cases for Court – 49
 - No shows (# of defendants) – 7
 - Rescheduled to next month – 2
 - Payments received – 12
 - Total amount collected for this court date - \$2,816.00
- The Interim Public Safety Director, Chief Ray Isom, is overseeing the Police Department while recruitment efforts continue for the Chief of Police.
- Officers responded to 330 calls for service including six non-injury accidents, one injury accident, one fatality accident, and four arrests.
- An illegal narcotics search warrant was executed in conjunction with the Collin County Sheriff's Office. Marijuana, stolen guns, cash, growing materials, and other narcotics were seized. The warrant resulted in an arrest.
- A child pornography search warrant was executed in conjunction with Homeland Security law enforcement officials. The warrant resulted in an arrest.
- A fatality accident occurred in the southbound lanes of Highway 75 at the Outer Loop. Officers responded and discovered a male individual who had been struck by another vehicle traveling southbound. The victim was pronounced dead on scene. The accident remains under investigation.
- Fire Captain Brian Thomas completed a year-long pursuit of his Paramedic certification and has passed all testing. Congratulations to Captain Thomas!

- Fire/EMS personnel completed initial training on the McGrath video laryngoscope that is now in service. This state-of-the-art device marks a technological leap in the process of securing a life-saving airway in the critically unstable or unconscious patient.
- The Operations Division responded to 46 calls for service. Included in that count were two CPRs and a fatality accident on Highway 75. On Sunday, B-shift responded to 10 calls for service in a 6-hour window during the thunderstorm.
- SAFER Grant notifications are underway. Friday marked the first round of awards and the process will continue until such time that all funds are consumed. Fire Administration is preparing for a rapid implementation of a hiring process in the event the City is awarded the grant.
- The IT Manager had a meeting with Chief Isom and his vendor regarding the server that will be installed at the Fire Station that will allow the Fire Department to manage the warning sirens throughout the City.
- The City has received our new servers to bolster our information technology services and we have them securely and safely racked.

