

# CITY OF CORSICANA

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



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From the Desk of  
**Chuck McClanahan**  
Mayor, City of Corsicana

Dear Citizens of Corsicana:

As I look back on 2016, the City had many industries expand and welcomed many new businesses to our community.

The downtown continues to thrive with the excitement of new businesses and continued construction of lofts with approximately 55 families living in the downtown area. It is the heartbeat of Corsicana and it continues to bring the citizens together through many events like; Second Saturday, Bike Races, Car Shows, Christmas, Halloween, Easter, Derrick Days, and many other special events. This is one example of the quality of life the citizens continue to enjoy.

Each year I have the opportunity of appointing many of our citizens to different boards and committees and I'm always appreciative of how willing they are to give of their time to make Corsicana a better place to live.

The City Council's dedication is to always ensure safety and welfare for the community and will continue to remain as the number one priority as we move forward.

I am proud of the accomplishments made this year and the financial condition of the City of Corsicana.

Sincerely,



Chuck McClanahan  
Mayor



A Note From the  
**City Manager**



To the Citizens:

The positive financial outlook for Corsicana was once again affirmed by the fact that the Standard and Poor's upgraded the bond rating from an A+ to an AA- level. This indicates the professionals in the field have confidence in the City's current financial policies and condition.

Many exciting things were announced in 2016. The most positive thing for the future of Corsicana was that Polyguard intends to expand facilities here. They have taken an underutilized building, the old Anchor Glass facility, and are turning it into a first-class manufacturing facility. The job creation is key to providing a secure future for Corsicana and Navarro County.

Other exciting developments include the work on Interstate Highway 45 and the State Highway 31 Relief Route. These represent a large investment in the community to aid in transportation efficiency. This will make travelling from Corsicana to the Metroplex easier and quicker.

The construction of the State Highway 31 Relief Route will facilitate the construction of the Corsicana Rail Port. The Rail Port is 292 acres of property owned by the City of Corsicana to be used to attract companies that need rail service. The project represents the ability to attract significant prospects for job creation. This location could create as many as 2,500 new jobs and is the next step in industrial development in Corsicana. The future of Corsicana continues to be bright.

Sincerely,

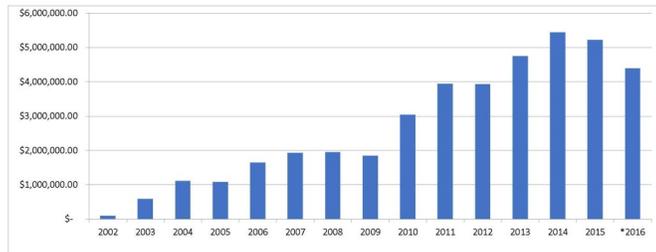


Connie Standridge  
City Manager

# Financial Condition:

The City of Corsicana's overall financial condition continued to improve during 2016.

General Fund actual expenditures exceeded actual revenues by \$614,743. Revenues exceeded budgeted expectations by \$508,025. Expenditures were less than budgeted by \$242,895. Most departments were under budget with a few exceptions. The Council made the conscious decision to spend fund balance on capital projects; therefore, the fund balance did decrease. The General Fund ended the year with approximately **\$4,500,302** of fund balance which is approximately **27.8 % or 101 days** of operating expenses. The financial accounting policy recommends that the City should maintain at least 25% of operating expenses in the General Fund balance. Again this year, a significant amount of work was accomplished on various street and drainage projects.



\*Estimated

- In 2015 the total taxable property value inside the City of Corsicana was \$1,269,357,082. The 2016 year showed an increase in the tax base for the City to **\$1,302,151,501** which is equal to a 2.5% increase. The increase in value is attributed to growth in the industrial sector, residential sector and small business. Under state law, cities over 5,000 in population can levy up to \$2.50 per \$100 assessed valuation. The tax rate has been constant over the last **13 years** at 0.6272 cents per \$100 value.
- The City bond rating was **upgraded** in 2016 by Standard and Poor's from an A+ to an AA-. The rating agencies, Standard & Poor's and Moody's, spend a great amount of time analyzing and studying the financial data of the City. This indicates the professionals in the field have confidence in the City's current financial policies and condition.

City of Corsicana  
Bond Rating History

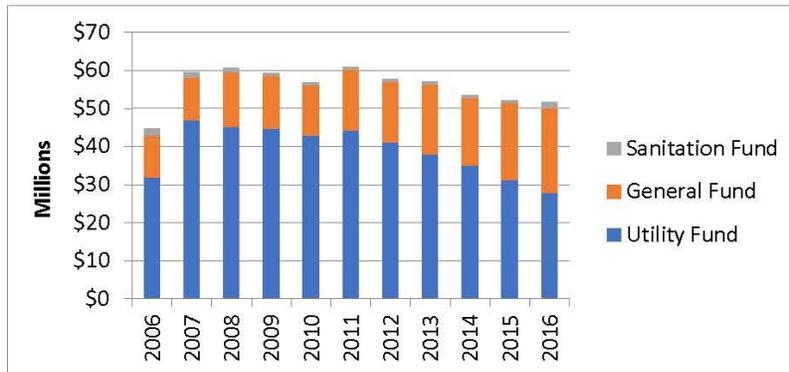
General Obligation			
Date	Moody's	Date	S&P
8/17/2001	Baa1	12/11/2000	BBB+
1/19/2007	A3	2/27/2008	A-
4/23/2010	A1*	2/5/2010	A
		3/7/2013	A+
		3/14/2016	AA-

Waterworks & Sewer System			
Date	Moody's	Date	S&P
10/4/1999	Baa1	12/12/2000	BBB
4/23/2010	A1*	3/21/2008	BBB+
6/29/2010	A2	8/14/2009	A-
		10/15/2012	A

\*Recalibration - change in ratings scale

- The Utility Fund revenues failed to cover expenses by **\$269,203** on a budget basis. The revenues were down by **\$394,173** but expenses were **\$37,851** under budgeted amounts. The 2016 water usage increased from last year but still did not return to the level used in 2014. Water and sewer rates were not increased. The summary is that the current rates did not cover expenses. At the end of the fiscal year, the Utility Fund estimated calculated working capital was \$3,299,310 with \$1,072,364 in consolidated cash. Both of these totals show a decline from 2015.
- According to the year-end financials, the Sanitation Fund showed an operating gain of **\$569,047**. Revenues increased by **\$299,00** over 2015 and expenses decreased by **\$443,716**. A new Landfill sector will be constructed in 2017. The overall fund balance of the Sanitation Fund is \$3,275,427 with a consolidated cash balance of \$829,881. The fund remains in good financial condition.

