

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights January 4 – January 8

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 held January's CDC/EDC Meeting where the Board approved the new logo/tagline and a new commercial real estate listing service for the CDC/EDC website.
- The Economic Development Director met with an international prospect for the Anna Business Park.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The Neighborhood Services Team has been developing a community engagement plan for the upcoming year. The plan includes communications, education, activities, and the acquisition of a Neighborhood Block Party trailer.
- The Neighborhood Services Team is excited that the new inclusive play playground at Johnson Park is under construction and should be completed in two weeks, weather permitting. Demolition work is anticipated to begin in the next two weeks to prepare for new fences, the new layout for the south field, etc.
- The Parks Superintendent is coordinating with two electrical companies to install parking security lights at Slayter Creek Park.
- The Parks crew is fixing multiple pieces of equipment and clearing tree lines at Slayter Creek Park. The crew is also edging walking trails, mowing over-seeded fields, cleaning all restrooms twice a week, and picking up loose trash.
- Neighborhood Services has begun planning the City's Easter Egg Hunt on March 27, 2021. Concept is to have a night egg hunt at Slayter Creek park with glow in the dark eggs followed by a movie in the park.
- Neighborhood Services is finalizing band contracts for June 3 and June 26 and the fireworks contract for the 4th of July celebration.
- Neighborhood Services is now working with Human Resources to fill the Recreation Coordinator positions.
- Neighborhood Services has begun developing the Recreation Division 2021 Programming and Event Calendar.
- Neighborhood Services staff have begun discussions with Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board regarding community events and are meeting with the subcommittee on Tuesday, January 12.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- The [Anna 2050](#) Joint Workshop meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, from 5PM – 7:45PM. The meeting location is at the Sue Evelyn Rattan Elementary School, 1221 Ferguson Parkway.
- This past Monday, the Planning & Zoning Commission, at their regularly scheduled meeting, recommended approval of amendments to the Planning & Development Regulations of the Code of Ordinance pertaining to the following:
 - Minimum frontage requirement;
 - Retaining wall ownership;
 - Clarify “Impractical size” and fee collection for Park Land Dedication;
 - Consistency with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code (TABC), Chapter 109 Miscellaneous Regulatory Provisions;
 - Thoroughfare Overlay District;
 - Food and beverage overlay district;
 - Uses: garden (patio) homes & zero-lot line;
 - Uses: indoor commercial amusement, health club, gymnasiums, gymnastic or dance studio;
 - Uses: restaurants, private clubs, brewpubs, tasting rooms, wineries, and breweries;
 - Uses: personal service shops;
 - Uses: veterinarian clinics;
 - Flag Poles;
 - Subdivision signage maximum copy area.
- The proposed amendments will improve staff efficiency, clarify the City’s development regulations and standards, and reduce costs to neighbors, developers, and property owners. A public hearing is scheduled for the Tuesday, January 26, City Council meeting to consider the proposed amendments.
- On Wednesday Planning, Public Work, EDC, & City Management conducted a virtual meeting with David Claassen, property owner of the SEC of FM 455 and Central Expwy (29 acre tract), on the future alignment and R.O.W. cross section of Throckmorton Parkway south of FM 455.
- This past week the City’s new Building Plans Reviewer, Andres Campos, joined the Building Division and Development Service team. Mr. Campos had previously worked as a building plans reviewer for the cities of Southlake and Prosper. With the addition of Mr. Campos the Building Division will be reviewing, inspecting, and permitting all Building applications in-house and limiting the need of a third party review consultant.
- For the month of December, the Building Department received a total of 109 new single-family residential permits. The current fiscal year total for the first 3 months (October – December) is 320 new single-family permits.
- Public Works held a BEST (Beautification Enhancement Strike Team) meeting with CARDS staff, Code Compliance, and Neighbor Services staff to develop a plan to improve education and information outreach to neighbors for solid waste and recycling. The team developed multiple ideas which we are working through to determine implementation.
- **Capital Projects**
 - Hurricane Creek Sewer – The City should receive comment or approval of the request to modify our Sewer CCN (area where we control sewer) in the next 30 days, which

will allow us to move forward with plans and coordination with the landowner for a treatment plant at our southwest City Limit.

