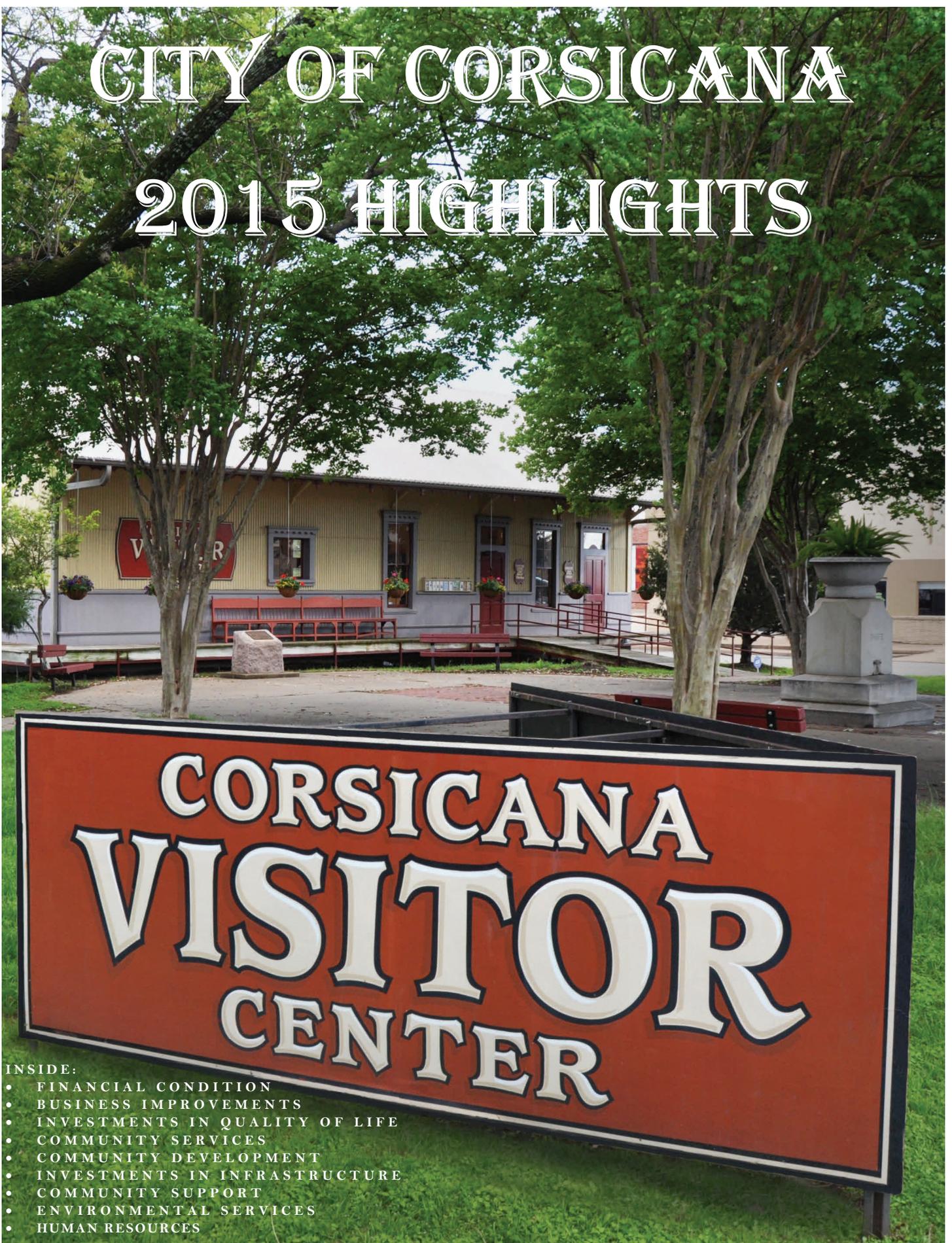


# CITY OF CORSICANA

## 2015 HIGHLIGHTS



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

Dear Citizens of Corsicana:

As I look back on 2015 the City continues to move forward on many fronts. The downtown momentum continues to build with the opening of business and lofts. There are approximately 50 families living downtown in newly remodeled lofts while maintaining that antique building feel. The year ended with the greatest Christmas celebration ever downtown. The 60' tall Christmas tree along with the snow hills, lights, and fireworks made for a festive night. Corsicana Crossing continues to have new retail and restaurants located there. We saw our tax base grow by approximately \$195,000.00 dollars in 2015. Texas Department of Transportation decided to add two more lanes to IH 45 from north of Corsicana and extend south to Freestone County. The building of the State Highway 31 relief route around Corsicana is moving forward with a start date of summer 2016. Both of the projects together will have a price tag of approximately \$177,000,000. The Council continued to show dedication to improving streets, sidewalks, airport facilities, and water and sewer projects throughout the City. While also improving the quality of life for all citizens with the completion of the new Stewart J. Beebe Athletic Complex as well as many other park improvements.



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

Sincerely,

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Chuck McClanahan  
Mayor

A Note From the  
**City Manager**



To the Citizens:

2015 was another year of continued improvement. The Council was able to invest in improvements and renovations to the Fire Stations, to include emergency generators, a new fire engine, and additional street work. In addition, two new Police vehicles and a new dump truck for the Street Department were purchased. The most important thing the Council has done in recent years is the adoption of the street improvement fee. This will provide needed revenue for street work in the years to come.