- The Emergency Medical Services Fund showed a profit of **\$224,641** in revenues over expenses provided by operations. This profit is mainly due to the one-time payment from the Uncompensated Care program for Medicaid transports in 2015 which was \$435,220. The City contributed \$385,000 to the fund and Navarro County contributed \$405,000. Without the grant contributions, the fund would be negative \$210,579. The fund still shows estimated working capital of \$681,270 and still has a small cash deficit of \$52 which is a great improvement from 2015 when the deficit was \$973,479. This fund continues to improve with the receipt of contributions from grant reimbursements, Navarro County and the City of Corsicana General Fund.



- In 2016, the City carried total debt of \$51,765,978. The total amount in 2015 was \$52,226,773. Of this amount \$27,877,318 comprises debt in the Utility Fund, \$1,524,331 in the Sanitation Fund and \$22,364,330 in General Fund obligations. The Utility Fund saw a decrease in debt levels, while the Sanitation Fund and General Fund liabilities increased due to additional debt issued in 2016 for the purchase of equipment and additional debt in the General Fund for continued street improvement projects. There is no debt planned for 2017 only refunding of previously issued debt to take advantage of savings due to lower interest rates. **Total debt level has declined steadily since 2011.**

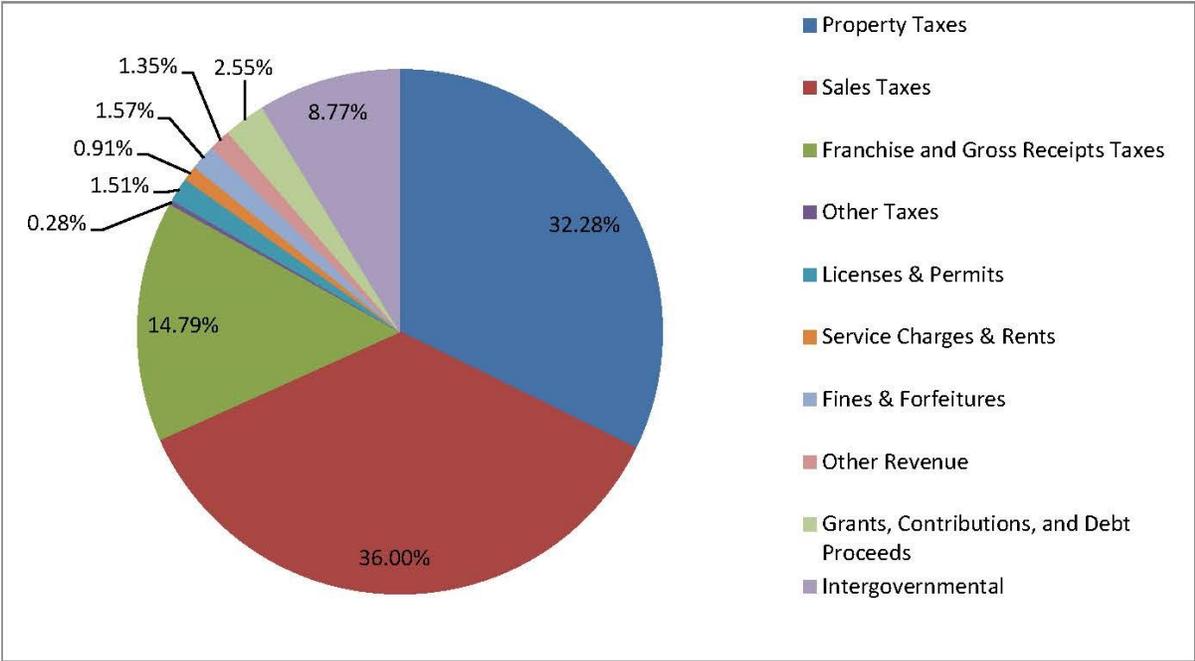
## Business Improvements:

The City Council reviewed the **Investment and Collateralization** policy and made changes in 2016 in the policy to allow for certain investments and collateral in order to realize significant savings in banking fees. The Finance Department, for the third year, prepared a **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report** or CAFR for the 2015 Budget Year. The report was submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association. This report again received the Association’s Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

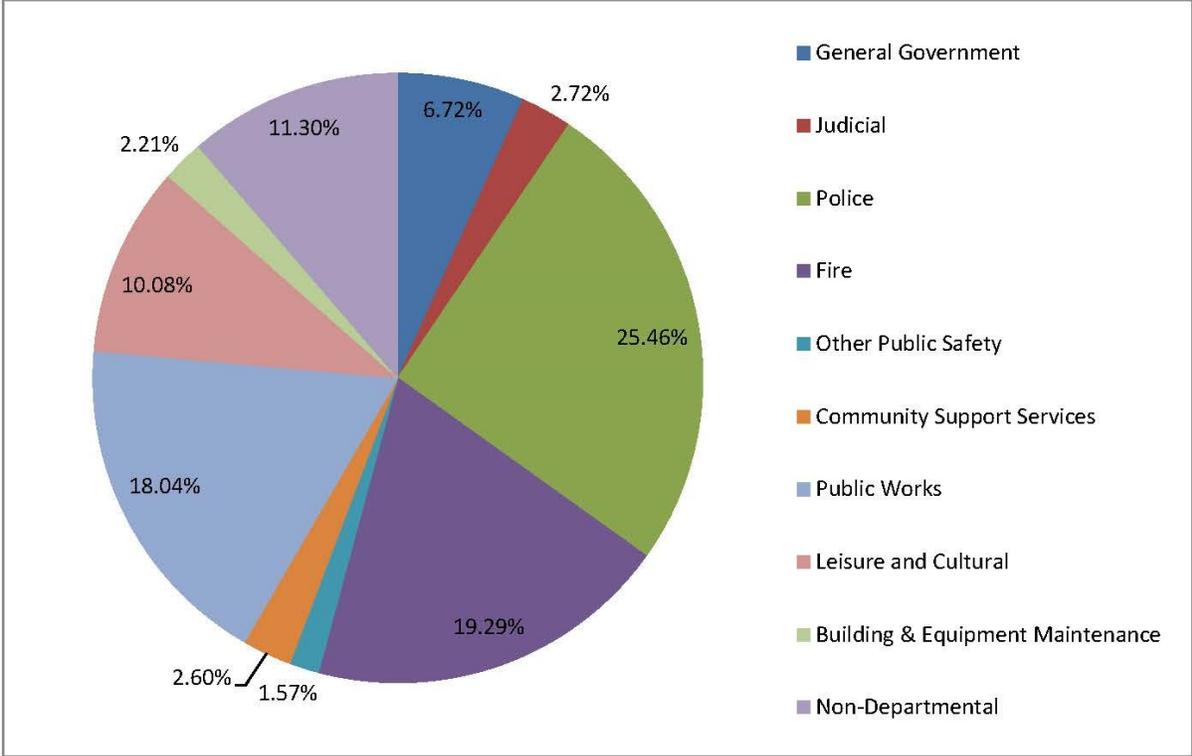
In 2016, the City of Corsicana upgraded its **city-wide network**. A key goal of the City of Corsicana was to evolve the current network infrastructure from the previous small scale design to an infrastructure that can expand as the City grows. The investment in the network core project helped the City mitigate risk associated with an aging foundation that had reached the manufacturer’s recommended end of life and uses products that are no longer being supported. The undertaking helped the City to improve network reliability for running core business applications that impact the various departments internal to the City. In addition, many of the City departments use web-based tracking systems. For example, the Permits and Inspections Department uses a system called MyGOV which is a web-based database that tracks permit, inspection, and contractor registration. The speed of the City’s networks effect the speed of each entry into the system and thus the time it takes to help each customer is increased. The improvements were necessary to improve network efficiency and minimize customer wait time.

