

# CITY OF CORSICANA 2014 HIGHLIGHTS



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

Dear Citizens of Corsicana:

As I look back on 2014 the City continues to make positive strides in many areas. The downtown continues to thrive. There are approximately 40 folks living downtown and many new businesses opened this year. The year ended with the biggest Christmas celebration ever downtown with many family pictures taken around the 50' tall Christmas tree and with Santa on Beaton. There was ice skating and roller skating, warm drinks and food for everyone to enjoy. The City saw continued growth in the Corsicana Crossing area with the opening of Panda Express. The Schulman's Movie Bowl Grille purchased the cinema with plans for expansion. The new opening date of the Corsicana Water Park is May 2016. Two local manufacturing companies, Pactiv and Guardian, completed work on large manufacturing expansion projects. The planning for a 130 million dollar mixed use residential/commercial development began in 2014 and should see the breaking of ground in 2015. Texas Department of Transportation decided to build the State Highway 31 relief route around Corsicana. 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 construction of the new Stewart J. Beebe Athletic Complex as well as other park improvements. Library programs have expanded and include new children's programs and improvements to the Genealogy Program. Attendance has increased 51%.



I am proud of all these accomplishments and proud of the financial condition of the City of Corsicana.

Sincerely,

  
Chuck McClanahan  
Mayor

A Note From the  
**City Manager**



To the Citizens:

This report will represent the eleventh budget I have managed. The thing of which I am most proud is the continued improvement of the financial condition of the City. With eleven years without a tax increase, the steady increase in the fund balance, the ability to accomplish more street work, and the new baseball complex construction makes the City a model of good civic responsibility. The City sales tax revenue in 2014 increased as did the property tax base. Improvements toward the Council's goals have been realized and significant resources were dedicated to employee safety, streets, and quality of life programs. The budget year closed with a 33% fund balance. This will allow a dedication of funds for street and fire station remodel projects in 2015. Collin Street reconstruction will be complete in 2015 and work will begin on the reconstruction of 24th Street. Downtown is buzzing with activity.

The overall condition of the City is very good as shown by the bond ratings agencies continued confidence in the long-term debt of the City. We should strive for economic development and job creation to help continue the trend into the future.

Sincerely,

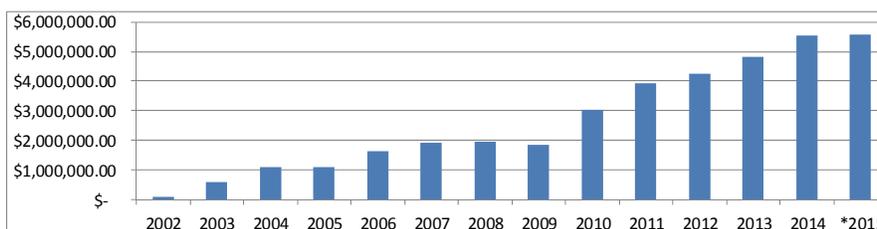


Connie Standridge  
City Manager

## Financial Condition:

The City of Corsicana's overall financial condition continued to improve during 2014.

General Fund actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenues by \$698,411. Revenues were extremely close to the proposed budget and exceeded expectations by \$10,196. Expenditures were less than budgeted and are the sole reason of the profitable year. All areas of the General Fund were under budget by approximately 4% which allows the fund balance to grow. 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 \$5,446,755 which is 34% of the General Fund expenditures. The financial accounting policy recommends that the City should maintain at least 25% of operating expenses in General Fund balance. Moody's Investment Rating agency summarized the City of Corsicana outlook by saying "The city's reserves have improved to healthier levels following multiple surpluses and should remain solid given a formal reserve policy combined with frequent monitoring of expenditures. The city has realized five consecutive years of surpluses through fiscal year 2014 ..."

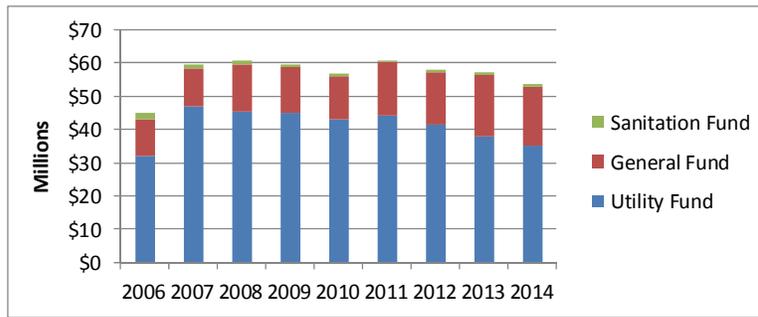


\*Estimated

- The 2014 year showed an increase in the tax base for the City. In 2013 the total value was \$1,205,349,431 in property value inside the City of Corsicana while the 2014 roll is showing \$1,269,357,082. The increase in value is attributed to growth in the Corsicana Crossing area and West Highway 31. The increase in value translates to approximately \$396,800 in revenue to the City which will be realized in 2015.
- 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 11 years at 0.6272 cents per \$100 value.
- In March, the City bond rating was stable on the General Obligation bonds. 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.
- The Utility Fund failed to cover expenses by \$1,040,348. The cause is solely due to unrealized revenue. The 2014 water usage was at an all-time low since 2007. Water and sewer rates were increased by 7% in 2013 but this increase was not sufficient to cover the decline in sales. Increased rates and drought have caused customers to be very aware of water usage and very conscious of ways to conserve. Water rates were increased again in September 2014 and will be reflected on the 2015 financial statements. At the end of the fiscal year, the Utility Fund estimated working capital was \$3,342,615 with \$1,459,020 in consolidated cash. According to the annual audit, the Sanitation Fund showed an operating loss of \$227,486 which is offset by a profit last year of \$309,952. The overall fund balance of the Sanitation Fund is \$2,855,113 with a consolidated cash balance of \$947,976. The Emergency Medical Services Fund showed a loss of \$124,137 in expenses over revenues provided by operations. This loss is significantly less than the loss last year. The fund overall still shows a balance of \$593,365 but has a significant cash deficit of \$1,495,277. This amount continues to improve with the receipt of reimbursement for some uncompensated care transports for the 2013 year. In addition, a new contract with Navarro County was signed to provide for a predetermined method to calculate the subsidy due each year and ensure this amount covers any losses by the provision of service.