This report will represent the twelfth budget I have managed. Twelve years without a tax increase, the steady increase in the fund balance and the ability to accomplish more street work are signs of a healthy city. The City sales tax revenue in 2015 increased as did the property tax base. The budget year closed with a 30% fund balance. Collin Street reconstruction was completed in 2015 and work began on the reconstruction of 24th Street. The outlook for the City continues to be positive.

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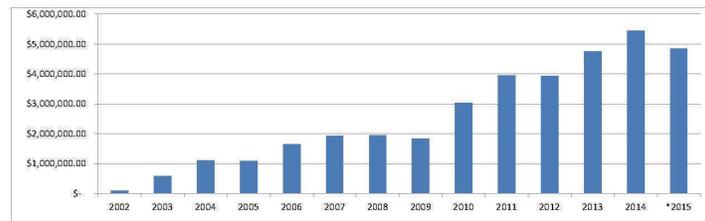
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Connie Standridge  
City Manager

# Financial Condition:

The City of Corsicana's overall financial condition continued to improve during 2015.

General Fund actual expenditures exceeded actual revenues by \$221,177. Revenues exceeded budgeted expectations by \$15,353. Expenditures were less than budgeted in most departments and are the sole reason for the profitable year. All areas of the General Fund were under budget which resulted in a fund balance to end at an estimated 109 days of operating reserve. This number is down from 121 days in 2014 due to the Council making a decision to spend the fund balance on street improvements, fire station renovations, improvements of the Beaton Street Market, painting the signal poles and street lights downtown, an employee compensation package, and Athletic Complex improvements. Again this year, a significant amount of work was accomplished on various street and drainage projects. The audited figures show that the unassigned fund balance for the General Fund is \$5,304,686 which is approximately 30% of the General Fund expenditures for 2015. The financial accounting policy recommends that the City should maintain at least 25% of operating expenses in the General Fund balance.



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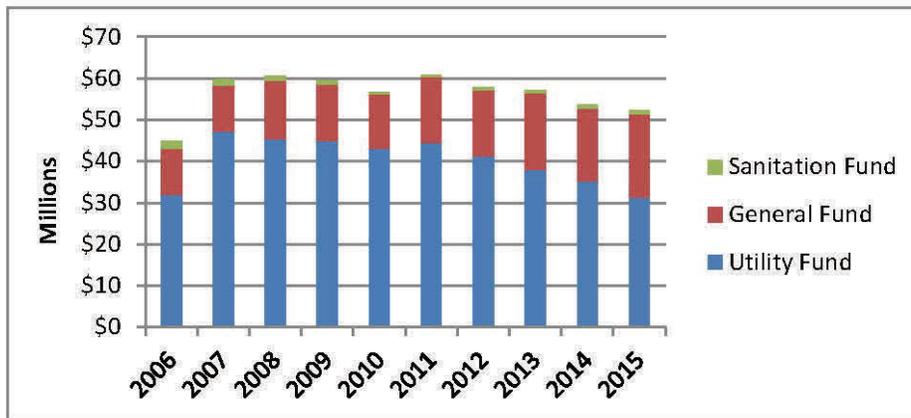
- The 2015 year showed an increase in the tax base for the City. In 2014 the total value was \$1,269,357,082 in property value inside the City of Corsicana while the 2015 roll is showing \$1,288,814,927 which is an increase of \$19,457,845. The increase in value is attributed to growth in the Corsicana Crossing area and West Highway 31. The increase in value translates to approximately \$120,280 in revenue to the City which will be realized in 2016.
- 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 12 years at 0.6272 cents per \$100 value.
- The City bond rating remained the same on the General Obligation bonds with a stable outlook. 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+
Waterworks & Sewer System			
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 covered expenses by \$286,286 on a budget basis. The 2015 water usage continued to decline and was at an all-time low since 2007. Water and sewer rates were not increased. Water rates were increased in December 2014 and were reflected on the 2015 financial statements. The summary is that the current rates barely covered expenses. At the end of the fiscal year, the Utility Fund estimated calculated working capital was \$3,511,023 with \$1,883,960 in consolidated cash.

- According to the year-end financials, the Sanitation Fund showed an operating loss of \$185,323. The overall fund balance of the Sanitation Fund is \$2,715,836 with a consolidated cash balance of \$410,581. The fund remains in good financial condition.
- The Emergency Medical Services Fund showed a profit of \$971,674 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 2013 and 2014 which was \$785,197. The fund still shows estimated working capital of \$889,876 but still has a significant cash deficit of \$973,479, however; this represents an improvement over 2014 of \$571,798. This fund continues to improve with the receipt of contributions from grant reimbursements, Navarro County and the City of Corsicana General Fund.



- In 2014, the City carried total debt of \$53,588,808. The total amount in 2015 was \$52,226,773. Of this amount \$31,389,128 comprises debt in the Utility Fund, \$791,013 in the Sanitation Fund and \$20,046,632 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 2015 for the purchase of equipment and additional debt in the General Fund for continued street improvement projects. The next debt issuance is planned for 2016 to fund the completion of the 24th Street reconstruction. Total debt level has declined steadily since 2011.

