

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights January 11 – January 15

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 spoke to almost 400 career and technical education (CTE) middle school students via Zoom to introduce them to various career paths within the law and public service sector(s).
- Staff held a monthly business recruitment and expansion (BR&E) meeting with the Greater Anna Chamber of Commerce.
- Economic Development met with two developers to discuss projects in Anna.
- Economic Development staff participated in the Weitzman Annual DFW Forecast.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The Neighborhood Services Team is continuing to develop a neighbor engagement and communication strategy that includes the development of a newsletter format, developing a social media scheduling strategy to include consistent informative content, and writing articles that will enhance neighbor awareness of information that will enhance the vitality of our community.
- The Neighborhood Services Team is finalizing the agreements for the Fourth of July Fireworks show and summer concerts along with planning logistics for the events.
- The Recreation Manager attended the Anna Sports Group meeting to begin the process and evaluation of transferring the operations of recreational baseball to the City of Anna.
- Parks Crew is renovating the batting cages and installing concrete pads for the playground benches at Slayter Creek Park.
- The Parks Crew completed the electrical work for the installation of new fountains at Natural Springs Park in the middle pond south of the gazebo. The Parks Community Improvement Plan includes mitigation of overgrowth of vegetation, aeration, and water quality issues in this specific pond in fiscal years 2024-2025. Staff has identified options to move this project forward sooner with the recent licensing and acquisition of grass carp and the installation of two fountains. The new fountains will not be lighted in order to be sensitive to nocturnal animals while still improving the aesthetics and health of the interior of the park.
- The Johnson Park Enhancement project is on schedule and under budget. The installation of the new inclusive playground equipment began this past week, and demolition of the old fencing, playground, and concrete has also been completed this week.
- The Park Superintendent met with contractors to review enhancements to the splash pad at Slayter Creek Park that includes additional concrete work, electrical work, and refreshing the wrought iron fence that surrounds the splash pad.

- The Park Superintendent met with contractors regarding installation of a security fence at the Park Barn at Natural Springs Park. This is an element in the Parks Community Improvement Plan schedule for fiscal year 2021-2022, and staff believes that this project can be completed sooner.
- The Neighborhood Services Team has selected CivicRec as the online recreation and reservation registration program to provide an easy-to-use online system for our neighbors. The implementation schedule is being developed but expected to be ready for use in the spring.
- The Recreation Manager met with representatives from the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board sub-committee regarding virtual programming ideas for the celebration of Black History Month in February, along with additional future celebration ideas.
- The Neighborhood Services Teams is continuing to develop strategies and opportunities for additional community events including an Earth Day event/program scheduled for the week of November 18, 2021.
- The Code Compliance Department has issued 36 notices of violation of the International Property Maintenance Code this week. In addition, 12 illegal signs have been removed from the public right of way throughout the City. The 36 notices issued covered a wide variety of violations:
 - High weeds – 1
 - Junk Motor Vehicles – 4
 - POUS (Parking On Unimproved Surfaces) – 8
 - Trash & Rubbish – 14
 - Fence – 2
 - Trash Containers – 2
 - Obstructions - 3
 - Dangerous Structure 2

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- Staff continues to meet and refine elements of the proposed Bond Election in anticipation of Council action at the January 26 City Council meeting.
- Chief Isom, Chief Wood, Captain Dockray, and Captain Nelson attended the Municipal Complex Meeting on January 14, 2021 and did a walk-through of the fire station currently under construction. City Staff has begun the furniture selection and finish-out decisions for the City's new Fire Station. As progress continues on the construction side of both the Fire Station and City Hall, staff is working on organizing all that which will need to be purchased to accommodate the staff and public once the buildings open.
- A joint meeting amongst the Task Force, EDC/CDC Board, and Parks Board was held on January 12 before the City Council Meeting.
- This week the Building Division received 30 new single-family building permits this past week. The City's current Fiscal year total is 406.
- The Public Works Department attended the West Crossing HOA Meeting on Saturday, January 16, to discuss all things water related in the City.

High Performing, Professional City

- Officers responded to 232 calls for service this week. The Patrol Division made a total of five arrests, one for felony DWI/Child in Vehicle, one for misdemeanor DWI, and two for Assault/Family Violence. They also took one individual into custody for an emergency mental health detention. They worked seven accidents, three majors and four minors. B-shift days assisted with a structure fire, aiding the Fire Department with the evacuation of the residence.
- The Criminal Investigations Sergeant and the Records Administrator began the process of inventorying the property room. This is a long and arduous process but is necessary when there is an administration change in the agency. CID obtained two Grand Jury indictments, one for theft of firearm and the other for theft of vehicle.
- The Police Department hosted a meeting with the Texas Department of Public Safety Sergeant and Corporal for the area to further strengthen the working relationship with DPS Troopers in the region.
- On Sunday, January 10, Anna Fire Rescue, with assistance from Westminster and Melissa Fire Departments, stopped a chimney fire from destroying a family's residence on Mahogany Drive. There were no injuries and the Red Cross also responded to the scene to assist the displaced family.



- Captain Dockray completed four fire inspections and one fire alarm plan review this week.
- The Fire Department is going through the process of hiring 3 Firefighters. The closing date for the job posting was January 15. A total of 98 applications have been received.
- The Operations Division responded to 45 calls for service from January 8-15, 2021. During this time frame, the Department provided six mutual aid responses to other agencies and received five mutual aid responses.
- Brush 1 is temporarily out of service for repairs. We anticipate it back in-service by Wednesday, January 20.
- Engine 2 is temporarily out of service for repairs and is currently undergoing diagnostics for a Cummins warranty related issue.
- Utility Billing and Public Works processed 103 utility cutoffs this week.
- Municipal Court was held Friday including a bench trial, all via Zoom.
- The Park Superintendent interviewed candidates for the Maintenance Worker I position.
- As part of the Council priority to create a high performing and professional city, a parks staff member attended the Sports Turf Managers conference.
- Staff held a meeting with Tyler Technologies to discuss providing them the data they need from the ASYST databases to allow them to start moving forward with the Financial part of Incode.