Another improvement for the benefit of the citizens was to begin **“live-streaming”** public meetings. Citizens can observe and evaluate public meetings from the comfort of their homes via the internet. The meetings being broadcast are the Council meetings, Planning and Zoning meetings, and Economic Development Partnership meetings. Meetings are archived for ninety days if citizens wish to review them. All files are available through the City website under the **“Live Broadcast Meetings”** tab. This was Mayor McClanahan’s vision and was successfully planned and executed by the Information Systems Department. The existing feed will be upgraded in the future so that citizens can view meetings on mobile devices.

## City of Corsicana General Fund Revenues - 2016



## General Fund Expenditures - 2016



## Investments in Quality of Life:

The Parks & Recreation Department theme for 2016 was “Take it Outside”. The new addition to the Parks Department’s offerings of community entertainment was the expansion of the Community Spray Park. A Viking ship slide feature unveiled at the ribbon cutting ceremony drew the attention of many young children throughout the summer. The spray park addition required a new recirculation system as the attendance



attracted large crowds. A new **Beaton Market Place Park** opened in time for Derrick Days allowing visitors to take advantage of a new public restroom and benches for relaxing and enjoying the festivities. Over **4,202** children and adults participated in a full schedule of summer programs with **37** events which were held over **35** work days. The schedule included a wide range of programs to interest both Corsicana youth and adults. New activities such as kayaking, cartooning, t-shirt making, a country morning hayride, downtown breakfast and shopping, airport tour and furry friends’ day at the animal shelter were enjoyed and produced excellent attendance. In addition, the aquatic venues at Jester and Bunert Park Pools were busy keeping citizens cool during the hot summer days. Pools were open for a total of **44** days and **12,568** swimmers enjoyed the water activities. Open swim

hosted **8,220** guests and private party attendees totaled **4,348** for the season. The Parks Department also hosted the **17th Annual Hooked on Fishing Event** at the IOOF Park as a wrap up to the Summer Programs. The combination of Summer Program and Pool participants were enjoyed by over **16,000** citizens.

A beautiful and moving addition to the Navarro County Courthouse square was the **Candelario “Spider” Garcia** bronze. Garcia was a decorated Vietnam Veteran including a Medal of Honor recipient. The piece represents the community's appreciation of his service to the United States Military and was funded and designed by his classmates, friends, and family. The project was coordinated by the Parks Department.

- 2016 Accomplishment grants, projects, and donations totaled **\$198,969.63**
- Stuart J. Beebe Athletic Complex hosted its Grand Opening May 7<sup>th</sup> with a large crowd
- Athletic Complex hosted boys t-ball district tournament, boys and girls spring/fall leagues of over **1,000+** players and softball/baseball tournaments throughout the spring and fall
- Lake Halbert Park new additions included an expanded RV Camping area with a fire and horseshoe pit
- A new sandy beach at the Lake Halbert Beach Park was constructed
- Lake Halbert held an “End of Summer Bash” on Labor Day at the Beach Park, sponsored by the Parks Department, Lions Club and Wally’s Card & Party with lunch offered by FJV Foundation
- Parks & Recreation partnered with Downtown Main Street for the Halloween Event. Parks crews were in full costume, pulling a decorated tractor with music, and passed out candy, t-shirts and bicycles – largest crowd to date of over **3,000**
- Christmas.....the downtown Pocket Park and Beaton Market Place Park were beautifully decorated.
- Community Park celebrated the season with red tree poles, white deer, a castle and a snowman
- The Christmas tree lighting ceremony offered an ice-less skating rink for young and old, as well as refreshments, music and Santa Claus.
- The Senior Activity Center hosted **13,341** people with 20% out of town guests that visited
- Pioneer Village brought in **1,407** visitors from Navarro County, various states across the nation and foreign visitors from multiple countries during 2016.



## More Investments in Quality of Life:

The **Library** remains a popular destination for both city and county citizens alike. New and exciting programs attracted children, adults and families for a variety of offerings. Programs included **Poetry Open Mic Night** for National Poetry Month and a **Library Open House** in September for Library Card Sign-Up Month. Weekly **Tech Thursdays** provides one-on-one assistance on technology and devices. For children, a new and exciting weekly math program called Crazy 8s, was added as an after school activity. The **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** reading initiative was introduced to parents of preschoolers as a way to get children familiar with books before starting school. During 2016, **76,737** visitors came to the Library. Total Library holdings increased to **89,452** items, and **1,324** cards were issued to city and county citizens. Patrons donated **6,724** food items in lieu of fines.

The Summer Reading Program was a big hit with both children and adults. The theme for 2016 was “**On Your Mark, Get Set, Read...**” A total of **726** children between the ages 2-17 participated and **2,850** children and adults attended **42** programs. Volunteers gave **6,004** hours to the Liz Gillispie Genealogy Department and **1,324** hours to the Library. Volunteers included local students, citizens and associates from the Kohl’s Cares Associates in Action program. The Library received the 2016 Achievement of Library Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association. The Library has been honored with the award for three years in a row.



## Christmas 2016:

The Christmas season was in full swing in 2016 after hundreds of visitors attended the ***Downtown Lighting Ceremony*** with the traditional lighting of the beautiful historic downtown area. The magnificent tree again graced the intersection of Collin Street and Beaton Street. The Pocket Park and the Beaton Market Place Park were decorated and open for attendees to use the public restrooms. Visitors enjoyed iceless skating, photos with Santa in the Pocket Park, fireworks, complimentary pizza and drinks. One week later, ***The Downtown Snowfest*** event had a great turnout, boasting snow tubing, iceless skating and tons of family fun. Over 2,500 enjoyed the festivities in downtown.

The annual Christmas Parade delighted all ages with a long line of lighted floats, cars, tractors, wagons and emergency response vehicles. Hundreds of spectators lined the route to get a glimpse of the lights. The **City of Corsicana Trolley** made the annual appearance decorated with lights and garland. The judges liked it so much it was awarded third place. The employees responsible for the decorations were very proud. Numerous participants made the parade one of the best ever.

