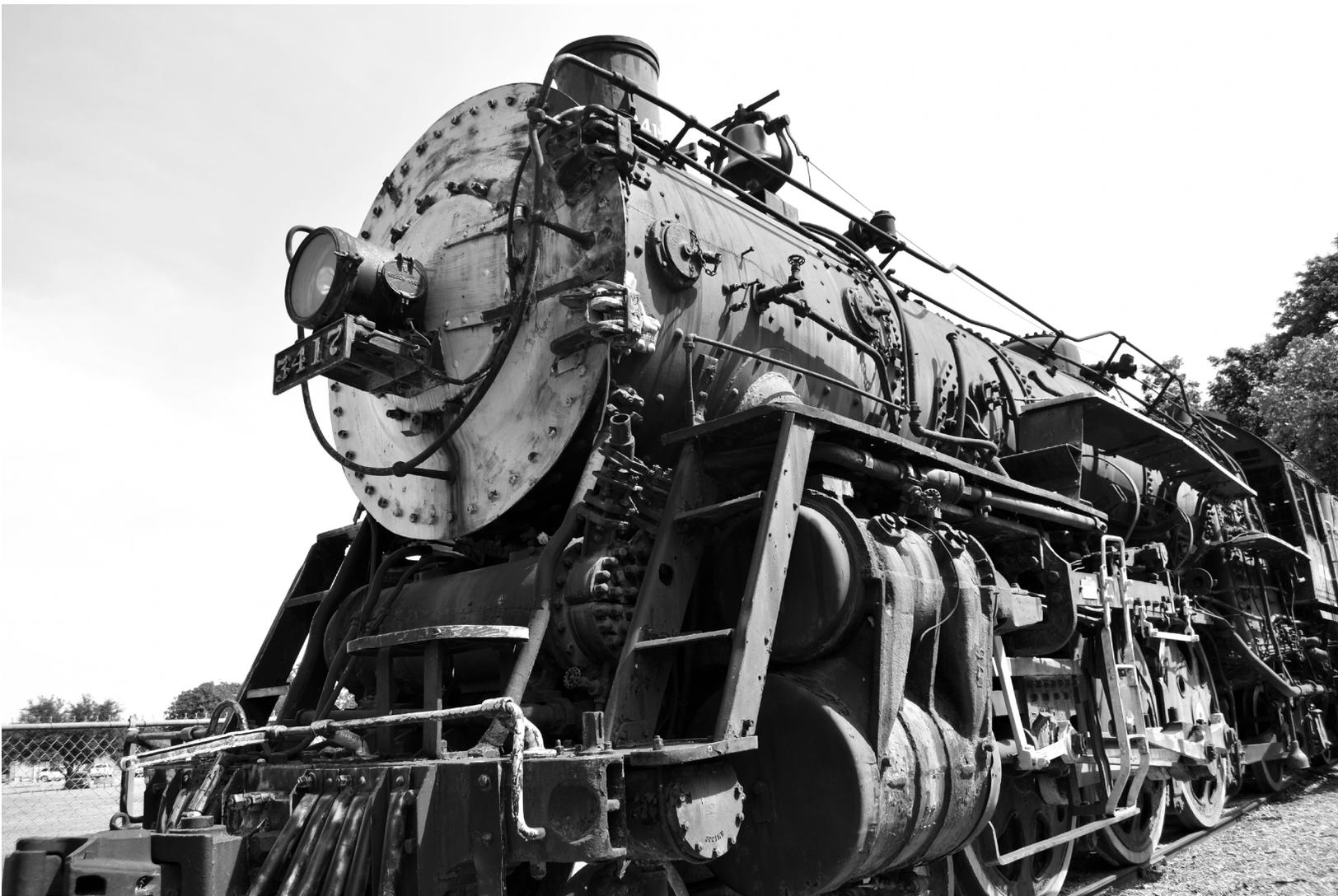




2020

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Mayor's Message

This past year was a great one for our community as we continue to grow in a manner that embodies our strong sense of Cleburne Pride.

In 2019, we saw a record number of building permits as more homes are being constructed than ever before. Developers are busy building Cleburne's newest neighborhoods while also turning around lots left vacant for years with brand new houses. Equally important, we are seeing many older homes being refurbished at a record pace.

With more options than ever before, a greater number of people are now shopping and dining in Cleburne. Many new businesses opened this past year and more are one the way. Our city-center is becoming more vibrant as new stores, restaurants, and businesses are investing in our historic downtown.

Cleburne's success doesn't just depend on what's coming, it requires us to care for what we have today. Last year, we introduced more modern property maintenance codes to help ensure Cleburnites are living in safe homes and attractive neighborhoods. Not all residents can improve their homes by themselves so we partnered with the non-profit Christmas in Action to create the Helping Others Prosper Everyday (HOPE) Program. The success of our combined efforts are visible throughout the community. Since the program's introduction, volunteers have helped residents at more than three dozen houses and I don't see that stopping anytime soon.