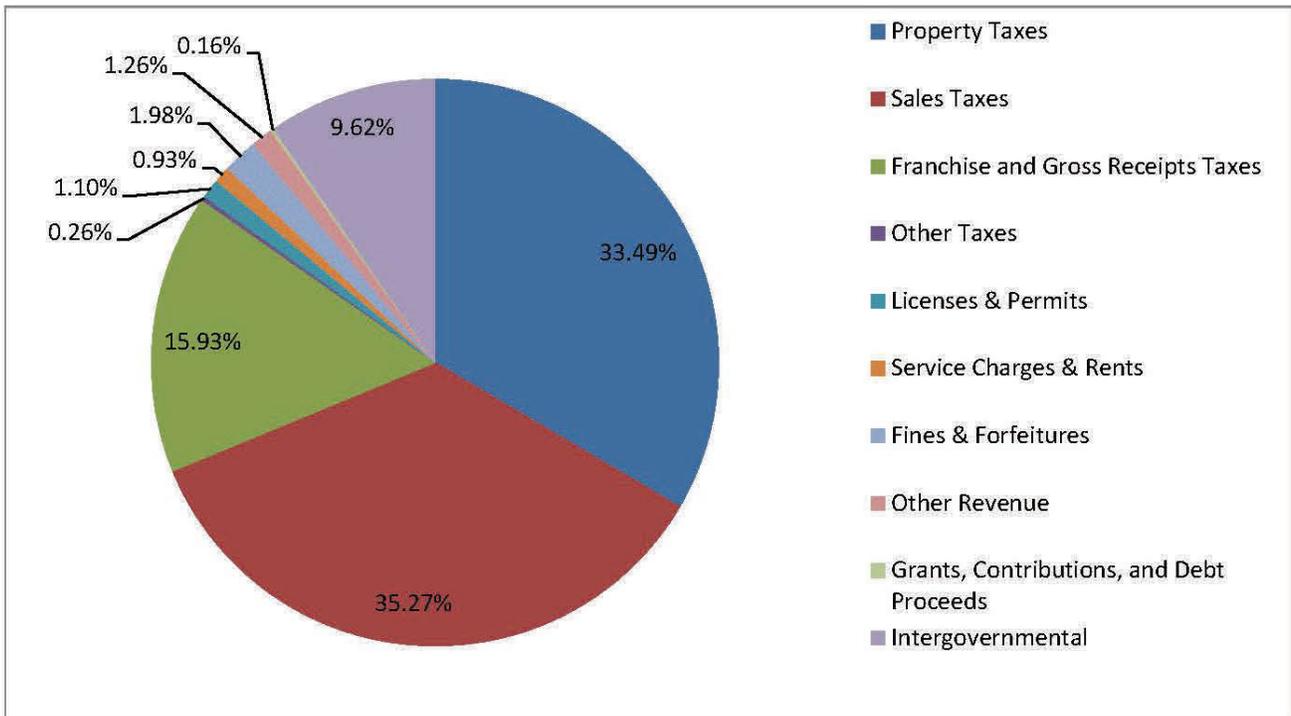
## Business Improvements:

The City Council reviewed the Investment and Collateralization policy and made no changes in 2015. The policy has been submitted to the Government Treasurer's Organization of Texas (GTOT) and last year received acknowledgement that the policy meets the Public Funds Investment Act requirements and the standards for prudent public investing established by this group.

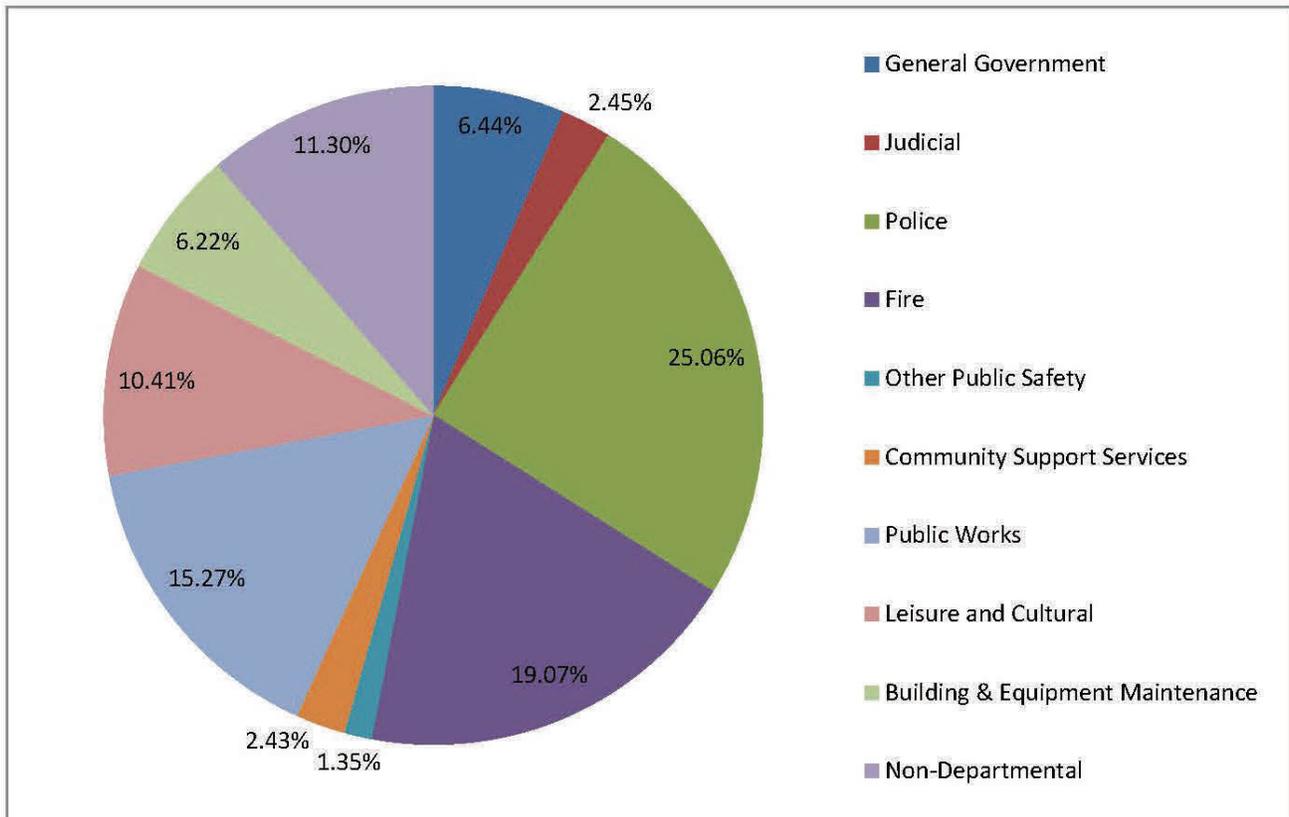
The Finance Department, for the second year, prepared a Comprehensive Annual Finance Report or CAFR for the 2014 Budget Year. The report was submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association. This report again received the Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This award is presented to entities that prepare reports that are judged to adhere to program standards and represent the highest award in governmental financial reporting.