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

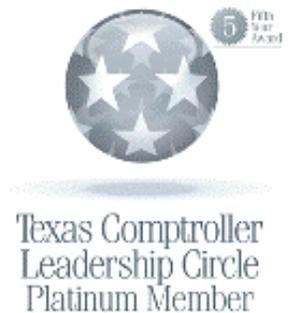
\*Recalibration - change in ratings scale



- In 2013, the City carried total debt of \$57,151,871. The total amount in 2014 was \$53,588,808. Of this amount \$35,235,163 comprises debt in the Utility Fund, \$762,020 in the Sanitation Fund and \$17,591,625 in General Fund obligations. Both the Utility Fund and General Fund saw decreases in debt levels, while the Sanitation Fund debt increased due to additional debt issued in 2014 for the purchase of equipment. The next debt issuance is planned for 2015.

## Business Improvements:

The State Comptroller designated the City of Corsicana as a Leadership Circle Platinum Member entity for 2014 which recognizes continued progress toward achieving financial transparency. The program identifies Texas local governments that are striving to meet a high standard for information that is available online for citizen review. Platinum recipients are those entities that are setting the bar for transparency according to the State Comptroller's office and is the highest level of participation. As part of this program, the City publishes a weekly transaction report of all checks written, current monthly financial reports, the annual audit, and current budgets online for public review. This is the fifth year in a row Corsicana has received recognition. This is the highest designation awarded.



The City Council revised the Financial Policy in 2013 to require preparation of a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report annually. The first CAFR in the City's history was prepared in 2014 for fiscal year 2013. The report is one step above the financial reports provided in the past. This document received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) 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 represents the highest award in governmental financial reporting.

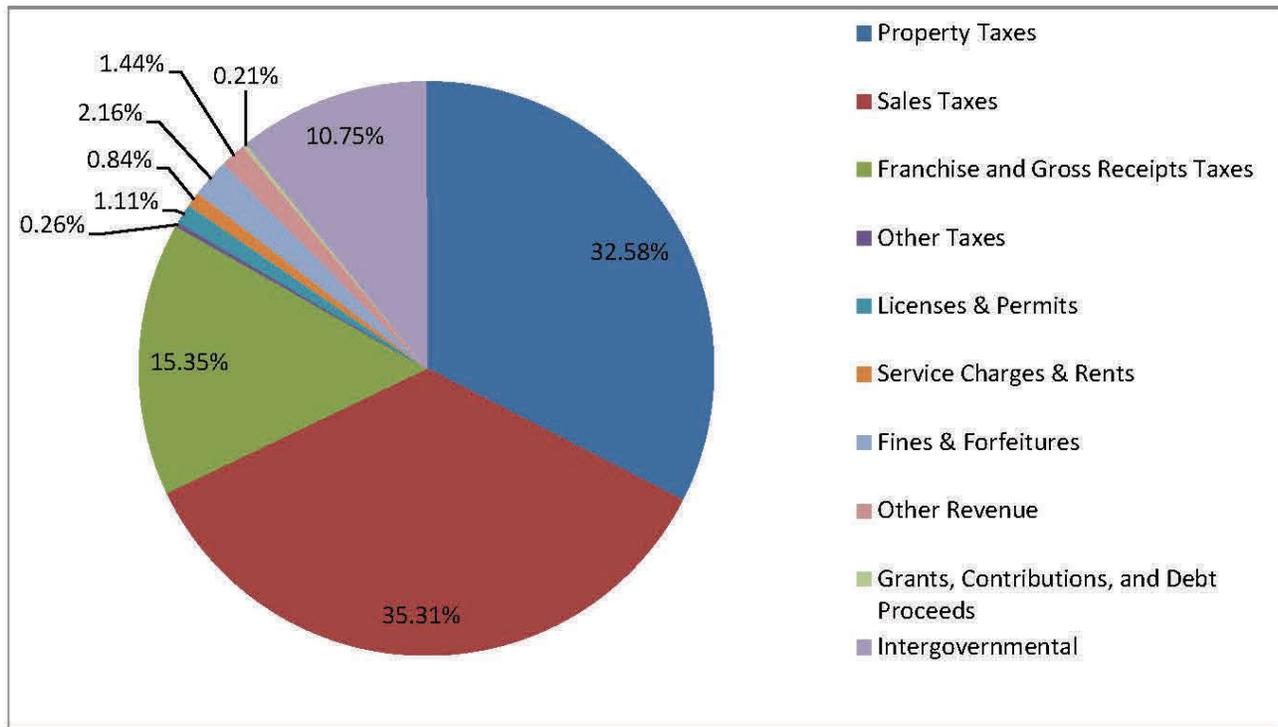
The City Council reviewed the Investment and Collateralization policy and made no changes in 2014. The policy was submitted to the Government Treasurer's Organization of Texas (GTOT) and received acknowledgement for developing a policy that meets the Public Funds Investment Act requirements and the standards for prudent public investing established by this group.