The City invested in the most spectacular display of red and white lights in Community Park. The display was expanded through donations by **Twilight Home** and **Aguado Lawn Care** to add deer to the landscape and more lights. Approximately 100 trees were added to extend the lights along Oaklawn from 13th Street to Ann Arbor. **Pancakes with Santa** was the Second Saturday Event in December at the Corsicana Fire Station #1. A free pancake breakfast was provided to children, hosted by the Main Street Program and Corsicana Firefighters.



## Investments in Downtown:



An incredible Main Street year in review! The year was kicked off in the Spring time with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ladies ***Night Out Downtown Style Show*** at the Palace Theatre. The event had a wonderful turnout and highlighted Spring fashions for everyone and was made possible by many local boutiques and business owners downtown. The ***Trick-or-Treat*** and ***Easter Hop*** events once again attracted hundreds of children and parents to celebrate the two annual events. These type activities bring the love for the holidays and community to the downtown area. The ***Second Saturday*** events continued

to provide increased foot traffic in the downtown area, benefitting local merchants. In October, the ***5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Patch*** returned with 800 pumpkins and



gourds on display at the Visitors Center. The

display brought large groups of kids with their parents to purchase pumpkins and pose for photographs. The kid's night out at the Pumpkin Patch brought more than 600 guests. In November, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual ***Junk in the Trunk***, attracted more than 1,500 visitors to downtown. The community resale event spread out over 50 parking spaces on Beaton Street, with shopping, food trucks and live music. A great addition to the downtown area is the new ***Beaton Market Place Park***. This represents a second public restroom for visitors and shoppers to use. The City Council invested money in renovation and construction of

the new facility and the Parks Department provided excellent decorations and maintenance. The Historic Downtown continues to draw new business owners to invest in Corsicana. New businesses added this past year are ***Lady Diana Zen Café, Mild Bill's Spices, Thrift R Us, Mita's Coffee Lab, Anna's Café, Pool Service, Downtown Beat Dance Studio and Sweet M's***. The Downtown Historic District continues to grow and prosper year after year.



## Community Development:

In 2016 the Chamber hosted ribbon cuttings at **Uniquely Yours Treasures, First State Bank, Harbor Inn Restaurant, 24/7 Fitness, Centex Citizens Credit Union, Old Guys BBQ, Bethany Home Health, Impact, Lady Diana's Zen Café, Dragon Crest Dog Training, Frank Kent Country, McDonalds, American Star Home Health, Justin Wright Dental. Polyguard** announced the expansion of operations to Corsicana. The company purchased the 380,000 square foot former Anchor Glass building and will remodel it into a first class manufacturing operation. The increase in production will create at least 125 new jobs and additional inventory and machinery. New building permits were issued to **Freedom Shooting Sports, Brinson Power Sports, AT&T store, the Moon Tower Restaurant, Navarro Dental Clinic and Burger King.** In addition, a permit was issued for a new Corsicana Independent School District **Middle School** adjacent to Tiger Stadium. The new school will provide classrooms and other facilities for approximately 1,200 students. The former **Hands Furniture** building was issued a permit for an interior remodel. The project will provide off street parking and four loft dwellings. **Centex Credit Union** has made a wonderful investment in the community by constructing a state of the art financial institution. The new building was dedicated in 2016 and is a beautiful addition to the west end of town. The City welcomed a new automobile dealer to town.



**Frank Kent Country** has purchased Carl White Chevrolet and has added inventory and services.



The Texas Department of Transportation is investing several million dollars in Navarro County. There are three projects underway. The construction of additional lanes on Interstate 45 north of town, construction of two additional lanes south of town to the Freestone County line, and the State Highway 31 Relief Route for a total of **\$255 million dollars** of work currently under contract.

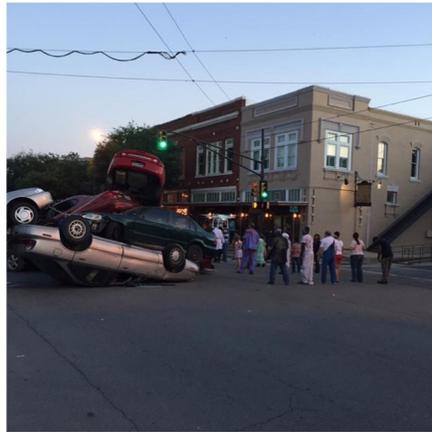
In May of 2016, the Mayor kicked off the monthly Mayor's **Economic Development Partnership Meetings.** The primary goal is to start community conversations to update the stakeholders and provide information on economic development initiatives. In addition, the group shares ideas for economic development. Some of the topics covered were work force development, housing, downtown initiatives, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

One of the most important accomplishments for the citizens and businesses was the improvement of the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) rating for the City. On July 1, 2016, the State Fire Marshall's offices rated the City of Corsicana with a Class Two **Insurance Service Organization (ISO)** rating. The change in the Public Protection Classification (PPC) by the Texas Department of Insurance and the State Fire Marshal changed from the previously ranked Class 04/10 rating to a **Class 02/2X** rating. The State Board of Insurance and the State Fire Marshal reviewed the information provided by the Insurance Service Office and approved the recommendation. The PPC program recognizes the efforts of communities to provide fire protection services. Some insurance companies use the PPC information to help establish fair premiums for insurance. The most significant benefit of the PPC program is the effect on fire losses, the better the fire protection, the lower the fire losses. This results in lower insurance rates. This is significant for the Community because many insurance companies use this to determine insurance premiums for commercial business and for residential homeowner insurance rates. This is important to companies that may be evaluating the City for building or relocation.



## Film Corsicana:

One of the most exciting things in 2016 is the film industry coming to town! Three feature films have been completed in Corsicana and the community anxiously awaits the premiers. The films are **Warning Shot**, **FAZ** and **Undying**. The projects featured local talent such as **Amber McNutt**, **Dustie Hale**, **Brian Gilmore**, **Hayden Crawford** and **Jolene Crawford** and numerous crowd extras. In addition to the locals, world class talents like **James Earl Jones**, **David Spade**, **Bruce Dern**, **Guillermo Diaz**, **Tammy Blanchard**, **Dwight Henry**, **James Russo** and **Will Wallace** visited Corsicana for major roles in the projects. Many local spots were used in the filming like **Across the Street Diner**, **Roy's**, **Drane Elementary**, **the Corsicana Opry**, **Texas Cash Pawn** and the **Medical Arts Building**. The Christmas decorations, parade, and fireworks were included as well. The effort was spearheaded by **Police Chief Robert Johnson**, who also made appearances in the films, and brought approximately \$400,000 into the community, not to mention the national attention!