In addition, the Finance Department performed a comprehensive review of all cash collections points and prioritized two departments for further evaluation of transactions to ensure adequate internal controls, monitoring and tracking measures are in place. Credit Card acceptance was expanded to the Library to enhance customer convenience. Improvements were made to the City network in the form of new servers and software and new staff computers were purchased. All employees that accept credit card payments for the City received annual training in accordance with the Credit Card Data Security and Incidence Response Policy. This Policy is reviewed annually for PCI DSS compliance and approved by the Council.

## City of Corsicana General Fund Revenues - 2015



## General Fund Expenditures - 2015





## Investments in Quality of Life:

- The Library introduced numerous children and adult programs in 2015. New monthly programs included the Eclectic Readers Book Club, the Saturday Family Movie Matinee and Movie Classics for Adults. A variety of family holiday events were held throughout the year. In addition, many one-time programs such as the Art of Stained Glass and Origami for Adults were added to the programming schedule. The Library also initiated a series of new genealogy programs; the monthly themed research workshops were especially popular during 2015. This new interest led to an overall program attendance increase of 58% from 3,927 in 2014 to 6,175 in 2015. During 2015, 76,222 patrons visited the Library. Total Library holdings increased to 88,153 items and 1,295 new library cards were issued. Patrons donated 7,522 items to the food pantry in lieu of fines. During the 2015 Summer Reading Program, 842 children ages 2-17 signed up to read over the summer and 3,120 children and adults attended 34 programs. Volunteers gave 7,288 hours to the Genealogy Department and 764 hours to the Library. The Library, once again, received the 2015 Achievement of Library Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.
- A new addition in 2015 to the Parks Department's slate of community entertainment was a giant Slip N Slide. The feature debuted at the annual Derrick Days Festival to a crowd of over 700 children. They squealed with delight as they navigated the hill to the bottom. The slide was also featured at several summer program events. The Parks Department also hosted the 16th Annual Hooked on Fishing Event at the IOOF Park. Over **1,000 children and adults** participated in a full slate of summer programs. Other events around town hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department included the Movie in the Park, Back to School Rally, and many others.
- Swimming pools were provided to entertain **8,878** children throughout the summer, with **7,672** attending Jester Pool and **1,206** attending Bunert Pool. In addition, summer programs provided activities including "Lake Halbert Roundup", "Messy Art", "Game, Set, Match", "Sweet Treat Tour and Eat", "Air and Space Camp", "Racquetball", "Gone Fishing", and a "Bowling Camp" for **2,062** children. Pioneer Village received **1,082** visitors from Navarro County, across the nation and foreign visitors from seven different countries during 2015 and hosted the "Pioneer Days" summer program.



## Investments in Downtown:



Main Street had an incredible year! **The Downtown Winter Wonderland** event brought hundreds of people out for an old-fashioned night of family fun, complete with snow hill tubing, refreshments, a visit from Santa, and fireworks.

While, just the week before, Beaton Street was full of visitors for the **Downtown Lighting Ceremony** with the traditional lighting of the beautiful historic downtown area, photos with Santa, live musical entertainment, fireworks, and complimentary pizza and drinks. The holiday spirit was plentiful, and it provided a wonderful start to the Christmas season for the citizens of Corsicana. In November, the first annual **Junk in the Trunk**, attracted more visitors to downtown. It

was a community resale event that spread out over 50 parking spaces on Beaton

Street. This event was highly attended by both sellers and shoppers, and plans are to make it an annual affair.

In October, the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Patch** returned with close to 1,000 pumpkins and gourds on display, turning the grounds of the Visitor Center into a sea of orange. Large groups from schools, daycares, churches, and the library were hosted for story time, photo-ops, and all things pumpkin. The downtown **Trick-or-Treat** and **Easter Hop** events once again attracted hundreds of children with parents in tow, to celebrate two favorite annual events held in the downtown area with the continued support of the local businesses.

The **Second Saturday** events continued with various themes to attract and draw visitors to the downtown area. Also introduced were the **Ladies Night Out** events with the help of the local merchants.

