

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights August 31 – September 4

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

- Staff met with engineers to discuss the Business Park layout and anticipated utilities.
- EDC/CDC sponsored the REDNEWS Industrial Event. Over 165 people participated.
- Congressman Van Taylor and the Greater Anna Chamber of Commerce held a meeting with local business owners at Breaking Free to discuss CARES Act funding; attendees included City staff, Realtor Lisa Biddle, Hazel Attaway with Frazzy's Popcorn, and representatives from the Greater Anna Chamber of Commerce and Breaking Free.



Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- For the month of August, the City received a total of 70 new single-family permits. Our current fiscal year total is 751.
- Public Works received a draft Local Project Advanced Funding Agreement this week from TxDOT for Ferguson Parkway. The agreement will be on the September 22, City Council Agenda for approval.
- Staff received preliminary plans for SH 5 & CR371/376 signal from TxDOT on September 4. Staff is reviewing and providing comments.
- Staff submitted a revised reimbursement request to TxDOT on September 4 for the US 75 utility relocation project completed last year. TxDOT sent staff additional requirements which were addressed. The amount to be reimbursed to Anna is roughly \$1.6M, however, approximately \$1M will be reimbursed to Collin County as a part of a funding agreement where they provided the City construction funding.
- Public Works received TxDOT permits for City staff to conduct traffic counts at Finley/SH 5 and Rosamond/SH 5, starting September 14. Staff will be getting traffic counts and completing a traffic engineering warrant study at both locations – starting with Finley Boulevard. If the warrant criteria for a traffic signal is met, staff will send a report to TxDOT with an official request. This is being done to speed up the process. In the past, the City had to request TxDOT to do all signal warrant studies, which took a very long time due to the high request volume TxDOT receives across Collin County.

- Work is progressing on the foundation for the Municipal Building and the walls and structure for the Fire Station.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- As of Friday, September 4, all CARDS carts have been delivered and all subdivisions have been cleared of Bradshaw carts. Staff will sweep neighborhoods next week to see if any Bradshaw carts, which were not yet put out, are brought to the curb.
- The Neighborhood Services Team will be engaging the customer analytics firm, OrangeBoy, to help understand community dynamics and connect with neighbors by cross referencing several data sources in real time through creative market segment designations for strategic planning and responsive service delivery through a weekly updated portal page.
- The Neighborhood Services team met with La Terra, the consultant leading the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan, to discuss next steps in neighbor engagement specifically related to youth sports.
- The Neighborhood Services team met with the President/CEO of the Greater Anna Area Chamber of Commerce and public safety staff to review options for the rescheduled fireworks show.
- The Neighborhood Services team started planning for the holidays. Work has begun on the lighting and décor for Sherley Heritage Park and 4th Street as well as providing safe celebratory holiday activities for Anna Neighbors.
- The Parks Department had a busy week on top off the mowing duties at various city locations:
 - Completed the drainage project at Natural Springs Park behind Brookshires;
 - Completed the sidewalk project at Natural Springs Park which involved grading and the addition of stabilizer to keep the sidewalk from falling in the creek;
 - Completed the sidewalk project at Sherley Heritage Park which involved adding sidewalks behind the playground.
- The Code Compliance Manager issued 10 notices of violation related to the International Property Maintenance Code and 20 notices of violation for the rental registration program.
- Administrative time was spent starting work on the amendments to the Health & Environmental Ordinances. Candidates for the Code Compliance Officer position were narrowed down. Interviews are being scheduled next week.
- The Code Compliance vehicle is in the shop for the vehicle wrap with the department's new logo on it.
- Patrol Officers responded to 313 calls for service including 2 DWI arrests, 5 minor accidents (no injuries), 2 major accidents with injuries, 1 death from natural causes, 1 run-a-way child (found shortly after leaving residence), and 3 arrests for criminal activity involving motor vehicles in the Anna Town Square subdivision.
- The Criminal Investigations Division responded to 1 death from natural causes, 1 report of an illegally dumped animal carcass, and referred 1 juvenile case to the Collin County Child Exploitation Unit for further investigation.
- Lieutenant Fernandez and Chief Isom met with the City Manager and Human Resources Director to discuss department transition planning and temporary (interim) assignments.

High Performing, Professional City

- Fire Department personnel completed the purchasing process of all medical equipment purchased under the CARES Act funding. The Frazer Class-1 ambulance is currently in production and on schedule for a mid-October delivery.
- The 2011 Pierce PUC pumper, purchased from the Coppell Fire Department, has been removed from service in Coppell and delivered to the manufacturer's service department. The apparatus, soon to be our new Engine-2, will undergo a full month of PM and make-ready prior to coming to Anna. Prior to acceptance, the engine will undergo a full DOT PM as well as all required annual testing. We look forward to adding this engine to our fleet.
- The replacement for Brush-1 is currently in production. Production was delayed due to a lack of truck chassis when manufacturers shut down during Covid-19. The body of the truck is nearing completion and should be ready for mounting as soon as the chassis is delivered. We anticipate an October delivery.



- The Operations Division responded to 35 calls for service. Included in that count were 2 reported structure fires and numerous EMS calls.
- SAFER Grant notifications continue. Anna was not awarded a grant in either of the first three rounds of awards. To date, only three departments in Texas have received awards. The award process will continue weekly until such time that all funds are consumed. Fire Administration are preparing for rapid implementation of a hiring process in the event we are awarded the grant.
- The Director of Human Resources posted vacancies for the positions of Recreation Manager and Utility Billing Clerk.
- The Director of Human Resources opened the City's annual open enrollment for health benefits.