

## City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights January 25 – January 29

*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 coordinated a meeting and tour between Mayor Nate Pike and Bill Hethcock of the Dallas Business Journal to showcase the City of Anna and its growth.
- The Economic Development team was honored with the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) Economic Excellence recognition for Council, Board, and staff accolades and professional development, strategic and marketing plans, and commitment to best practices.
- Staff met with three commercial real estate groups.
- Economic Development staff discussed hotel sites with a local realtor on behalf of an interested client.
- A press release was distributed regarding the new logo/tagline for the Anna EDC.
- Staff met with a local brewery to discuss a building in Downtown Anna.
- Economic Development staff submitted two new incentive offer letters for prospective Business Park tenants.



### Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The Neighborhood Services Team and the Public Works Department met to further discuss planning efforts for activities during the upcoming April “Earth Day” event that will include a community-wide cleanup initiative, household hazardous waste drop off, and more.
- The Neighborhood Services Team is evaluating software vendors for a comprehensive park asset condition management system, work order tracking, online neighbor reporting tools, and budget forecasting system.
- The Neighborhood Services Director has selected candidates to interview for the Park Planning and Development Manager position, and three part-time Recreation Coordinator positions have been posted.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator has continued to make progress on the development of a city-wide volunteer program that has included evaluating background check providers, a list of volunteer opportunities for neighbors to participate in, and an online application and volunteer management system.

- The Recreation Manager has submitted the “Public Page Design Form” to the CivicRec project team. The finance form is due to be submitted next week.
- The Recreation Manager has developed a proposal for Easter activities including free activity kits for children, daily virtual programming, and a movie in the park event that will allow for social distancing. The proposal is being finalized and information will be forthcoming to our neighbors very soon.
- The Black History Month virtual programming promotion pieces will be finalized on January 29. Promotion will begin on February 1 and the program will run from February 5 until February 28. The “Neighborhood Challenge” will include an eight-round competition taking place every three days in which neighbors will submit facts about the posted (Facebook) historical figure for that round. Neighbors will then have until 11:59 pm on the third day to submit a fact to the [recreation@annatexas.gov](mailto:recreation@annatexas.gov) email address. The team that has the most submissions from their subdivisions will receive a point for that round. On the fourth day facts about the previous rounds historical figure will be posted along with the winning team and a new historical figure. Two teams will be created by splitting the 19 subdivision and all other neighbors into two teams of ten. This programming has been planned in conjunction with Diversity and Inclusion Commission member Rose Williams.
- The Neighborhood Services Team is continuing to identify programming and cultural event opportunities in conjunction with the Diversity and Inclusion Commission. Activities for Black History Month are in development.
- Parks crew installed new artificial turf in batting cages at Slayter Creek Park. Staff is also working to improve the infields on all ballfields at Slayter Creek Park.
- The Park Superintendent had a preconstruction meeting for the roof renovation of the concession/restroom building at Slayter Creek Park as well as a preconstruction meeting for additional concrete around the splash pad at Slayter Creek Park.
- Parks crews spent seven hours collecting loose trash in all Parks, Ferguson Parkway, Hackberry, Taylor, FM 455, Riggins, and Rosamond Parkway.
- The Code Compliance Division responded to 38 complaints of the violation of the International Property Maintenance Code this past week.
- Rental registrations are now being renewed using “My Portal” on Smartgov.
- The new software to conduct health inspections, Inspect2Go, is now in the configuration phase and will be in use very soon.

### *Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth*

- Staff Met with CARDS President and VP in person to review first quarter results and discuss successes and areas of improvement. Their missed pickups have decreased substantially over the past 2 months. Currently we have approximately 5,500 residential solid waste accounts, equating to 22,000 pick-ups per month. In the month of December their cart pickup success rate was 99.9996% (10 misses out of the approximate 22,000 pickups). In the month of January, it was 99.9995% (12 misses out of the approximate 22,000 pickups). These numbers are significantly better than the first months of the contract, indicating their drivers are now familiar with all our streets and are improving their level of service.
- Public Works staff held a coordination meeting with DR Horton regarding infrastructure projects for their development.

- Staff met with Anna ISD to discuss their new indoor activity facility and assisted their design team in identifying infrastructure and requirements.
- Staff met with Northpointe Subdivision's consultant to discuss engineering and planning for a potential new amenity center on Bowen Street.
- Public Works held an in-person Builders Meeting to discuss the revised sewer lateral inspection process. The process will transition and go into full effect March 1. The changes adopted by Council were well received by the builders.
- Paving is substantially complete at Shadowbend and Camden Parc Phase 3 subdivisions.
- **The Streets Division:**
  - Filled potholes on County Road 371, 373, 367, and 1106 (330 total potholes filled);
  - Capped the broken streetlight base behind Walmart, which keeps getting hit by Walmart delivery trucks. Staff will resume coordination with Walmart to find a solution; and
  - Completed in-house renovations to entry area of Public Works Building to improve safety for Planning staff. Installed a new wall, door, and service counter.
- **The Utilities Division:**
  - Is coordinating revised lease agreements for both Rise Broadband and Shout Broadband with the City Attorney. Staff will bring to Council for approval once fully drafted and reviewed;
  - Is preparing information for the upcoming annual Free Chlorine Maintenance Period. NTMWD is planning for the month of March. Each year NTMWD transitions from monochloramines to free chlorine for water treatment and sanitizer in order to ensure system sanitation is optimized. Staff is preparing outreach information for the public and will provide Council with the information ahead of issuing the information to the public and businesses. Some neighbors notice a change to taste and odor each year during this time;
  - Completed water tap for Creekside HOA; and
  - Repaired water main leak on County Road 288.

### **High Performing, Professional City**

- Patrol officers responded to a total of 291 calls for service. They worked two majors and three minor accidents. There were arrests made, one for Assault/Family Violence, one felony warrant, and two emergency mental health detentions.
- The Criminal Investigations Division filed three felony cases and four misdemeanors with the Collin County District Attorney's Office. They also recovered a stolen firearm from a 2013 case. The firearm was pawned last week and there is a property hearing scheduled so the weapon can be returned to the owner.
- The Fire Department is going through the process of hiring three Firefighters. Physical Agility Test (PAT) were administered on Monday, January 25, at Coyote Stadium and six out of eight passed. Those candidates that passed the PAT were interviewed by a panel of five Anna Fire personnel. Staff has narrowed the search down to the top five and Chief Isom will be conducting final interviews on Monday.
- The Operations Division responded to 30 calls for service from January 23-29. 67% of our calls were of an EMS nature and 33% were fire related calls. During this time frame, we provided six mutual aid responses to other agencies.

- Engine 2 is back in service.
- Chief 2 Truck is at Priority Public Safety being upfitted and transformed into the Battalion Chief Vehicle and should be back in-service Monday, February 1.
- The next SAFER Grant process has been announced by FEMA and the fire department is currently working on the next submittal for personnel.
- Payroll distributed W-2's for 2020 this past week.
- In collaboration with Public Works, 156 water cutoffs were performed. Eleven have not paid as of noon Friday.
- Finance and Public Works met with representatives from CARDS to discuss operational and billing systems.
- Finance made the first of the FY2021 bond payments.
- The Human Resource Department completed new hire orientation on Tuesday, January 25, 2021.
- The IT Manager finalized the City's contract with GCEC.
- IT is nearly finished with retrofitting the Police Tahoes.