One of these was a **Downtown Style Show** held at the Palace Theatre, and made possible by many of the local boutiques and shops downtown. The year 2015 brought exciting new growth with many

business owners choosing the historic downtown area as the home for a new business. Businesses added are **JP Antiques, The Other Room, Cliff's Check Cashing, Custom Upholstery, Cotton Kisses, FBM Realty, McCain's Furniture & Boutique, Emporium 1905, Texan Credit, and Blown Away Salon.** **Envision Eyecare** has constructed the first new building in downtown in several years. **Dr. Jody Tacker** and **Dr. Max Worley** have added to the downtown in a way that will bring value for many years to come. In addition, the **Hand's Building** has a new owner, the **Erwin Lofts** are now complete, **Paint & Praise with Kelly Moore** set up a business and studio in Bittersweet Boutique, and the **Beaton Marketplace** renovations are progressing nicely, and more than halfway complete. The **Downtown Historic District** continues to prosper year after year. The City and County offer tax incentives and abatements to public-private partnerships that potentially strengthen and grow the downtown area. In the year 2014-2015, the City Council approved twelve tax abatement agreements with local entrepreneurs who are putting hard-earned money into projects to continue down-



town growth. The total reinvestment and property purchases in the downtown district for the year of 2015 in the private sector totaled **\$2,219,432.79**. Since 2007, the downtown district has received upwards of **\$12,265,672** in reinvestment. That is a significant amount of growth and is exciting for the City.

## Community Development:

In 2015, several new businesses opened. The Chamber hosted ribbon cuttings at **Navarro Dental**, **Planet Fitness**, **Blown Away Salon**, **Dairy Queen**, **the Screen Docs**, **Guild Mortgage Company**, **Restore Dental**, **Twisted iPhone**, **Stuart Smith State Farm**, and **Under the Bridge Restaurant**. Changes at two existing businesses were recognized. Berry Chrysler Dodge sold to the Toliver Family and is now **Toliver Dodge Jeep Ram**.



**Dickeys Barbeque** opened under new management. The remodel at **HEB** was completed and dedicated in December, 2015 with welcomed additions in new items in stock and space. **Plasson USA** announced the expansion of operation in Corsicana. The increase in production will create at least 20 new jobs and additional inventory and machinery.

Employment numbers improved during 2015. The December 2015 unemployment rate for Corsicana was 3.8 percent, while the rate in December 2013 was 6.4 percent. This is slightly better than the State of Texas which is about 4.2 percent and the national rate which is 4.8 percent.

In addition, the downtown bronze project continued to move forward. **Richard and Hester Parker** provided funding for a new bronze at Collin Street and Beaton Street. This was the site of the first radio broadcast for KAND radio. The bronze is in the likeness of **Richard Aldama**, the long tenured voice of the radio for Corsicana and Navarro County. **Tim Harmon** is the artist and provided a beautiful piece of work. This project represents the third bronze to be placed downtown with two more in the planning stage.



A group of Navarro County residents travelled to Austin on February 27, 2015 to witness the unveiling of the bronze cenotaph honoring the Texas hero, **Jose Antonio Navarro**. Navarro was one of the signatories of the Texas Declaration of Independence, a Republic Representative and a Texas State Senator. Of course, he is the namesake of Navarro County and named the county seat, Corsicana, after the birthplace of his father, the Isle of Corsica. The ceremony was held in the State Cemetery and was organized by a descendent **Sylvia Navarro Tillotson**.



The **Sons of the American Revolution**, Tyler Texas Chapter, recognized the City of Corsicana and specifically Councilwoman **Ruby Williams** for her work in displaying and honoring the American Flag at the Bunert Park Flag Plaza. In full uniform, **Mike Dunavant**, **Cliff Johnson** and **Dave McLeod** presented Mrs. Williams with a certificate during a City Council meeting.

## Investments in Public Safety:

**Police Department:** 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 2015, Part 1 Crime decreased 11.5% to the lowest level in over twenty years. Part 1 Crime has decreased for three consecutive years and an overall total of 22.5% during that time. In 2015, Part 1 Crime reported to the FBI included murder (0), forcible rape (23), robbery (32), aggravated assault (88), burglary (255), theft (705), motor vehicle theft (30), and arson (7). In 2015, burglaries had the highest decrease, which was 19.6%. During this time, the Police Department responded to 23,049 emergency calls compared to 22,114 in 2014. There were 22,488 calls for service compared to 23,089 in 2014, and 76,035 non-emergency calls compared to 75,521 in 2014. Officers conducted 5,259 traffic stops in 2015 compared to 6,096 in 2014 and issued 2,660 citations compared to 2,824 in 2014. There were 743 traffic accidents in 2015 compared to 698 in 2014. There were 225 drug arrests in 2014 compared to 196 in 2014, which is an increase of 14.8%. In 2015 Officer Bob Blake and Detective Paul Ward retired. In 2015 Detective Greg Cloud was promoted to Corporal.



**Fire Department:** During 2015 the Fire Department made many new improvements in vehicles and equipment. The City Council approved a new Crimson fire truck that was received and placed in service at fire station #2 located at 310 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Two new truck chassis were approved and purchased for two of the Emergency Medical Service ambulances. Purchases of equipment included camera equipment to be used for fire and arson investigations, a 46" flat screen TV was added to the Annex building training room which can be used by all departments for training. An additional flat screen TV was added in Fire Administration to be used during Emergency Management incidents. Three portable radios were purchased and four computers were replaced. The highlight of training for 2015 was the startup of a paramedic course hosted in Corsicana by the Fire Department. The department has nine personnel attending this course. The course is 1,300 hours in length and instruction is being conducted by paramedic instructors from Navarro College. Attending this course on an 8:00 to 5:00, Monday thru Friday schedule allows for the students to complete the course in seven months as opposed to the normal course schedule for which the completion time is fourteen months. In addition, a total of 5,234 hours of fire training and 2,668 hours of EMS continuing education training was provided to the department this year for an overall total of 7,902 hours of training. There were two promotions during 2015. Scott Armstrong was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Heath Butaud was promoted to the rank of Captain. There were 23 new fire fighters hired during 2015. The Fire Department responded to 2,127 calls with an average response time of 4.8 minutes. The Emergency Medical Services personnel responded to 6,350 calls and made 5,145 transports, and 1,037 calls did not result in a transport. The Department conducted 120 public education events and made contact with 3,128 members of the community to further the goals of fire prevention.