The City Council chose to increase the security of the City finances and personnel by improving the Utility Billing cash transaction window. The space was enlarged to provide for greater customer comfort. In addition, several locations were improved to allow credit card payments and online payments were expanded to assist citizens with access to all services.

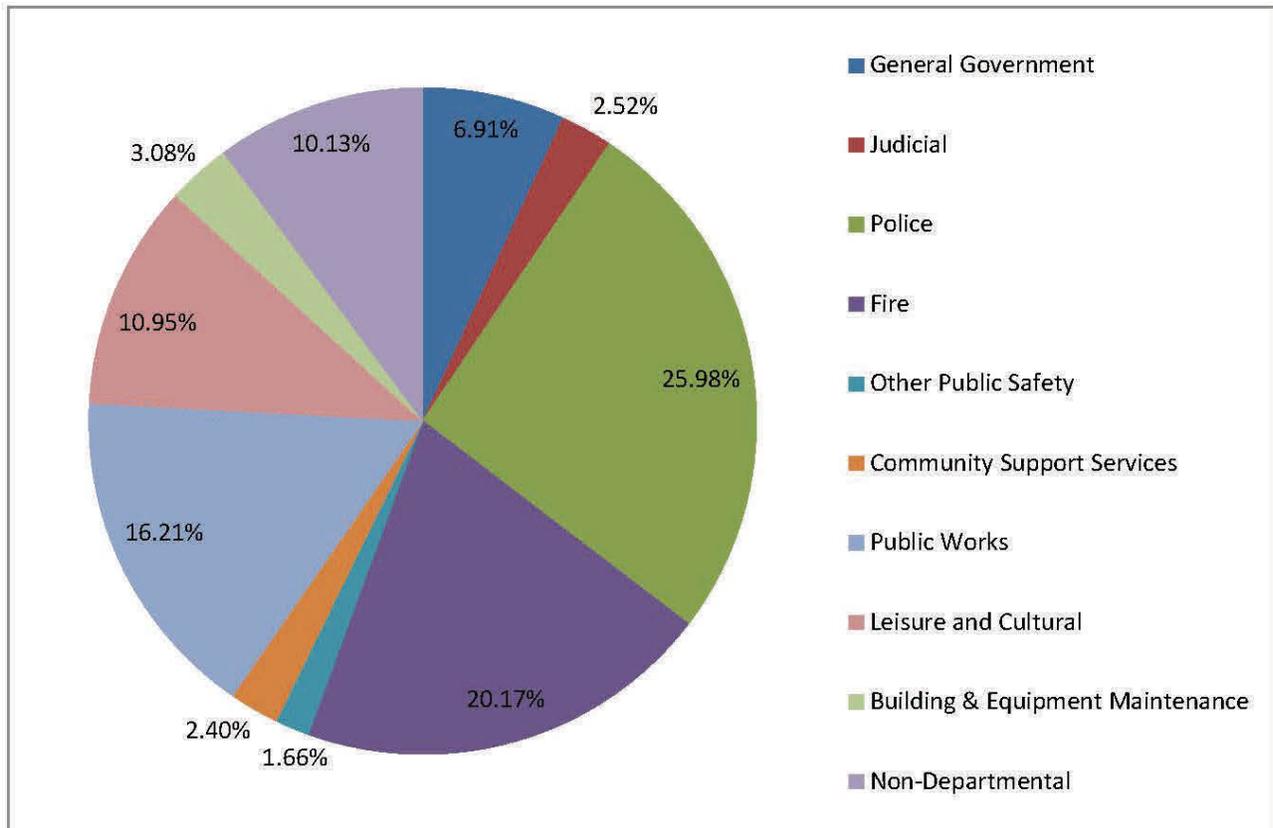


In addition, the Council invested in an electronic billboard on Interstate Highway 45 to share with the traveling public events and highlights of the City. The partnership between the City and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau uses hotel tax money to fund the board. Content is managed by a committee with members from the City and the CVB. The billboard faces are changed weekly to reflect new events and happenings. Feedback has been positive for events and destinations advertised.

## City of Corsicana General Fund Revenues - 2014



## General Fund Expenditures - 2014





## Investments in Quality of Life:

- The **Library** introduced two new popular children's programs: Monday Night Storytime and Legos @ the Library. In addition, the Library initiated a series of new genealogy programs including a well-attended genealogy Lock-In. This led to an overall program attendance increase of 51% from to 2,866 to **4,310** from the previous year. During 2014, **78,434 patrons** visited the library. Total Library holdings increased to 87,458 items and 232 new library cards were issued. Patrons donated 8,249 items to the food pantry in lieu of fines. Over 1,000 children participated in the 2014 Summer Reading Club. Volunteers gave 1,081 hours to the Genealogy Department. The library received the 2014 Achievement of Library Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.
- Once again, the Parks Department, and along with Sam McCollum and the **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department**, hosted the 15th Annual Hooked on Fishing Event at the IOOF Park. Over **600 children** participated. Other events around town hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department included the Movie in the Park, Derrick Days Biker Bash Poker Run, the Downtown Piano Project, Beaton on Ice, and a New Years Eve Bash, Back to School Rally, and many others.
- Swimming pools were provided to entertain **8,394** children throughout the summer, with **7,193** attending Jester Pool and **1,201** attending Bunert Pool. In addition, summer programs provided activities including "Lake Halbert Roundup", "Messy Art", "Grill It", "Game, Set, Match", "Buds and Blooms", "Pioneer Days", "Batter Up", "Gone Fishing", "Glitz and Glam", skateboard class, bakery tour, golf, bowling camp, flower arranging, air and space camp, hip hop dance, and racquetball for **2,062** children.





