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Darwin Myers, Director of Engineering

CORSICANA'S ENGINEERING DEPT HELPS SHAPE THE CITY

Darwin Myers is driven, soft-spoken and detailed-oriented. All attributes that prepared him to become Corsicana's Director of Engineering in June, 2018. His time with the city followed a career with TxDOT, where he worked with the cities of Rockwall and Kaufman, as well as Ellis and Navarro Counties. A proud husband, father and grandfather, he is committed to assisting the public and contractors to resolve problems and ensure that projects are completed according to safety specifications and building plans.

Myers works with eight others in the Engineering Department to provide support for various city departments. "Engineering works directly with Planning and Zoning, building permits and inspections as well as Geographic Information System Mapping which allows city workers to overlay city data about ongoing projects and city infrastructure," he said. The department also oversees engineering for street drainage and utility projects, as well as maintaining the records for both Oakwood and Woodland Cemeteries. "Permits for the cemetery lots, burials, and monuments are all issued through the Engineering Department."

The Engineering Department is also responsible for condemning properties within the city as well as administering the ongoing infill project, which allows for foreclosed properties or vacant lots to be returned to the tax rolls. Details concerning the requirements to purchase and renovate an infill lot in Corsicana can be found on the city's website.

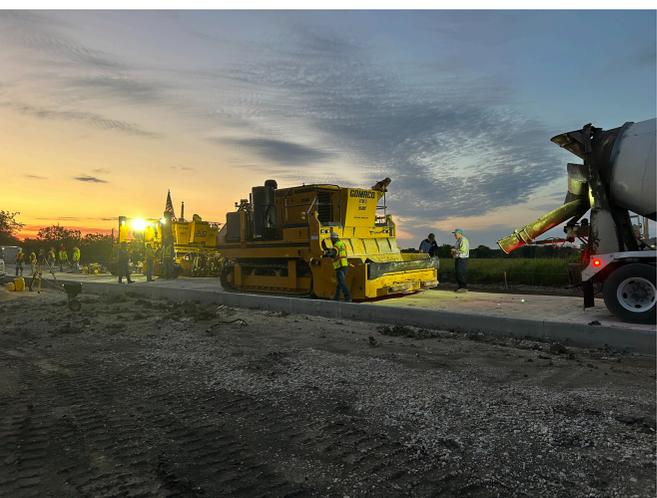
Myers certainly loves his job and the people he works with. "My priority in this role is to communicate with residents on a regular basis. Being in the Engineering Department is a delicate balance of explaining the processes of how a project goes from concept to reality," he said. Myers also takes the time to dispel misconceptions which tend to take root around town in various forms. "Many people do not realize that without an easement, adjacent property owners are responsible for maintaining the creeks in town." Myers continued, "Although the Public Works Department removes drift at culverts and bridges to facilitate drainage, much of the Post Oak Creek and Town Branch area does not have a drainage easement."

Myers also shed some light on the department's role in the building and permitting process: "The city encourages face-to-face meetings with potential developers to discuss the details of a proposed project." Factors that decide whether or not a project is undertaken include location, lot size, as well as zoning drainage traffic, parking, and other specifications. "Building plans for industrial, commercial and residential developments are then submitted and reviewed by several city departments to ensure that safety and building codes are followed," he said.

Myers also shared that the city is beginning to streamline the permitting process through the use of technology. "The software will allow contractors to submit permits and receive feedback and make any necessary changes online." The city is planning to hold future meetings with stakeholders to further discuss the permitting process, which will inevitably shape our city.

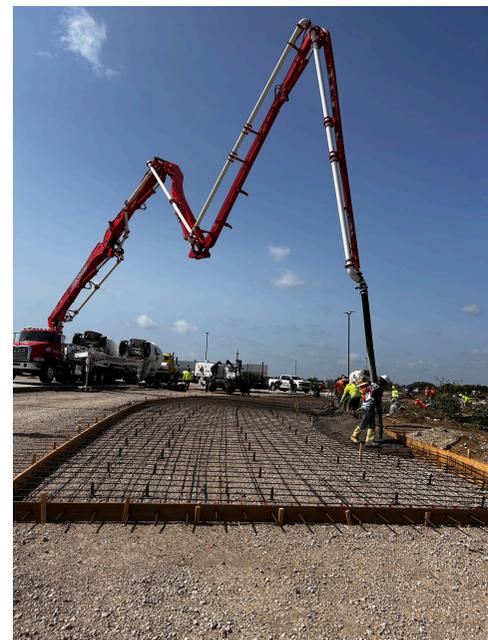
The Engineering Department certainly holds many roles, and the City of Corsicana is fortunate to have Darwin Myers and his dedicated team. They ensure that residents and visitors can enjoy the Corsicana community and all the developments that continue to enter our area.

For more questions about the City of Corsicana Engineering Department, citizens may contact the office at 903-654-4891 or email Darwin Myers at dmyers@corsicanatx.gov



Starboard Way project: Entrance into Waterfront Club

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Shaw Street: Access project from SH 31 to I-45 Business Park