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Dear Citizens:

If you are a regular reader of the Corsicana Daily Sun, you've seen notifications of some of the new City employees recently hired. Each of these individuals bring a significant amount of experience to our City management, and it is noteworthy for me to mention.

The most visible new employees are Chief of Police Robert Johnson, who has been with us less than two years, and Fire Chief Paul Henley, who joined us just a few months ago. These individuals have made a major difference in our safety operations while creating an atmosphere of pride and loyalty. Robert Johnson managed a Dallas hospital police force much larger than Corsicana's and is also a Screen Actor Guild television and movie actor in his spare time. Paul Henley was Battalion Chief for the City of Frisco, with a population of 163,000. His certifications and accreditations set the bar for any firefighter in the state of Texas.

Less visible but managing a vital resource of our City is Dr. Marianne Wilson, our new Library Director who also chose Corsicana as her new home, after working in both the Dallas area and Southern California. I encourage you to visit the Library, meet Dr. Wilson and hear about the new programs and events now scheduled in this "living" Library.

No stranger to Navarro County or to City management is our newest addition, Darwin Myers, who is leaving a prestigious and important career with TxDOT after 34 years to join the City of Corsicana as City Engineer on June 1. Everyone is encouraged to meet him on his first day at a Reception held inside the City Government Building from 2 to 4 pm.

Karie Denny, our Main Street Director for the past 15 months is changing the way business is done and how people get involved in our Downtown. She has nurtured and developed what I feel is the heartbeat of our city. If you have not attended one of the many events Downtown, you are missing the opportunity to shop locally and support people who are investing personally and financially in Corsicana, and you are missing friends and neighbors who are coming together to enjoy the new vibe in Downtown.

With the addition of Darwin Myers, half of the City management has changed in the past 18 months. I can't begin to count the number of years of experience they bring to us in total. Each of these individuals could have chosen any other city in Texas, or anywhere in the country to apply their skills. They chose our town. This is living proof that this city is changing, growing in expertise and is on the rise. Leading this change is City Manager Connie Standridge, with the assistance of the City Council, who provide invaluable support and business insight. Developing a team of people who must work side by side together daily to cover all aspects of this City seems an impossible task and we often view what we have not been able to achieve rather than what we have. This is why I wanted to take this opportunity to count our unique blessings and advantages with the truly amazing personnel we have brought to Corsicana to work with the tenured, experienced professionals we have counted on for many years.

The entire management team at the City works for you. Visit www.cityofcorsicana.com/connect to access a complete listing of city departments.

Sincerely,

Don Denbow
Mayor