## Investments in Infrastructure:

A City's infrastructure is something that needs continuous attention and investment. Two departments are instrumental in these accomplishments. The Engineering and the Public Works departments oversee and manage the construction and repair projects on a daily basis. The 2007 Bond Program continued with the reconstruction of Dobbins Road from Forrest to the railroad track and an overlay project of Dobbins from



State Highway 22 to Fairfax. The remaining portions of the project will be completed in 2016. The next bond project started with utility relocations to facilitate new road construction on North 24th. The first phase from 7th Avenue to Collin was completed and the second phase is underway from Collin to Third Avenue. Debt will be issued in 2016 to complete the reconstruction and overlay of 24th from Second Avenue to Bowie.

Projects currently under way include Roane Road culvert extension. The Engineering Department completed several projects in 2015. These include the street and utility improvements for Splashicana and the replacement of the 12" water line along East Highway 31. In addition, the department oversaw the remodel of Fire Stations 1 and 2. This project involved adding a workout room and general painting and updating of the living areas.

The City Council made the decision in 2015 to continue with the aggressive street improvement program. This effort is highlighted by the \$8 per household fee that was adopted in September. This fee has allowed a tremendous amount of work to be done and will allow work to continue into 2016. In addition, a website has been developed so that the citizens can watch how the money is spent and track the results. The website is located at [www.cityofcorsicana.com](http://www.cityofcorsicana.com).

In addition, regular maintenance continues and several blocks of streets were overlaid with asphalt. Crack seal projects were completed throughout town and 36,710 pounds of asphalt material was applied to 96 blocks of streets in need. Streets reconstructed in accordance with the five-year plan were Governors Drive, Oaklawn Avenue, North Main, and Dobbins. The Governors Drive project included a large utility line relocation project which involved significant effort from the Engineering and Environmental Services Departments and added unexpected cost to the project. In addition, work was done on curb replacement and areas of concern received spot repairs. The Downtown Sidewalk Program continued with improvements at 5th Avenue and Commerce Street and the East 5th Avenue ramp and alley improvements. The major drainage projects in 2015 were the lining and repair of the culvert crossings at Edgewood Street and at Butler Drive.



The Council invested in two new pieces of equipment for street work, including a 2016 dump truck and an articulated boom lift to be used on a wide variety of projects. Efforts to improve the City Service Center continued during 2015. The warehouse continued the effort to better control and track supplies. The fuel system tracking system was upgraded to better reconcile fuel use. In addition, vendors and products were evaluated to ensure competitive prices and products. There is an ongoing effort to achieve a reduction in cost and operating expenses through preventative maintenance on City vehicles.



The airport focus this year was the construction of new hangars in 2015. The Taxi lane to the new hangars was completed and exterior lighting was installed. In addition, fence line vegetation and end of runway clearing was continued, the interior of the terminal was improved by staining the cabinets and painting and installing new flooring in the pilot's lounge. The fuel system was upgraded, including an automatic tank gauge. 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 90-10 match, with cities paying 10 percent and TxDOT paying 90 percent. A successful 17th Annual Airsho was hosted by the Coyote Squadron in September 2015.

The City maintains three cemeteries: Oakwood, Woodland and Modrell. The continued drought caused the loss of many trees around town and in the cemeteries. The average budget on tree removal continues to be greater than in previous years. Tree loss attributed to drought in the past year now seems to increase with the excessive rain. Cemetery maintenance included streets overlaid with asphalt and 7,625 pounds of asphalt material was used for a crack seal project. There were markers repaired in Oakwood and in Woodland. New fencing was installed at Oakwood and repairs to fencing were made at both cemeteries. The City Council made the decision in 2015 to purchase two additional lots adjacent to Oakwood Cemetery to provide additional burial space for future generations.

### 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 **5,403** code violations identified in 2015, which is an 11.5% increase.

The staff completed **10,832** inspections, down slightly from 2014. There were **548** citations issued which is approximately a 53% decrease. The City collected **\$8,026** for the cost of abatements and filed **\$118,098** in liens against properties for non-compliance. The Community Support Department is also responsible for the management and maintenance of the City cemeteries and 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 **56** cemetery lots sold in 2015, **134** burial permits issued, **80** monument/curbing permits issued and **23** 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 2015, **5,009** new cases were filed with the Corsicana Municipal Court: 67.5% traffic, 21.5% city ordinance, and 11% state law violations; **7,007** cases were closed; **1,390** warrants were issued and **1,256** warrants were cleared. Court staff worked with **47,274** cases throughout the year. There were a total of 54 trial docket days in 2015. Cash revenues collected by the court were \$639,278.98. Of that amount, the city retained \$421,790.26. Total fines and fees cleared by the court for the year were **\$954,667.56**.

