

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights February 22 – February 26

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 four groups interested in the Anna Business Park.
- Economic Development staff is working with an architect and engineer on a Phase 1 infrastructure plan at the Anna Business Park.
- Staff worked with Atmos Energy to reduce gas easement on the Business Park property from 150' to 60.'

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The CivicRec Registration Software project is on currently on schedule to launch on April 20. The finance portion is near completion and is awaiting submission of the Docusign.
- The Black History Month Neighborhood Challenge was put on hold due to the inclement weather the week of February 15th. Round 5 will be concluded on Wednesday, March 3, and on Thursday, March 4, a video will be posted with the Recreation Manager and Diversity & Inclusion Commission member Rose Williams announcing the winning team for the challenge and thanking neighbors for their participation.
- Interviews for the three open Part-Time Recreation Coordinator positions will be conducted on Tuesday, March 2, and Wednesday, March 3, at the Inc. Cube. Interviewers include Recreation Manager Jeff Freeth, Code Compliance Manager Kevin Martin, and Parks Superintendent Matt Lewis. Seven out of the eight applicants that were offered an interview accepted.
- The Recreation Manager is developing a Recreation Coordinator training manual to be utilized for the onboarding process of the Recreation Coordinators. A supplemental, "Future of the Recreation Department" PowerPoint is also being finalized.
- Quotes have been received for the rental of 2144ft security/chain link fencing for the June 3rd Concert in the Park and June 26th Concert in the Park and fireworks show at Slayter Creek Park.
- On Thursday, March 4, at 10AM the Recreation Manager will meet with Vladimir Vakser from Legacy Audio-Visual Production Services, LLC, to do a walk-through of the new stage location for the June 3 and June 26 Concerts in the Park. A staff report with a recommendation and quotes for a stage rental will then be submitted by end of business day on Friday, March 5.
- The Anna Sports Group Agreement has been finalized including the recommendations of City Attorney Clark McCoy. The Neighborhood Services recommendations to remove the \$1000 agreement fee and have the agreement duration modified from December 2021 to July 31 are also reflected in the agreement.

- The Anna Sports Group will begin practices on March 1. The finalized practice schedule has been submitted by Jonathon Schwyzer, ASG Baseball Commissioner, and forwarded to the Parks Superintendent. Games will begin Saturday, March 13, and the Neighborhood Services Department is awaiting submission of the game schedule from ASG.
- The Park Superintendent finalized all paperwork to install wrought iron security fence located at Natural Springs Park Barn.
- Parks crew cleaned all trails, parking lots, and repaired any broken pipes possible from the winter storm.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- Public Works staff attended IAP discussion for planning City events.
- Staff met with Anna ISD staff to discuss upcoming projects and city services.
- Public Works coordinated with TDEMS, Collin County, and other cities to forward and distribute excess bottled water we received from the State.
- **Streets Division:**
 - Conducted cleanup of sand from City facility parking lots left from winter storm; and
 - Assisted utility staff in responding to calls for service from neighbors.
- **Utilities Division:**
 - Completed water main break repair on 2nd Street and had two valves installed to allow isolation of the main;
 - Made two service line leak repairs. Responded to numerous calls for service. Provided bottle water to neighbors who needed their water turned off; and
 - Identified water main leak on 4th Street. Staff is coordinating with TxDOT on permit to make repairs. Tentatively scheduled for next week. Staff will notify adjacent businesses as needed.
- **Engineering & Construction Division:**
 - Conducted interviews for Construction Inspector position;
 - Attended bi-weekly City Hall Construction meeting; and
 - Held pre-development meeting for vet clinic behind the Taco Bell.

High Performing, Professional City

- The Management Team met with Lyle Sumek for an all-day strategic planning session. The Session was productive, and the team had detailed, extensive, conversations on the future of the City and projects slated for the next 12 months.
- Patrol Officers responded to 268 calls for service. They made one arrest for Assault/Family Violence and another individual was taken into custody on a warrant. They worked one major and one minor accident.
- The Criminal Investigations Division filed three felonies and three misdemeanor cases with the Collin County District Attorney's Office. They were able to identify the suspect involved in a fraud case and obtained an arrest warrant. Detectives have been pursuing leads in a number of cases including Fraud, Burglary, and Aggravated Assault.
- Police Administration met with Anna ISD PD-Command Staff to discuss future partnerships and receive a tour of school facilities.

- The new Assistant Police Chief, Phillip Foxall, was sworn in the previous week and is settling into his role with the department.
- The City is pleased to announce the hiring of three new full-time firefighters. All three will start in early March and provide us the capability to complete our promotional process for Battalion Chief. This will fulfill a major goal outlined in the department's Strategic Plan 2020-2023.
- The Department has added two volunteer Firefighters to replace volunteers that left in December.
- The Operations Division responded to 62 calls for service from February 19 - February 26. In the continuation of recovering from last week's winter event, our fire-related call volume has surpassed our EMS call volume. This week, 64% of our calls were fire-related while 36% of our calls were of an EMS nature. During this time frame, we provided 3 mutual aid responses to other agencies and received 5 mutual aid response.
- Captain Dockray and Captain Nelson attended the Municipal Complex virtual meeting on Thursday, February 25.
- Chief Wood has been managing our SAFER grant application process. The Fire Department has requested information from Finance, Budget, Economic Development, and Development Services in order to provide data for the application.
- Captain Dockray completed two plan reviews this past week.
- Our fulltime fire personnel are completing an EMS Refresher Class on Friday and Saturday, February 26-27 for a total of 16 hours of credit. Anna ISD accommodated the department with the use of a large classroom for this training.
- On Wednesday, February 24, AFD was dispatched to an EMS call involving a 2-year-old child that had possibly drowned in the lake on Lakeview Drive. A bystander went into the lake and rescued the toddler just before the department's arrival and began CPR. A special thanks to the bystander and her quick response in providing life-saving care. The child was released from the hospital and now doing fine. The outcome would have been different had she not provided a rapid response.
- AFD responded to a structure fire on the evening of Thursday, February 25, on Sherwood Drive. The structure was a model home that was struck by lightning. The City received mutual aid from Melissa and Westminster.
- The Finance Department completed several projects for the Incode project including data uploads for the Current and Future State Analysis and work on the new Chart of Accounts.
- The Human Resource Department met with the administrative staff at the Police Department to review departmental structure, hiring process for vacancies, and next step to fill vacancies.
- The Human Resource Department attended a virtual meeting to review options in the City's hiring process with The Harbeck Company for Police and Fire.
- The Human Resource Department attended a virtual meeting with LocalGovU regarding the Learning Management System needs for city employee training.



- The Human Resource Department contacted TML IRP regarding workers compensation services at the Surgery Center of North Texas and ER at Anna.
- The Human Resource Department contacted ER at Anna to set up new hire pre-employment screening services.
- The IT Manager received quotes for new firewall and switches and quotes to replace bad battery backup APC in server room.
- The IT Manager is going through resumes for new Help Desk Support position.