- Rosamond from US 75 to SH 5 – Staff coordinated with Developer and our design engineer to finalize road alignment per Atmos comments and proceed with final plans.
- Rosamond East – Surveyor will begin land survey for the corridor from SH 5 to in front of the future Anna ISD Elementary next week (staff to complete in-house design of road).
- Municipal Complex – Contractor is continuing to construct the outer shell of the Fire Station. The Building slab for the City Hall building has been poured.
- Hackberry Drive – Birkhoff, Hendricks, and Carter completed the survey work for the re-design to minimize neighbor impact. They are updating the road cross-section design, road alignment, and drainage system per the City-requested alignment. We anticipate having final plans and ROW documents in the next 45-60 days.
- **Utilities**
 - Utilities staff attended a video meeting regarding NTMWD’s upcoming annual chlorine maintenance operation, where they switch from monochloramines to free chlorine in their water treatment process. This will occur in April and staff will coordinate our treatment changes to match in order to maintain consistent water quality.
 - Staff installed a new water meter and service to Parks Building and the Natural Springs Dog Park (over 500 linear feet total). The existing water service (very old) was located under the Daycare fire-lane and was leaking. Staff received assistance from Parks staff on backfilling the trench and cleanup.
- **Streets**
 - Streets crews patched potholes on Hackberry Drive and County Road 371 in front of Bryant Elementary.
 - Crews prepared for potential weekend winter storms. Staff pre-treated key intersections with Ice Melt and coordinated with TxDOT for pre-treatment of State Roads. Staff are standing by to respond.

High Performing, Professional City

- Patrol officers responded to 227 calls for service this past week. They worked four major accidents and three minors. Officers made six total arrests, two for DWI and three for Assault Family Violence. Additionally, officers took four individuals into custody for emergency mental health detentions.
- Criminal Investigations filed multiple cases in Municipal and County Court and obtained one Grand Jury indictment for narcotics possession. Detectives also recovered four guns that were stolen in two separate thefts that occurred in Anna.
- Department representatives toured the Collin County Law Enforcement Center to explore the possibility of a future partnership.
- Interviews were conducted with three finalists for the newly created Assistant Chief position.

- Operation Santa was a big success again this year. Santa made his appearance in his sleigh that was built by Anna Fire Rescue personnel. There were 16 housing additions that were greeted by Ole Saint Nick.
- The Fire Department is going through the process of hiring three Firefighters. The closing date for the job posting is January 15, 2021.
- The Department's 2003 Ford Brush truck has been purchased by another fire department. The Department is anticipating delivery of our new Brush truck in the near future. This new unit was purchased through a Texas Forest Service grant.



- Members of the Anna Fire Department began receiving the first round of COVID-19 vaccinations through Collin County Health Department.
- Command staff met with Emergicon regarding billing and licensing of the new ambulance.
- Holly Kellen, who previously worked for the City of Anna, has accepted the City's offer as the new Senior Accountant. Holly will be responsible for Fixed Asset and Capital Projects Accounting. Holly will start February 1.
- The Incode software implementation team had a Zoom meeting with the Incode project manager and have started to calendar the various stages of the project. The project will formally kickoff the week of January 25.
- The Finance Department received approval to move forward with the implementation of the Incode Utility Billing module. This conversion will provide several neighbor service improvements as well allow us to properly handle the exploding number of new accounts from new construction.
- The Human Resource Department assisted city departments with interview scheduling, vacancies, job descriptions, and employment offers.
- The Human Resource Department is finalizing the Anna C.A.R.E.S. award program for January 2021 release.
- The Human Resource Department continues to assist employees with benefit updates and changes for FY 2021.
- The IT Manager is working with Finance and Code Compliance to finalize the Inspect2Go contract for health inspection services.
- The IT Manager is working out last details on a contract with GCEC to improve internet and network speed between City buildings.
- The IT volunteer started last week and is currently helping with Helpdesk.