## Investments in Public Safety:

**The Police Department's** Vision Statement states, "The Police Department strives to become one of the most professional and effective police departments in Texas by aggressively suppressing crime to create a safe community and to improve the quality of life for everyone." In 2016, Part 1 Crime **decreased 4.47%**. Part 1 Crime reported to the FBI included murder (0), forcible rape (33), robbery (39), aggravated assault (97), burglary (226), theft (638), motor vehicle theft (54), and arson (3). Burglaries were down 11.37% and arson decreased 57.14%. Part 1 Crime has decreased for three consecutive years. During this time police officers responded to **20,153** emergency calls compared to 23,049 in 2015. There were **24,366** calls for service compared to 22,488 in 2015 and **67,293** nonemergency calls compared to 76,035 in 2015. Officers conducted



**5,882** traffic stops compared to 5,259 in 2015 and issued **2,480** citations compared to 2,660 in 2015. There were **736** traffic accidents in 2016 compared to 743 in 2015. Drug arrests increased a significant 29% at 317 compared to 225 in 2015. Northcentral Texas Council of Governments constructed a **180 foot communication tower** on City of Corsicana property. The purpose of the tower is to improve radio range and clarity. It also allows for a redundant system for 911 in NCTCOGS region. In the event of a loss of phone service 911 calls can be routed through the microwave system on the tower. In 2016, Officer James Hudson, Sergeant Jimmie Hensley, and Chief Randy Bratton retired. Dan McAninch was promoted to Sergeant and Scott DeChaume was promoted to Corporal. **Robert J. Johnson Jr.** was sworn in as Chief of Police on July 1, 2016.



**Fire Department:** During 2016 the Fire Department made many new improvements in vehicles and equipment. The City Council approved a new Type I Ambulance, three new Stryker Power cots, a new Chevrolet Tahoe and two thermal imaging cameras. In addition to this, the Council approved funding for remodel of all four stations. The project included new epoxy coating of the floors, vehicle exhaust systems, new kitchen appliances, and fitness equipment was purchased for all four stations. Workout areas were added to Stations Two, Three, and Four.

There were three promotions during 2016. Justin Lynch and Justin Underwood were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and David Melton was promoted to the rank of Captain. There were seven new firefighters hired during 2016 and 10 left the department for other jobs, and two retired. Three additional personnel were added to the staffing in the Emergency Medical Service side of the department. The Fire Department responded to **2,263** calls in 2016 which is up 6% from 2015. The average response time for fire calls in the City is **4.9 minutes**. The Emergency Medical Services personnel responded to **6,419** calls up slightly from 2015. The average response time for EMS calls is **6.1 minutes** in the City and **16.6 minutes** in the County.

The highlight of training for 2016 was the Fire Safety Training for local industries and citizens. The Department trained **276** employees at Pactiv, **70** employees of the Twilight Home, **58** CISD kitchen staff and **30** Centex Group Home Residents. The Fire Safety House was displayed at various schools and locations and **1,983** children were taught several aspects of fire safety. In addition, a total of **2,714 hours** of fire training and **4,588 hours** of Emergency Medical Service continuing education training was provided to the department this year for an overall total of **7,302 hours** of training. With all the new personnel, several hours and training dollars were dedicated to individual training. There were **394** man hours spent in Fire Inspection, Fire Investigator and Arson Investigation training during 2016.



## Airport Update:

The airport focus this year was to provide a safe and welcoming airport to the flying public. There was ongoing maintenance of the Terminal Building and surrounding common areas. A new irrigation system, landscaping, and door replacement were installed in the terminal. The roof and the water fountain were repaired. Other projects included culvert repairs, road repairs, tree clearing, vegetation management, SW3P and SPCC updates, upgrades of the runway lights, and fuel system improvements. Several of the projects were completed using the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) through Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division program. This allows airports to accomplish regular maintenance activities using a 50-50 match, with cities paying 50 percent and TxDOT paying 50 percent. A successful 18th Annual Airsho was hosted by the Coyote Squadron in May 2016.



## Cemetery Information :

The City Public Works Department maintains three cemeteries: Oakwood, Woodland and Modrell. Cemetery maintenance includes mowing **74 acres** in the Okwood Cemetery, **35 acres** in the Woodland Cemetery and **2 acres** in Modrell Cemetery. The City continued the effort to remove volunteer vegetation and trim trees and remove old stumps. Streets were overlaid with asphalt and **320 tons** of asphalt material was used. Fences were maintained and repaired at both cemeteries. The Community Support Department is responsible for the maintenance of the City burial records. The department sells lots and coordinates the scheduling of all burials for Woodland, Oakwood and Modrell cemeteries, issues burial permits, coordinates with Navarro County to provide indigent burials and maintains accurate records of all burials and sales of cemetery plots. There were **70** cemetery lots sold in 2016, **139** burial permits issued, **115** monument/curbing permits issued and **31** cemetery deeds were filed for future record.



## Municipal Court:

The Municipal Court is the judicial branch of the government. Class C misdemeanors occurring within the territorial limits of the City of Corsicana fall under the jurisdiction of the Court. In 2016, **4,728** new cases were filed with the Corsicana Municipal Court, which is 281 fewer cases than 2015, of these cases 69.2% were traffic, 20.6% were city ordinance, and 10.2% were state law violations; **5,669** cases were closed which is 1,338 less than 2015; **533** warrants were issued compared to 1,390 in 2015 and **502** warrants were cleared compared to 1,256 in 2015. Court staff worked with **44,564** cases throughout the year compared to 47,274 in 2015. There were 77 trial docket days in 2016 which is up from 54 in 2015. Cash revenues collected by the court were **\$549,113.73**. Of that amount, the city retained **\$365,280.15** compared to \$421,790 in 2015. Total fines and fees cleared by the Court for the year were **\$740,754** compared to \$954,667 in 2015.



## Community Support:

The Community Support Department is responsible for enforcing compliance with City Ordinances including property maintenance, zoning, addressing, fencing and screening and proper garbage containment and disposal. The department responds to citizen requests and complaints, completes inspections and issues citations for code violations. There were **7,515** code violations identified in 2016, which is a 39% increase. The staff completed **15,261** inspections, up significantly from 2015 by 41%. There were **453** citations issued which is approximately a 17% decrease from 2015. This represents statistics that show most of the issues identified were resolved prior to citations being issued. The City collected **\$8,026** for the cost of abatements and filed **\$118,098** in liens against properties for non-compliance.