The Council is so excited the Stuart J. Beebe Athletic Complex is complete and is a project that will benefit the citizens for decades to come. Mayor Chuck McClanahan has stated “This project is the best of the best. To be part of a complex like this that will provide an opportunity for families to get together and build memories is so rewarding. Everyone can remember good times at a baseball park. Youth baseball is a time for children to learn to play together, learn team work, and what it is like to lose and to win. All of the life lessons needed to prepare children for life can be learned at the ballpark.”

The project began with Don Denbow, Rusty Hitt, and the Youth Baseball Association discussing and planning an expansion of Beebe Field on Oaklawn Avenue. After much discussion it was apparent there was not enough land to accomplish the goals for expansion. The discussion turned to looking for a new location. Over the next three years property became available on North 45<sup>th</sup> Street. The Navarro Community Foundation and the City Council appropriated money to purchase 44 acres. The City applied to the Texas Wildlife Department for funding and received a \$500,000 grant. Along with the following donors money was raised to build the park:



**Homerun Hitters**  
 Texas Parks & Wildlife Department  
 Navarro Community Foundation  
 City of Corsicana  
**Triple Hitters**  
 Kilmarnock Oil Company  
 Community National Bank and Trust  
**Double Hitters**  
 Guardian Glass Industries  
 Brinson Ford  
 Navarro Regional Hospital



Alan Plummer Associates  
 McKee Lumber  
 Traylor & Associates, Inc.  
 JT Williams Construction Co.  
 Athens Steel Building Corp.  
 Kinloch Equipment and Supply  
 Knife River Resources Co.  
 Electrico Inc.  
 TX Environmental Plastics LTD  
 Corsicana Navarro County Developers

Orkin Pest Control  
 City Electric  
 Johnson Oil Co.  
 Wheco Electric Inc.  
 Navarro County Electric COOP  
 Chemical Universe Inc.  
 Atmos Energy Corp.  
 Longhorn Industrial Supply  
 S. J. Louis Construction of Texas

Gilfillan’s Hardware  
 Velvin & Weeks Consulting  
 Navarro County Abstract  
 GOCO Trucking  
 Nelson-Putman Propane  
 Half Associates  
 Lone Star Aggregates LLC  
 Barstow Pro Rodeo Equipment  
 Corsicana Cleaners & Laundry

Several City Departments, including Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Environmental Services, and Engineering participated in the construction of the complex. The facility will feature six fields for ball play with a restroom and a concession stand. A unique play slide will be available for the younger group not playing ball. A basketball court and sand volley ball pit is provided for use as well as a walking trail. Dedication of the fields will occur in 2015.



## Investments in Downtown:

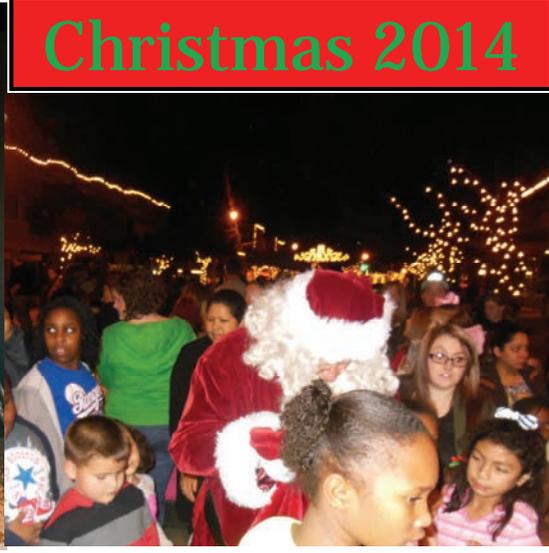
Main Street is busy. In October, the **Pumpkin Patch** made a return to the Visitor Center, with over 1,500 pumpkins, gourds, and spookies covering the grounds. Photo stations and fall decorations covered the Visitor Center and welcomed everyone to stop and enjoy the sights. The annual downtown trick-or-treat event attracted over 800 people to visit the local downtown shops, participate in costume contests, Halloween games and photo stations. The **Second Saturday events**, established last year are running full throttle to attract and draw visitor's downtown. Each month features a different theme as well as a give-back to the community. Entertainment this year included, Randy Brown Band, Big Gus & The Swampadelics, and T-Bone Stearns & Jughead.

Downtown had a booming year with many new businesses in the historic area. **Across The Street Diner and Bistro** opened in the summer of 2014. The diner features a wonderful breakfast and lunch menu. **The Children's Shop** underwent new ownership over the summer, and **The Stroube Building** received a new facelift and ownership; it will be turned into multi-unit office space. **Bloom Consignment** moved their location from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to Beaton Street to join the downtown community. **The Corsicana Opry and Event Center** opened its doors this year after a huge transformation from the old General Store to working Opry showcasing local musicians, events, vendor marketplace days, and a haunted house. **Gypsy Haven** clothing boutique opened in the Downtown District, along with **Prayers From Heaven** and **First Finance**. Many historic buildings were purchased during 2014, including the **Chase Bank Building**, the historic **Corsicana Jail**, as well as the **Dyer's Building**. All three buildings have new owners and new visions for the historic downtown district. Three additional buildings sold late in 2014, with big plans to bring more lofts and downtown living and western antiques.