We've also committed significant resources to repairing and maintaining our parks, streets and other infrastructure that affects our day-to-day lives. Crews repaired or reconstructed miles of city roads. We have built new sidewalks on routes from neighborhoods to schools to keep our children safe. The City is planning a multimillion dollar expansion of our wastewater treatment plant this year, which will serve Cleburne's projected growth. Approaching this project with the utmost in fiscal accountability has resulted in the City securing funding at an incredibly low interest rate, as well as receiving a \$1-million grant from the state.

Public safety is at the forefront of what we do and our Police and Fire departments work hard to protect and serve our community. The Cleburne Police Department has reduced the number of Part I crimes for seven consecutive years making us one of the safest cities in Texas. Our Fire Department innovates by proactively helping the community with programs like the new paramedicine program with Texas Health Resources Cleburne designed to reduce hospital patient returns. Our level of emergency care and response times remain second to none.

These are great steps but we're just getting started. City Council and I, along with city staff continue to invest in our community to make sure Cleburne remains a great place to live, work, and play. We're committed to improving our neighborhoods, investing in our downtown, and embracing our parks and open space as we plan the Cleburne of tomorrow while taking great care to preserve our unique past. I am so proud of our community and look forward to taking on these opportunities in the new year with a heart full of Cleburne Pride.

It's a great day in Cleburne!

Grateful to serve,

Mayor Scott Cain



City Council

The Cleburne City Council consists of a mayor and four council members serving two-year terms. The councilmembers are elected by their representing single member districts and the mayor is elected at-large. The City Council fulfills the legislative functions of the city, crafting ordinances and developing policies. They are also tasked with establishing the overall direction of the city and providing general direction to the city manager through the development of goals and objectives. The Council also adopts an annual budget which reflects the Council's spending priorities, and sets the annual property tax rate. Your Council works diligently for all citizens and property owners and is committed to improving the vitality and long term sustainability of the City of Cleburne.

Regular meetings of the Cleburne City Council are held at 5 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Cleburne City Hall. All City Council meetings are open to the public and can be viewed live online and on Cable Channel 190. City Council meeting agendas can be found on Cleburne.net. To contact the Council, email citysecretary@cleburne.net.



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Mayor



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Councilmember
District 2



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District 3



John Warren
Mayor Pro Tem
District 4

2019 Accomplishments

**Reduced property
tax rate**

**Improved more than 9.5 miles
of city streets and installed
5.5 miles of sidewalks**

**Issued greatest amount of
single-family building permits
in recent years**

**Reduced crime rate for
the 7th year in a row**

**Increased public safety
collaboration with Johnson
County and partnering cities**

**Hosted the most youth
tournaments at the Sports
Complex ever**

2020 Goals & Projects

**Wastewater treatment
plant expansion**

**Continue city-wide
street improvements**

**Complete Parks & Recreation
Master Plan**

Improve downtown sidewalks

**Ongoing investment in the
city's parks and public
infrastructure**

**Continue to foster responsible
residential and commercial
development**

Community Development

Everywhere you look in Cleburne homes are being built or refurbished.

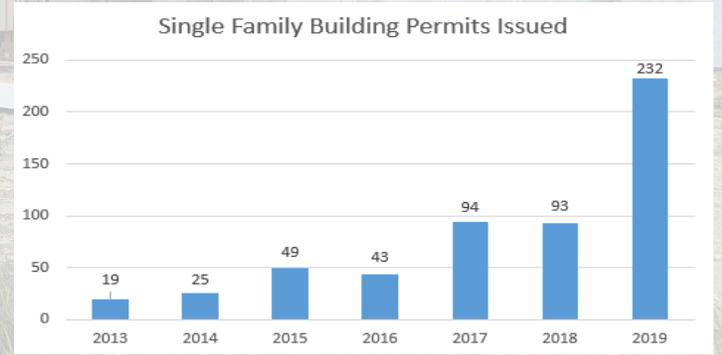
This year, single-family building permits **more than doubled the amount issued in 2018.**

Over the past year, the Community Development department worked to create a culture that better assists citizens and developers in bringing projects from concept to completion. City staff accomplished this through updates to development processes in response to changes in law, amendments to ordinances to incentivize development in disinvested parts of the community, and improved communication.

The Community Development Department will embark on the process of updating the City's

Zoning Ordinance in 2020. The project will refresh a 24-year-old ordinance with the goal of comprehensively revising the city-wide zoning regulations to protect property values, preserve Cleburne's character, and shape future growth with clear community vision. The primary goal of the zoning ordinance update is to clarify, renew, and simplify the Code. The new ordinance will focus on items such as:

- Being user-friendly and easy to understand
- Allow for a streamlined development review
- Provide clear procedures
- Evaluate zoning ordinance needs of the city
- Align changes with the comprehensive plan
- Update zoning districts
- Formulate detailed standards



Economic Development

Cleburnites are spending more money in Cleburne and are benefiting from having more options for shopping, dining, and entertainment.