## Planning and Zoning:

The Permits and Inspections Department issues building permits for commercial and residential projects and performs on-site inspections through all stages of the construction process. The department also issues permits and completes inspections for a number of other construction projects including signs, banners, fences, accessory buildings, and swimming pools. There were **12** permits issued for new home construction in 2016. In addition, there were **2,450** applications for various activities which warranted **2,703** actual inspections. These permits represented **\$50,661,958** in improvements to the community. The department assists in plan review. During 2016, **859** electric service inspections were completed, **519** commercial and residential building projects were reviewed and inspected, and **82** Certificate of Occupancy applications were processed and issued, each were up from 2015. Personnel completed inspections for **637** electrical, plumbing and mechanical projects and **353** other construction projects including signs and banners, accessory buildings, swimming pools, irrigation, demos and house moving. These numbers were up from 2015.



## Investments in Infrastructure:

One of the most important aspects of a City is the maintenance of the infrastructure. Two departments are instrumental in accomplishing this task. The Engineering and the Public Works departments oversee and manage the construction and repair projects on a daily basis. The Street Bond Program continued with the reconstruction of North 24th. The first phase from Lexington Avenue to Cherry was completed and the second phase is underway from Cherry to Elmwood Avenue. Another street project underway is the Roane Road culvert extension. The reconstruction of South 15th with a mill and overlay project was completed in 2016. The riprap on the East GW Jackson at Post Oak Creek bridge, which was damaged from the 2015 floods, was also completed. Several very important utility projects were completed, including four sewer line replacements in various alleys and a waterline bore along Business 45. The Engineering Department submitted and received two important grants. One is for the FEMA buyout program under which residents can be paid the appraised value of a home that has experienced frequent flooding. The other one is for emergency generators for the Fire Stations so that in the event of the loss of electricity, the emergency services can still function.

The Public Works Department continued the street program, routine maintenance and mosquito control. In addition, several blocks of streets were overlaid with asphalt. The City spent \$1,511,196 dollars placing 12,786 tons of asphalt on the streets. Some of the streets were :

1<sup>st</sup> Ave from N Beaton St to SPUR RR  
N 15<sup>th</sup> St from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to Cemetery Gate  
W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave from S 15<sup>th</sup> St to S 20<sup>th</sup> St  
N 31<sup>st</sup> St from W 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave to W 1<sup>st</sup> Ave  
N 29<sup>th</sup> St from W 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave to Elmwood  
Lou Ann Ave from Bowie Dr to Northwood Blvd  
Country Club Rd from City Road to Bowie Dr  
Hillcrest Dr from McKinney Ave to Wesley Dr  
W 12<sup>th</sup> Ave from S 12<sup>th</sup> St to S 14<sup>th</sup> St  
W 15<sup>th</sup> Ave from S 26<sup>th</sup> St to S 27<sup>th</sup> St  
N 30<sup>th</sup> St from W 4<sup>th</sup> Ave to W 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
W 13<sup>th</sup> Ave from S 31<sup>st</sup> St to S 34<sup>th</sup> St  
W Collin St from N 32<sup>nd</sup> St to N 34<sup>th</sup> St  
Wesley Dr from N Beaton St to Louis Ave

E 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave from N Commerce St to Bus 45  
N 13<sup>th</sup> St from Oaklawn Ave to Northwood Blvd  
W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave from S 20<sup>th</sup> St to S 24<sup>th</sup> St  
S 39<sup>th</sup> St from Lynne to W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Bowie Dr from Dobbins Rd to Northwood Blvd  
Fish Tank from McKnight Ln to Louis Ave  
McKnight Ln from Fish Tank to Emhouse Rd  
Southeast Dr from US 287 to Dead-end  
S 26<sup>th</sup> St from W 13<sup>th</sup> Ave to W 15<sup>th</sup> Ave  
S 13<sup>th</sup> St from W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave to W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
N 27<sup>th</sup> St from Elmwood to Maplewood  
N 35<sup>th</sup> St from W 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave to W 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
W Collin St from N 37<sup>th</sup> St to N 34<sup>th</sup> St

The Downtown Sidewalk Program continued with improvements at 4th Avenue in a partnership project with FMB Property Management. The new sidewalk will enhance the new loft dwellings downtown. In addition, the public parking lot between Beaton and Main on 4th Avenue was overlaid and striped to optimize the parking spaces available for businesses and residents downtown. A large section of sidewalk was repaired at 108 South Beaton Street to improve access and appearance of the newly remodeled Bodine Building at this location.





## Animal Control:

In 2016, the Corsicana Animal Shelter, which serves all the residents of Navarro County, cared for **1,922** animals compared to 2,055 in 2015, which is a **4.0% decrease**. There were **1,488** animals adopted, redeemed by owners, and rescued from the Animal Shelter compared to 949 in 2015, which is a **56.8% increase**. In addition, the two fulltime Animal Control Officers picked up **788** animals that were running at large, abandoned, and sick or injured, compared to 609 in 2015, which is a **29.4% increase**. The Animal Shelter has been working very closely with Animal Rescue Facilities in Texas and many other states to find forever homes for wonderful pets. Because of these very successful efforts, **no animals** had to be euthanized in 2016 because there wasn't room at the Shelter.

## Solid Waste:

Landfill personnel maintain the Corsicana Regional Landfill under the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, Permit No. MSW2190. Solid Waste is received not only from Corsicana residents, but also from customers in Navarro, Hill, Limestone, Ellis, Van Zandt and Henderson Counties. The City has a total permitted site of 179.5 acres. In 2016, City employees processed **99,000 tons** of waste up from **90,600 tons** of waste last year. This represents a 9% increase in volume. There were **20,000** vehicles which crossed the scales at the Landfill. The operation generated over **\$3,839,918** in revenue which is approximately an 8% increase. The City participated in the Navarro County Cleanup day in June, the E-waste recycling day, and a tire collection effort. This is a joint effort between the City of Corsicana and Navarro County. This year will be the 26<sup>th</sup> annual clean-up day. The City's Landfill received over **1,400** yards of waste on the FY 2015-2016 cleanup day. This day provides an opportunity to improve environmental quality and community pride. Also, it offers residents a proper way to dispose of unwanted and unusable items needing to be discarded at no cost to the citizens of Navarro County. The Landfill has adequate capacity for the City of Corsicana disposal needs for the next 100 years.



The Bulk Solid Waste crew responded to **5,113** brush pickup requests during 2016 which was up from 5,000 in 2015. There were **14,544 yards** of brush picked up from residential lot maintenance compared to 11,193



in 2015. Brush is removed from curbside and overgrown lots, and **612 yards** of refuse material was removed by citizens using the spot trucks and hauled to the Landfill. A new brush truck was added to the fleet to improve pickup service and reduce maintenance costs. In addition to brush pickup, this department mows City right of ways, City property, railroad property and prepares the Downtown area for Derrick Days, holiday celebrations and other special events. The crews also help keep the creeks, culverts and drainages clean and flowing. Equipment added to the department include a 2016 Kubota mower, a 12' shredder and a loader.