## Permits and Inspections:

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 and banners, fences, accessory buildings, and swimming pools. During 2015, there were **2,195** applications for various activities which generated the need for **2,986** actual inspections. These permits represented **\$7,880,201** in improvements to the community. The department assists in plan review. During 2015, **1,009** electric service inspections were completed, **292** commercial and residential building projects were reviewed and inspected, and **65** Certificate of Occupancy applications were processed and issued, both were up from 2014. Personnel completed inspections for **619** electrical, plumbing and mechanical projects and **210** other construction projects including signs and banners, accessory buildings, swimming pools, irrigation, demos and house moving. These numbers were down from 2014.



## Animal Control:

In 2015, the Animal Shelter, which serves all the residents of Navarro County, cared for **2,002** animals compared to 2,344 in 2014, which is a 14.6% decrease. In 2015, **949** animals were adopted, redeemed by owners, and rescued from the animal shelter compared to 611 in 2014, which is a **36% increase**. In addition, the City's two full-time animal control officers picked up **609** animals that were running at large, abandoned, and sick or injured compared to 877 in 2014, which is a **30.6% decrease**. The City Council also revised the City's animal control ordinance to help keep dogs safer from owners that were failing to properly care for their dogs. City Council also authorized a dog park be established at Jester Park so dog owners would have a centralized location to exercise and play with their dogs in a safe environment.

## Solid Waste:

The City of Corsicana Landfill provides waste disposal to customers within a 40 mile radius. In 2015, City employees processed **90,600 tons** of waste down from over **103,000 tons** of waste last year. This represents a 12% decrease in volume which is a result in the change in the Landfill Use Agreement with Republic Waste. There were **20,142** vehicles which crossed the scales at the Landfill compared to 21,800 in 2014. The operation generated over **\$3,574,852** in revenue which is approximately a 2% increase. The City participated in the Navarro County Cleanup day in June, the E-waste recycling day, and a tire collection effort. The landfill has adequate capacity for the City of Corsicana disposal needs for the next 100 years.

The Bulk Solid Waste crew responded to **5,000** brush pickup requests during 2015. There was **11,193 yards** of brush picked up from residential lot maintenance. Brush is removed from curbside and overgrown lots, and **711 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 and railroad property. They also help keep the creeks, culverts and drainages clean and flowing. There was significantly more debris this year due to the high amounts of rainfall.



## Planning and Zoning:

The Planning and Zoning Department assists in the planning, maintenance, coordination and enforcement of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan. It is responsible for the review and processing of zoning change requests, specific use permits, variance applications, street and alley closures and abandonments, and plat applications. The department also assists in plan review and comprehensive development review.

The Planning and Zoning Department reviewed **292** commercial and residential building permit applications which is up 27% from 2014. There were **62** Certificate of Occupancy applications which is up 5% from last year.



Over 210 permits for signs and banners, fences, accessory buildings, swimming pools, irrigation systems, demolition, and house moving permits were processed and **48 new addresses** were assigned which is up significantly from 2014. There were applications for 36 items including zoning changes, unsafe structures, SUPs, plats and code revisions that were considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission which represents a **38% increase over 2014**. The Board of Adjustment considered two variance requests. There were 22 items including alley/easement closures, zoning changes, SUPs, variances, code amendments prepared and presented to the City Council. Both of these numbers were down from 2014.



## Challenges for the Year:

The year 2015 will go in the record books and the memories of most Navarro County residents as the year of the floods. Two record events occurred. The first one in May 2015. The National Weather Service reported that the Corsicana Municipal Airport received **12.07** inches of rain for the month of May 2015. The 30 year average monthly rainfall for May is 4.70 inches. This event caused significant damage to the Lake Halbert Spillway. The Wastewater Treatment Plant, roads and culverts sustained minor damage and there was a large amount of debris removal. The City's estimated damage was in excess of **\$1,054,000**. Unfortunately, there was one fatality

during this event. Then in October another storm came through on top of saturated ground and full reservoirs. This event produced **24.37** inches of rain. The 30 year average monthly rainfall for October is 4.50 inches. This event caused additional damage to the Lake Halbert Spillway and more road and culvert damage. The annual rainfall for 2015 was **79.74** inches compared to the 30 year average rainfall of 39.78 inches. The year ended up with the highest rainfall on record and the wettest October on record since 1874. In total, there were **41 individuals** rescued from floodwater during the two events.



## Environmental Services:

Environmental Services continues to operate 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.

During 2015, the department continued upgrades to the computer system (SCADA) that allows remote monitoring of the certain functions within the system. Several major hardware items were replaced including: site radios, remote terminal connections, and outdated filter consoles.

The Utility System Maintenance Department received reports of 907 water leaks in the system which is down more than 10% from the previous year. There were 2,901 reported sewer backups in 2015, which was 8% fewer than the previous year. There were 898 other service calls for various reasons such as utility taps and marking the location of utility lines for the public. Additionally, crews completed 785 water meter replacements. Several utility line replacement projects were accomplished to address chronic problems and to facilitate street reconstruction. Some of those projects included work on an aerial sewer crossing, a 30” sewer line liner, sewer manhole replacements, and utility service work for new development in Corsicana. 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. Future permits issued by TCEQ will require additional levels of treatment. In order to prepare for this, there is ongoing monitoring and study of Post Oak Creek. Several maintenance projects were completed at the wastewater treatment plant including installation of new pumps, replacement of an existing boiler, and removal and replacement of a sludge thickener device. The overland flow facility installed new spray heads in the Central Zone and a new distribution pump. Personnel completed successful bio-monitoring to verify no biological toxicity of discharge water and collected representative samples of vegetation for submittal to the TECQ. The wastewater treatment has received zero violations since the last major inspection.