The **Downtown Historic District** continues to revitalize year after year. The City and County offer tax incentives and abatements to public-private partnerships that potentially strengthen and grow the historic downtown district. 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 downtown growth. The total reinvestment and property purchases in the downtown district for the year of 2014 in the private sector totaled **\$2,889,610**. In 2013 the total was roughly **\$1,982,450**.



# Christmas 2014



The **Parks Department**, **Main Street** and the **Public Works Department** made Christmas 2014 bigger and better than ever. Downtown featured a giant 50' Christmas tree, shown on the front cover of this report, which served as the focal point of Corsicana's Holiday events. Under the glow of fireworks, shown on the back cover, citizens enjoyed kicking off the holiday season with the Annual Lighting Ceremony. The public was invited to tune into a local radio station, and enjoy the Tour of Lights which included downtown, Bunert Park and several neighborhoods that have historically been nicely decorated. Pioneer Village hosted a Victorian Christmas where children adorned a tree with vintage Christmas ornaments and sang holiday carols of the past. Beaton on Ice brought Rockefeller Center to downtown Corsicana. Children ice skated around the beautifully decorated tree with Santa Claus while enjoying free hot chocolate and cookies. Roller street skating was also available for those not wanting to brave the ice. The season concluded with a New Year's Eve Bash. The Sandy Bates Band, party favors, and a few black-eyed peas for good luck helped ring in the New Year!



City of Corsicana Tour of Lights  
Tune in to AM 1610 for Route  
December 5 - January 1



## Community Services:

**Police Department:** The safety and quality of life of the citizens and visitors remains a top priority for the Police Department. In 2014, **Part 1 crime decreased 6.59% to the lowest level in over twenty years.** In the last two years Part 1 crime has decreased a significant total of 13.92%. In 2014 Part 1 crime, which is required to be reported to the FBI, included murder (0), forcible rape (19), robbery (31), aggravated assault (83), burglary (317), theft (804), motor vehicle theft (32), and arson (3). In 2014 forcible rape had the largest decrease, which was 38.71%. In 2014 the Police Department responded to 22,114 emergency calls compared to 23,227 in 2013, 23,089 calls for service compared to 26,438 in 2013, and received 75,521 non-emergency phone calls compared to 76,087 in 2013. Officers conducted 6,096 traffic stops in 2014 compared to 8,360 in 2013 and issued 2,824 citations compared to 4,074 in 2013. There were 698 traffic accidents investigated in 2014 compared to 638 in 2013. However, despite the increase in total accidents, there were 106 accidents with injury compared to 138 in 2013, which is a 23.19% decrease. Officers made 1,370 arrests in 2014 compared to 1,312 in 2013. In 2014, the Corsicana Police Department's narcotics detectives transitioned from working on the Navarro County Drug Task Force to establishing the **Police Department's Narcotics Unit** to better address the continuing illegal use of narcotics in Corsicana. As a result of the successful reorganization, in 2014 drug arrests significantly increased 139% from 82 in 2013 to 196 in 2014. In 2014 Sergeants Ladena Baggett and Ken Kirkwood retired. Cpl. Trent Parker and Cpl. Paul Jock were promoted to Sergeant and Officers Dan McAninch and Kenneth Darby were promoted to Corporal.



**Fire Department:** During 2104 the Fire department made many new improvements. The Council approved the purchase of six new Zoll Cardiac Monitors with ECG transmission capabilities, added Wi-Fi modems to each ambulance for data transmission and replaced six Panasonic Toughbooks on Medic Units for Electronic Patient Care Reporting. In addition, one additional Zoll Autopulse was added to each of the front line ambulances. On the Fire side, a new Thermal Imaging Camera was purchased. Fourteen Sections of 5" new fire hose and six new MSA Self Contained Breathing Apparatus packs were purchased.

A total of 6,029 hours of training was provided for the Fire Department personnel. In addition, three firefighters successfully completed a 1,312 hour paramedic course. Bio Care and Careflite provided 2,688 hours of EMS Continuous Education instruction. The Fire Safety House was taken to seven public schools with programs taught to 92 different classes; 1,927 students received instruction on fire safety and home exit drills. Forty-six different public education programs were provided throughout the year with a total of 1,764 people in attendance. Although the program was not initiated until late in the year due to grant money availability, the free smoke detector program gave out 26 free smoke detectors to the elderly and indigent and installed these detectors in 13 different residences in the city. This program is ongoing and is expected to be very successful in 2015.



Four department members received recognition for outstanding performance on an EMS call through the **Great First Responder** program sponsored by Careflite. Bill Stovall, Jeff Farmer, Wil White and Shelby Brock received the award for lifesaving skills used on a man who was hit by a train. Johnathan Towels received the **Department Lifesaving** Award for the rescue of a woman from her burning home. Ryan Farish received recognition through the **Kiwanis Club for Fire-fighter of the Year.**

## Community Development:

In 2014, two local manufacturers, **Pactiv** and **Guardian**, completed work on the bulk of manufacturing expansion projects. A portion of Pactiv's \$45.5 million expansion hit the property tax rolls in 2014, while the remainder will hit the tax rolls in 2015 and 2016. Guardian's \$5.2 million new production line began operations in the latter half of 2014 and will hit the property tax rolls in 2015. The Pactiv expansion is slated to create several new full-time jobs once it is fully operational by the end of 2015, while the Guardian expansion will create 9 new jobs. The County, along with the City of Corsicana and Navarro College, approved ad valorem tax abatement for both expansion projects. In addition to the tax abatement, the Engineering Department completed a Texas Capital Fund Project to extend an electric transmission line to serve the expansion.