## Environmental Services:

The City of Corsicana operates the water distribution and treatment system, the wastewater collection and treatment facility, and the sanitary landfill in compliance with state and federal standards as designated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The City of Corsicana water system is designated as a “Superior Water System” by the TCEQ and has received zero violations since the last comprehensive inspection. The City has the capacity to treat **24.25 million** gallons a day of exceptional quality water from two plants. The average daily usage is **6.6 million** gallons a day from Navarro Mills Water Treatment Plant and from Lake Halbert Treatment Plant combined. The City holds water rights in three reservoirs. Navarro Mills is approximately **17,460** ac-ft., Lake Halbert approximately **4,003** ac-ft. and Richland Chambers Lake approximately **13,650** ac-ft. This supply is adequate through the year **2060** and beyond based on current population projections.



There are **1,290,235** feet, or **244** miles, of various sizes of waterline in the City. The Utility System Maintenance Department received reports of 907 water leaks in 2015 which is down more than 10% from the previous year. The number dropped to **784** leaks in 2016 which is a 13% decrease. System wide the number of leaks reported has decreased by **23%** in two years.

There are **949,563** feet, or **180** miles, of sewer line of various sizes in the City of Corsicana. There were 2,901 reported sewer backups in 2015, which was 8% fewer than the previous year. In 2016, there were **2,198** sewer calls logged. There were **593** other service calls for various reasons such as utility taps and marking the location of utility lines for the public. Additionally, crews completed **714** water meter replacements. The department continues to inspect and monitor **571** registered backflow devices to protect the water distribution system.

The City operates two wastewater treatment facilities; the largest being the WWTP #2 and the smaller being the Overland Flow treatment plant. The two combined are permitted to treat **5.95** million gallons per day. The City discharges a high quality treated water into Post Oak Creek. The Wastewater Reclamation Center maintained and operated the facility and performed preliminary treatment on **1,344,351,000** gallons of municipal wastewater. The Wastewater Reclamation Center treated and discharged **1,184,290,000** gallons of high quality effluent during the 2016 Fiscal Year with no permit violations, interruptions and within budget. The facility was inspected by a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Inspector from the Fort Worth, Texas Region 4 Office, on May 11, 2016. Effluent samples were collected during the inspection, and passed the permitted limit as required. There were no concerns or violations issued during the inspection. Numerous repairs were performed on the plant. Plant personnel prepared and submitted a required Sanitary Sewer Overflow prevention plan to the (TCEQ). The plan prescribes measures the City will fund and perform over the next ten years to help minimize sewer overflows. The Wastewater Discharge permit was submitted for renewal and is under consideration by the TCEQ.

The Overland Flow hay production from the vegetated terraces produced three hundred and sixty-two round bales of hay in 2016. The total revenue received for the hay production was **\$16,833**. The Overland Flow Plant was inspected by a TCEQ Inspector from the Fort Worth Office, on May 11, 2016. TCEQ performs semi-annual inspections to check for permit violations and to monitor plant records as part of their enforcement policy. There were no concerns or violations issued during the inspection.



## Environmental Services:

Environmental Sampling and Analysis operates the laboratory that is responsible for administering an industrial pretreatment program. This program monitors and regulates one categorical industrial user, seven significant users, **65** minor industrial users and the municipal landfill. Environmental Sampling and Analysis conducted **103** industrial user inspections, **145** sampling events and issued twenty-nine industrial wastewater discharge permits.

The Industrial Pretreatment Program was inspected by two TCEQ Inspectors from Austin Region 11 Office, on January 26, 27, & 28, 2016. TCEQ performs pretreatment inspection audits once every five years to check for pretreatment violations and to monitor records as part of the enforcement policy. There were no violations issued during the 2016 inspection. On May 11, 2016, the TCEQ Inspector from the Fort Worth Office, performed a semi-annual Laboratory Inspection to check for permit violations and to review lab records as part of the enforcement policy. There were no violations issued during the inspection.



### How much water do we use?

<b>WATER TREATED</b>	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY2016
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
TOTAL WATER	2,549,388,900	2,364,901,200	2,309,935,900	2,187,619,400	2,119,635,900	2,146,270,900

### How much wastewater do we treat?

#### **AVERAGE DAILY WASTEWATER FLOW**

INFLUENT TOTAL	2,666,825	2,974,104	2,434,688	3,203,137	3,328,455	3,673,090
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### How much waste do we collect?

ANNUAL CUBIC YARDS	346,037	356,457	349,180	370,500	320,550	362,000
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## Human Resources:

The City of Corsicana's Human Resources Department is the functional unit of the City responsible for providing all departments with the labor force necessary to provide essential services to our citizens. In addition to standard recruitment, selection, and placement of employees, a wide range of other employee-related issues such as salary administration, unemployment claims and appeals, employee benefits, retirement, insurance and personnel record keeping occur through this office. Additionally, the Human Resources Department monitors compliance with many legal statutes such as Police/Fire Civil Service, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Family & Medical Leave Act (FMLA), Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and Title VII anti-discrimination statutes.

### Achievements for 2016

In appreciation of employees and their hard work throughout the year, the City held its third Annual Employee Appreciation Day, which included Service Award Recognition and a catered meal for all employees.

The Employee Benefits Brochure was updated, expanded and enhanced to better communicate the benefits package

Conducted annual IRS Audit relating to the Affordable Care Act Regulations

Conducted IRS Audit for Medicaid/Medicare recipients

Annual review and updates were made to the City's Personnel and Administrative Regulations and Policy Manual.

Coordinated online annual enrollment for medical, dental, life and ancillary products for employees.

Coordinated pilot program with **Covia Health** and TML MultiState IEBP to bring **mobile 3D mammogram and bone density screening (Pink Bus)** to City, County, CISD and Navarro College employees

Coordinated flu vaccines through TML MultiState IEBP and Medical Surgical & Compcare Enviva for employees

Participated in various compensation and benefits surveys

Conducted new employee orientations

Administer Performance Appraisal System for all employees

Updated Local Civil Service Rules

Conducted Entry Level Civil Service Testing and Promotional Exams for Police and Fire Departments

### **2016 Retirements**

The City said farewell to seven employees this year.

Those employees represent a total of over 162 years of municipal service.



