

## City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights March 1 – March 5

***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 met with three development groups interested in building speculative industrial buildings at the Business Park.
- Staff worked with architect and engineer to develop Phase 1 Business Park infrastructure numbers.
- Economic Development staff met with Collin College and John Rattan to discuss a future campus and a potential TIRZ District.
- Staff provided quotes for a BISNOW article.
- The CDC/EDC Board met this past week on Thursday, March 4.
- Staff participated on IEDC Training webinars

### Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator completed the first draft of the Monthly Newsletter and posted information on Severe Weather Week on social media. Arrangements for the free series of smart landscaping classes were finalized. These classes are designed to help neighbors use water conservation techniques and to reduce stormwater impacts from their yards. Additional research and planning for Keep Anna Beautiful affiliate recognition was completed.
- The Recreation Manager, with the help of the Parks Superintendent and Code Compliance Manager, conducted interviews for the Part-time Recreation Coordinator openings. The interviews concluded on Wednesday, March 3. Three of the candidates have been identified to fill the three openings. Reference checks will be conducted and concluded by March 5 and the Hiring Recommendation Form will be submitted to Human Resources.
- The Recreation Manager conducted site walk-throughs with stage vendors for the June 3 and June 26 Concerts in the Park at Slayter Creek Park on Thursday, March 4 and Friday, March 5. A staff report including the Purchasing Quote Form will be submitted to the Neighborhood Services Director by Monday, March 8. The Recreation Manager will also be meeting with Chad Stanley of Pyroshows (fireworks vendor) to do a site walk-through for the June 26 event. Flyers and a promotion plan for both concerts and the firework show will be initiated in the next week. The plan is to launch promotion with an announcement at the Council Meeting starting April 9.
- The Recreation Manager received quotes for city branded EZ-Ups and table covers and purchased them on Friday, March 5. The goal is to have the products arrive in time for the Easter Eggstravaganza basket distribution on Monday, March 29. Baskets will be delivered to Michelle Clemens and her volunteer group on Friday, March 5, so they can begin sorting them.

- The Recreation Manager and Diversity & Inclusion Program and Special Events subcommittee chair Rose Williams recorded a short thank you video as the winning team was announced on Friday, March 5, for the Black History Month Neighborhood Challenge.
- The Recreation Manager will attend the March 9 City Council meeting to thank neighbors for their participation in the Black History Month Neighborhood Challenge and officially announce the weeklong Easter Eggstravaganza event.
- The Recreation Manager and Neighborhood Services Coordinator will meet in the next week to discuss the April 24 Earth Day event.
- The Code Compliance Division created 34 new cases and conducted 20 re-inspections this week. The Division has cracked down on signs in the R. O. W. and only two were found and removed this past week.
- The Health Services division will follow the direction of Gov. Abbott regarding the new Executive Order GA-34 to rescind the previous orders GA-32. All businesses will follow the direction of those orders beginning March 10, 2021.
- Rental registrations inspections are only being conducted on unoccupied properties. Violation notices are in the process of being sent to those who have not yet registered.
- The City has started the configuration process of the health inspection software Inspect2go.

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

- At the Monday, March 1, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the Commission recommended approval of six plats that will be on the go before the City Council on March 9.
- The final meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Task Force for the *Anna 2050* process took place on Tuesday, March 2. The meeting's objectives were to:
  - Discuss the Action Items for all sections of the draft *Anna2050* Comprehensive Plan, also including the action items for the separate Downtown Plan and Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan;
  - Gain an understanding of the overall Task Force's priorities among the Action Items; and
  - Determine the level of Task Force consensus on the overall Plan.
- Below are the next public meetings scheduled for the Comprehensive Plan:
  - March 29, 2021 - Parks Advisory Board review, public comment, and recommendation of the Parks Master Plan;
  - April 6, 2021 - Joint Planning & Zoning Commission and Economic Development Corporation/Community Development Corporation meeting review, public comment, and recommendation on all three plans; and
  - April 27, 2021 - City Council review and public comment on all three plans. Potential adoption date unless revisions or additional public hearings are needed.

- On Thursday, Planning Staff, at the request of Bruce Norward, held a meeting with an investment group to discuss the potential development of a Private Recreation Club being considered at the southeast corner of CR 368 (Future Standridge Pkwy) and CR 368. City of Anna departments in attendance included Public Works, Neighborhood Services, Economic Development, and City Management.
- For the month of February, the Building Division received a total of 54 new single-family residential permits and the first week of March (through Thursday) received an additional 14. The current fiscal year total is at 540 new single-family residential permits.



### *High Performing, Professional City*

- Patrol officers responded to 250 calls for service and conducted 82 traffic stops. Patrol officers made one misdemeanor arrest and two felony arrests. Additionally, Patrol completed one major accident investigation and two minor accident investigations. Patrol spent several hours over different shifts looking for and ultimately locating two missing persons who were a danger to themselves.
- The Criminal Investigations Division filed four misdemeanor cases and four felony cases. They secured indictments through the Grand Jury on seven additional cases. Additionally, CID solved a hit and run case and assisted the Allen Police Department in identifying a felony theft suspect.
- The Human Resource Department assisted city departments with interview scheduling, vacancies, job descriptions, and employment offers.
- 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 IT Manager sent out questionnaires to candidates for the IT Tech position. Once all the responses are received by the deadline, the IT Manager will review and choose the individuals to interview in-person.