### How much water do we use?

<b>WATER TREATED</b>	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
TOTAL WATER	2,227,206,500	2,549,388,900	2,364,901,200	2,309,935,900	2,187,619,400	2,119,635,900

### How much wastewater do we treat?

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

INFLUENT TOTAL	3,268,392	2,666,825	2,974,104	2,434,688	3,203,137	3,328,455
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### How much waste do we collect?

ANNUAL CUBIC YARDS	364,430	346,037	356,457	349,180	370,500	320,550
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## Human Resources:

The City of Corsicana Human Resources Department is dedicated to fulfilling the City's obligations to all employees by providing quality support and service. The City of Corsicana Human Resources staff manages all aspects of recruitment, compensation, benefits and training for the City's workforce. This includes processing applications and new hire orientation, development and management of the City's benefits program, salary surveys and compensation plan design and identification and implementation of needed training programs. Human Resources is also responsible for policy development and implementation and the management of worker's compensation. The Department also administers the Police and Firefighters' Civil Service Rules. Qualified applicants are welcomed without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, marital status, or disability.

### Achievements for 2015

- The Employee Benefits Brochure included detailed information for medical, dental, vision, life, retirement, EAP, and ancillary products to better assist employees in making the best selections for themselves and families.
- In appreciation of employees and their hard work throughout the year, the City held the second Annual Employee Appreciation Day, which included Service Award Recognition and a catered meal for all employees.
- Annual review and updates were made to the City's Personnel and Administrative Regulations and Policy Manual.
- Coordinated annual enrollment for medical, dental, life and ancillary products for employees.
- Coordinated flu vaccines through TML Multistate IEBP and Medical Surgical & Compcare Enviva for employees and covered dependents at no cost.
- Coordinated the internship program sponsored by Texas Workforce Solutions.
- Administered Performance Appraisal System for all employees.

### **2015 Retirements**

**The City said farewell to seven employees this year. Those employees represent a total of over 147 years of municipal service. 2015 Retirees were:**



Carole Mitchell- 25 years



Paul Ward - 22 years



Charlotte Childers-13 years



Darrell Cobb - 23 years



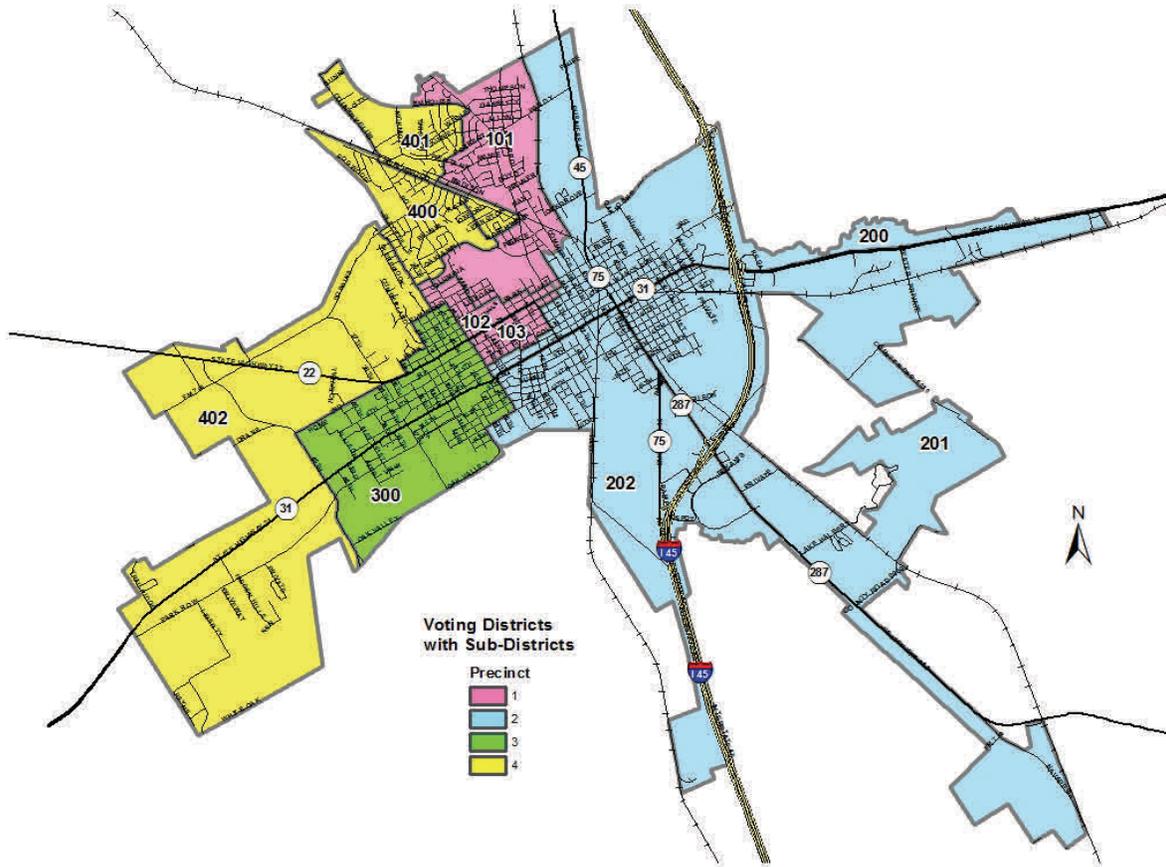
Bob Blake-31 years



Wallace Watson-36 years



Darren Yates - 20 years



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Don Denbow

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