Randy Bratton-7 years and 4 months



Kelly Page-28 years and 7 months



Sigman Standfield -16 years and 3 months



Jimmie Hensley - 31 years



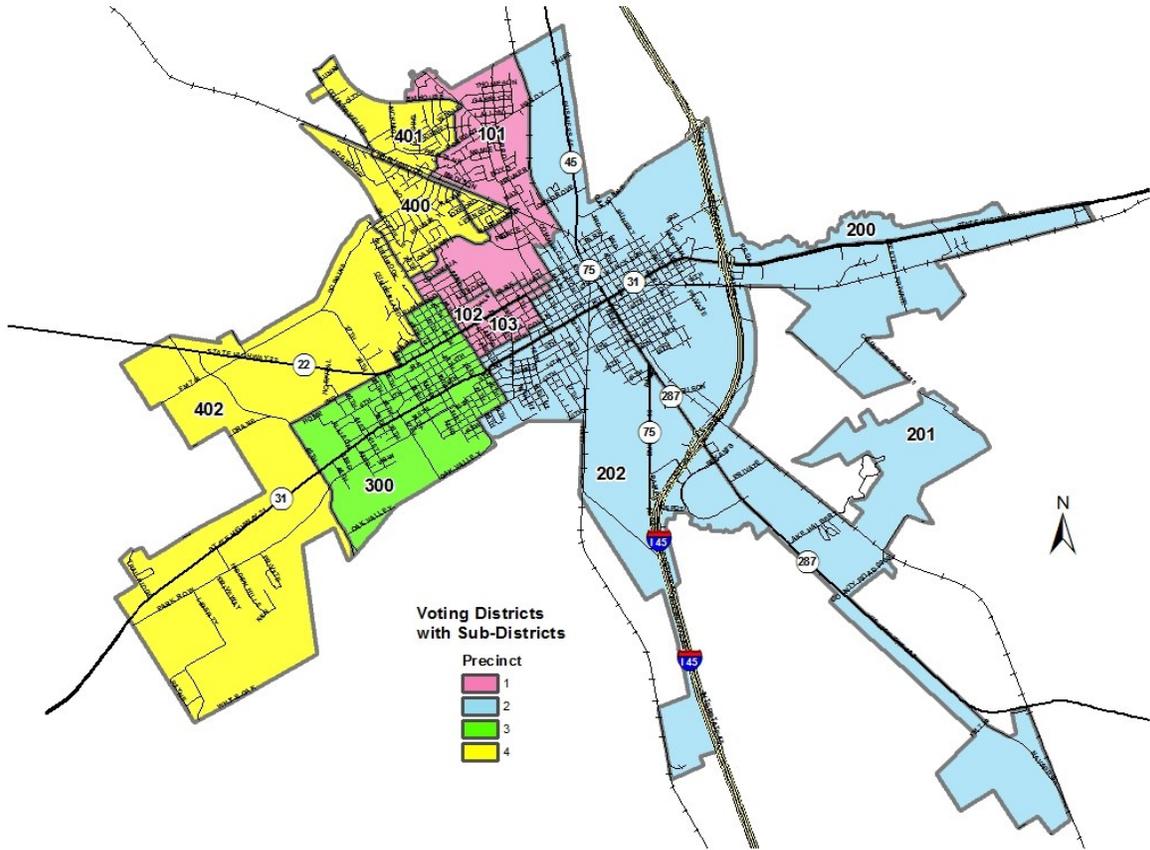
James Hudson-35 years and 7 months



Joe E. McClure-30 years and 2 months



Glen Perkins-13 years and 7 months



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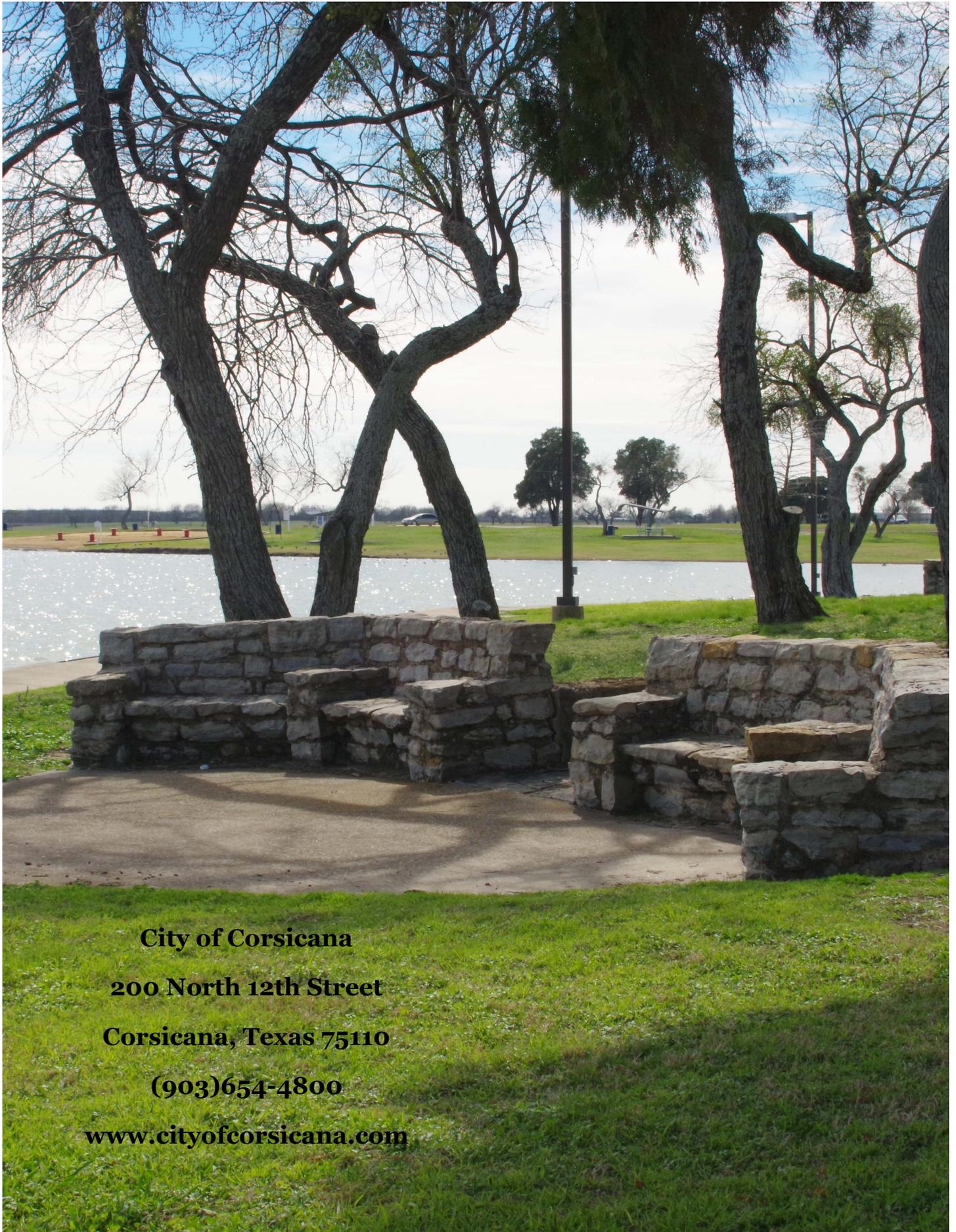
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