Construction on **SplashiCana**, the new water & adventure park located on a 23-acre parcel being developed by LARC, Inc., will begin construction in 2015 at the northeast corner of I-45 and US-287. The facility is expected to draw over 100,000 visitors to the area and involves a capital investment of over \$10 million and will create an estimated 51 full-time jobs. The City will access the Texas Capital Fund to construct access streets and a water line for this project.

Planning for a \$130 million mixed use residential-commercial development began in 2014 and will



begin to take shape in early 2015 with the creation of a tax increment financing reinvestment zone to reimburse the developer for the cost of some of the public infrastructure that will be necessary to support the development project. The development will be on 282 acres located in the northwest quadrant of 45<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue/TX-31 and envisions 240 apartment units, 132 duplex units and 496 single-family residences, in addition to about 50-75 acres of commercial-retail development.

**Northland Cable** expanded its call center operations in Corsicana in 2014 with the opening of a new 10,000 sq. ft. call center that added 20-25 new jobs. In the historic downtown, **Envision Eyecare** began construction of a new building on a vacant lot at the corner of Main Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. When construction is completed in mid-2015, this will be the new location of the business. Plans for the exterior façade of the new building were approved by the Landmark Commission to ensure that the new building fits in with rest of the downtown historic district.

Retail expansion along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue was brisk during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2014, following completion of major road construction. **Sonic** and **Pizza Hut** both constructed new facilities on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to replace older, outdated facilities. In Corsicana Crossing, a **Panda Express** opened in mid-2014 and **Schulman's Movie Bowl Grille** purchased the existing cinema complex and began renovation projects almost immediately, opening a restaurant in the existing facility and launching plans for a 16-lane bowling alley, which will be opening in 2015.



Employment numbers improved during 2014. The December 2014 unemployment rate for Corsicana was 4.3 percent, while the rate in December 2013 was 6.4 percent.

## 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 Collin Street from 20th Street to 31st Street. Projects currently under design include 24th Street, Roane Road, West 2nd Avenue, Dobbins Road and South 15th Street. Twelve blocks of streets were overlaid with asphalt and several city streets were reclaimed and sealed. Crack seal projects were completed throughout town and 29,960 pounds of asphalt material was applied to 78 blocks of streets in need. Streets reconstructed in accordance with the five-year plan were Boyd Avenue, North 26th, North Main, Hackberry and Commerce. In addition, work was done on curb replacement and areas of concern received spot repairs.



The sidewalk repair effort in downtown continues. Sidewalks repaired or reconstructed were located at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue at Aguado's, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Across the Street Diner, and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Main Street.

The major drainage project in 2014 was the extension and repair of a culvert crossing on North Beaton. The work was done completely in-house by the Public Works Department, which resulted in significant cost savings. In addition, the project to restore the Beaton Lake Dam was complete. The area had been graded to allow for long-term maintenance of the area around the shore line.

The Council invested in several new pieces of equipment for street work, including a new street sweeper. Efforts to improve the City Service Center continued during 2014. The warehouse process was retooled for better control and tracking of supplies. The fuel system guidelines were established to ensure more accurate tracking and reconciling of fuel deliveries. A touch keypad lock system for the service center main building was installed and better video surveillance cameras were purchased. This will allow effective monitoring of personnel entering and using the facility, especially after hours.



The airport focus this year was the construction of new hangars in 2014. In addition, fence line vegetation and end of runway clearing was accomplished, a new irrigation system was installed and new landscaping around the terminal was planted, the fuel system was upgraded, including



a wireless lighting arrester. Additional new video surveillance cameras were installed for added security. 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 16th Annual Airshow was hosted by the Coyote Squadron in May 2014.

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 average years. Cemetery maintenance included two streets overlaid with asphalt. There were 48 markers repaired in Oakwood and 17 in Woodland. The Engineering Department completed scanning and archiving cemetery records in 2014.



In addition, the Engineering Department completed East Collin Street waterline relocation using a Community Development Block Grant and reconstructed four single-family residences using the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs HOME Grant Program.

## 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 4,844 code violations identified in 2014, 10,857 inspections completed and 1,046 citations issued. The City collected \$16,535 for the cost of abatements and filed \$98,826 in liens against properties for noncompliance. The department manages the Code Rangers, a volunteer code enforcement program.

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 51 cemetery lots sold in 2014, 119 burial permits issued, 109 monument/curbing permits issued and 18 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 2014, 6,117 new cases were filed with the Corsicana Municipal Court: 60% traffic, 32% city ordinance, and 8% state law violations. The final dispositions were 6,252. The number of warrants issued increased 37% to 2,070 and 1,324 warrants were cleared. Court staff worked with 52,007 cases throughout the year. There were a total of 55 trial docket days in 2014. The department collected \$692,344 in cash collections and \$306,955 in non-cash collections. The court remodel of 2014 allowed for the purchase of new work stations and provided additional work space.

## Planning and Zoning:

The Planning & 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 & Zoning Department reviewed 229 commercial and residential building permit applications and 62 Certificate of Occupancy applications. Over 216 permits for signs and banners, fences, accessory buildings, swimming pools, irrigation systems, demolition and house moving permits were processed and 19 new addresses were assigned. There were applications for 26 items including zoning changes, unsafe structures, SUPs, plats and code revisions that were considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Board of Adjustment considered 9 variance requests. There were 42 items including alley/easement closures, zoning changes, SUPS, variances, code amendments prepared and presented to the City Council.





### Permits and Inspections:

The Permits & 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. The department also assists in plan review. During 2014, 1,276 Electric Service Inspections were completed, 229 commercial and residential building projects were reviewed and inspected and 62

Certificate of Occupancy applications were processed and issued. Personnel completed inspections for 631 electrical, plumbing and mechanical projects and 216 other construction projects including signs and banners, accessory buildings, swimming pools, irrigation, demos and house moving.



### Animal Control:

In 2014 the Animal Shelter, which serves all the residents of Navarro County, cared for 2,344 animals compared

to 2,575 in 2013, which is a 9% decrease. In 2014, 611 animals were adopted, redeemed by owners, and rescued from the animal shelter. In addition, the City's two full-time animal control officers picked up 877 animals that were running at large, abandoned, and sick or injured compared to 785 in 2013, which is a 11.7% increase. The City Council also revised the City's animal control ordinance to help keep Corsicana residents safer from dangerous dogs. Shelter additions were made to improve the quality of life at the shelter in 2014. Ten new outside kennels, two exercise yards, a large animal containment area and new parking area were constructed.



### Solid Waste:

The City of Corsicana Landfill provides waste disposal to customers within a 40 mile radius. In 2014, City employees processed **103,000 tons** of waste up from over 97,617 tons of waste last year. There were 21,800 vehicles which crossed the scales at the Landfill and the operation generated over \$3,500,000 in revenue. In addition to this work, a new disposal area was completed with a new liner and leachate collection system put in place. 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 had **8,084** brush pickup requests were fulfilled in 2014. There was **16,298 yards** of brush picked up. This total is an increase from 14,996 yards in 2013. Brush is removed from curbside and overgrown lots, and **245 yards** of refuse material was removed by citizens using the spot trucks and hauled to the landfill. 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.



## 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 TCEQ and was inspected in 2014 with no violations noted. During 2014, the department upgraded the computer system monitors and controls (SCADA) which allows remote monitoring of the certain functions of the system.

The Utility System Maintenance Department received reports of 1,012 leaks in the system which is consistent with last years number. There were 3,162 reported sewer backups in 2014 which was lower than the previous year. There were 1,586 other service calls for various reasons like utility taps and location of utility lines for the public. Crews completed 705 requested 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 North Main Street, North 13th Street, and Boyd Avenue. The department continues to inspect and monitor 541 registered backflow devices to protect the water distribution system.

The City operates two wastewater treatment facilities. The largest is the WWTP #2 and the smaller is the Overland Flow treatment plant. The two combined are permitted to treat 5.95 million gallons per day. The City discharges 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 replacement of valves, piping, meters, basin repairs and a blower airline. The overland flow facility installed new spray heads in the Central Zone, a new distribution pump and structural repairs to a storage facility. Personnel completed successful bio-monitoring to demonstrate no biologic toxicity of discharge water and collected representative samples of vegetation for submittal to the TECQ. The wastewater treatment plants were inspected in 2014 with no violations issued.

### How much water do we use?

<b>WATER TREATED</b>	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
TOTAL WATER	2,314,162,400	2,227,206,500	2,549,388,900	2,364,901,200	2,309,935,900	2,169,735,700

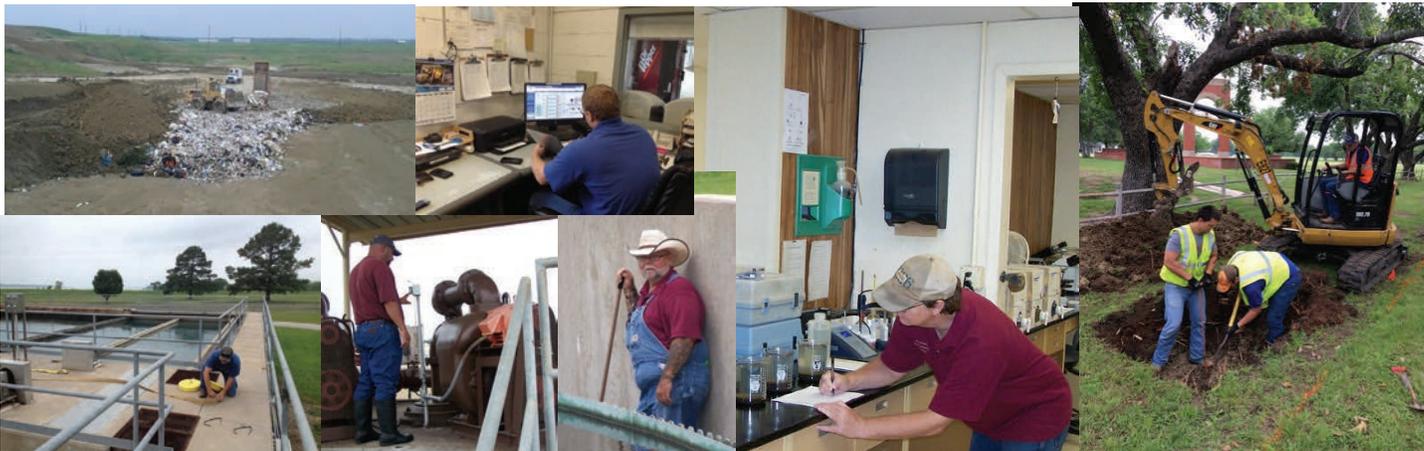
### How much wastewater do we treat?

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

INFLUENT TOTAL	2,685,641	3,268,392	2,666,825	2,974,104	2,434,688	3,203,137
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### How much waste do we collect?

ANNUAL CUBIC YARDS	360,638	364,430	346,037	356,457	349,180	370,500
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## Human Resources:

Human Resources serves as a partner to departments within the organization to provide support and recommendations to effectively utilize and manage the City's most valuable asset - its people! The strategic role of the Human Resources Department is to provide an avenue by which Directors can attract and retain quality employees. This includes compensation and classification, benefits administration, employee wellness, recruiting and retention, training and development, and recommending short-term and long-term human resource management. During 2014:

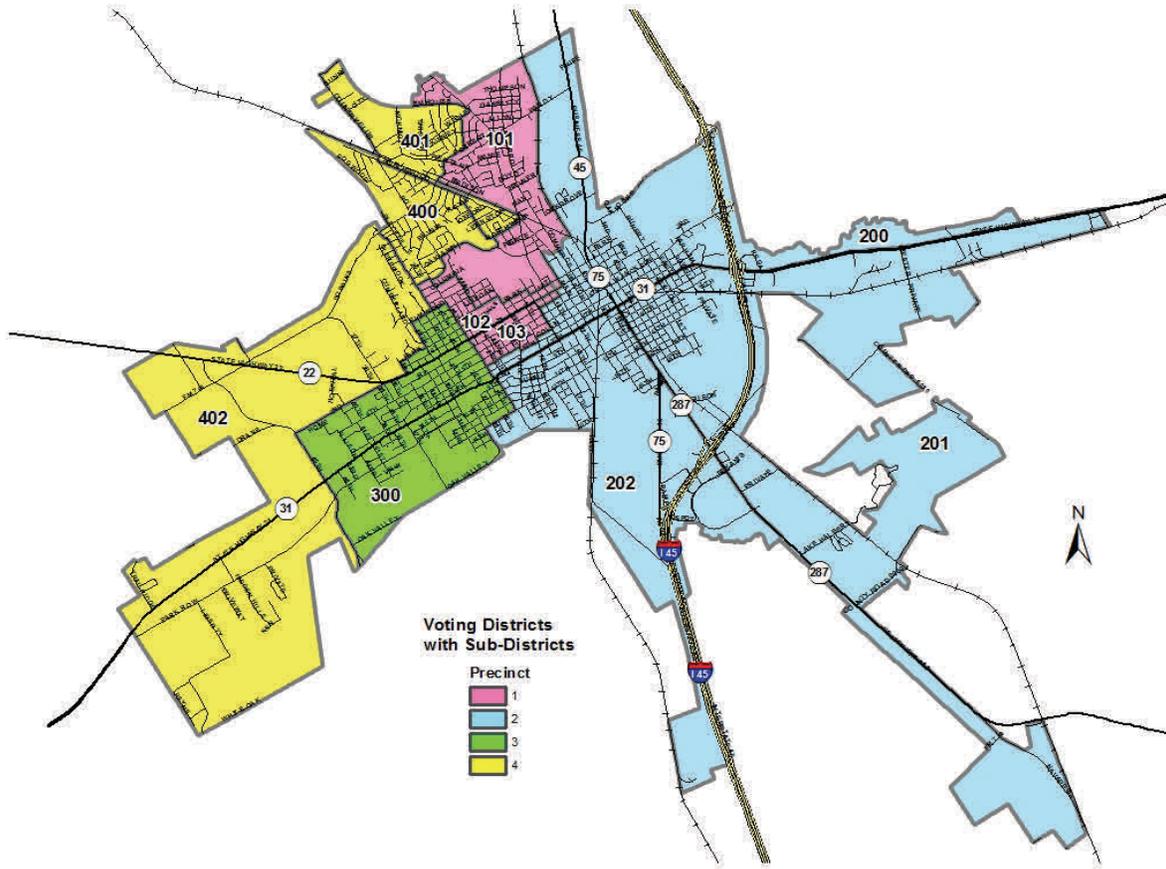
- Human Resources created an ***Employee Benefits Brochure*** to communicate the benefits package for the upcoming year, assisting employees in making the best selections for themselves and families.
- ***An additional benefit added in 2014 was Teladoc***, a national network of U.S. board-certified physicians available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The added benefit allows employees and dependents, on one of the City's insurance plans, access to quality care from their home, work, or on the go. Teladoc may be utilized for conditions such as sinus infection, cold or flu, bronchitis, poison ivy, allergies, and other non life threatening conditions.
- Implemented the first Employee Appreciation Day, which included Service Award Recognition presentations that included one thirty-year pin award for Ronnie McGaha, a thirty five-year pin for Pam Gibson and a catered meal for all employees.
- Human Resources conducted a salary survey with thirteen (13) comparable Cities with competitive wages, in order to continue to attract, develop and retain a qualified, professional and diverse workforce.
- 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 Associates for employees and covered dependents at no cost.
- Conducted new employee orientations.
- Coordinated the internship program sponsored by Texas Workforce Solutions.
- Administer Performance Appraisal System for all employees.

### **2014 Retirements**

**The City said farewell to seven employees this year. Those employees represent a total of over 198 years of municipal service. 2014 Retirees were:**

Dusty Ledbetter -	32 years and 3 months	Ron Franks -	28 years and 5 months
Ladena Baggett -	31 years and 6 months	Kenneth Kirkwood -	34 years and 3 months
Darlene Cole-	20 years and 7 months	Barbara Honea -	19 years and 8 months
Eddy Putman—31 years and 11 months			





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**Precinct 4 Council Member**  
Don Denbow

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