Fiscal year sales tax totaled **\$12,734,716**, which is a **5.4%** increase from the previous year

Sales tax revenues increased for **17** consecutive months

Cleburne Economic Development looks to continue assisting local business through a variety of programs. Continuing the downtown facade and rehabilitation programs, which encourage businesses to improve the look and function of some of the city's historic buildings. **10** businesses participated in the programs this past fiscal year. The city continues to invest in the downtown's rehabilitation. With an additional **\$100,000** budget toward the programs this year, the city's has made a total of **\$300,000** available in grant funding in the programs' lifespans. The Economic Development department also introduced and will continue its Shop Cleburne campaign.

Police

Cleburne is the **safest city** in Johnson County and ranked **58th** in Texas

The Police Department continued reducing the annual amount of Part 1 crimes, accumulating in a **54% decrease** since 2012

Through targeted enforcement, police achieved an **83% increase** in DWI arrests

This year, the Police Department obtained the grant-funded **mobile command vehicle**

Conducted free **women's self-defense classes** for the community and citizens response to active shooter events classes

A major part of the police's efforts include the activity of volunteers and Citizens on Patrol. Citizens ran **218** patrol shifts, worked **18** events, and volunteered **thousands** of hours.

In 2020, the Police Department is looking at growing, literally. Department leadership is working to fill vacancies across the force. The department is also replacing several service vehicles to better protect the community. The Department is also working to continue its recognition through the Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Recognition Program.

Fire

3,132 Fire Department rescue & emergency medical service calls

108 fires

Introduced **Community Paramedicine Program**, funded through the Black & White Gala, with Texas Health Resources Cleburne Hospital, which helps transition Cleburne hospital patients back to home recovery.

2020 is going to be an exciting year for Cleburne Fire. The Department is expecting a new **Fire Quint** truck. The Quint truck is a combination of a fire engine and a ladder truck and will serve the community for years to come. A new **Brush Truck** will help firefighters perform as well. This year, the department is striving to attain two important milestones; an Insurance Services Office Class 1 rating and recognition as a Texas Fire Chief's Association Best Practices Department. Attaining these two honors will further demonstrate that Cleburne Fire is operating and upholding the highest standards of fire service.

Public Works & Engineering

9.5 miles of roadway improved

More than **5** miles of sidewalk installed for Safe Routes to School

Secured **\$1,000,000** grant for multimillion dollar wastewater treatment facility expansion from the Texas Water Development Board

Cleburne Public Works and Engineering departments are looking at many more projects in 2020. The City expanded its streets team to make more road improvements in-house. The East Cleburne drainage study should wrap up early in 2020 allowing the city to create a plan to begin improving the infrastructure in the area. Plans to improve downtown sidewalks are on schedule to begin construction in 2020. One of the city's larger projects to expand the wastewater treatment facility will begin in 2020 as well. The Engineering Department is also updating subdivision standards so Cleburne's neighborhoods support modern uses.

Parks & Recreation

Hosted a record setting **15** youth sports tournaments this year with **4,452** tournament participants at the Sports Complex

27,972 visitors to Splash Station

17,936 rounds of golf played at Cleburne Golf Links

4,063 museum visitors

2020 is a year of new beginnings for the Parks & Recreation Department with the creation of a new Parks & Recreation Master Plan, which will create a guide for the next decade of park facilities, programs, and goals. The City is also making major investments at the Sports Complex and Splash Station that will ensure these facilities remain in top shape and are available for public enjoyment for years to come. The Railroad Museum will also see some change as its expansion project moves forward to add more space and feature a new layout to improve the experience.

Library

115,700 visits

124,450 items circulated

1,300 new cards issued

25,290 Internet sessions

11,500 individuals attended programs

Staff and volunteers delivered **1,300** items to homebound residents and care facilities

Volunteers donated **1,500** hours of service to assist in providing programs and services to the community

22% increase in Summer Reading Club completion rate from 2018.

The Library is working to introduce a **Maker Corner** to the community in 2020. The Library was awarded a LSTA Grant for **\$25,000** to purchase equipment and supplies to implement a makerspace where community members can use equipment like a 3D printer, laser cutter/engraver, sewing machines, and poster printer.

Code Compliance & Animal Shelter

The newly adopted International Property Maintenance Code went into effect in 2019. The codes ensure Cleburne properties are maintained for health and safety and have reinvigorated that sense of Cleburne Pride.

This year, the Cleburne City Marshal's Office was able to close **517** junk vehicle violations, **123** bulk trash violations, **28** unsanitary condition violations, as well as a variety of additional nuisance and safety violations.

The City Marshal's Office will continue to work cooperatively to ensure Cleburne residents are living in safe conditions and businesses are upholding city standards.

The Cleburne Animal Shelter had **613** adoptions and returned **241** pets to their owners.

The shelter issued **205** spay/neuter vouchers and implanted **59** microchips. Through its dedicated staff and volunteers, the Shelter has seen success in its community partnerships and off-site adoption events. Plans for 2020 include continuing to strengthen relationships and partnership opportunities.

Citizen Involvement

The City of Cleburne has an incredible group of dedicated citizen volunteers committed to helping shape the city's future through their service on a board, committee, or commission.

4B Economic Development

Corporation

Chris Boedeker
Michelle Kennon
Mike Mann
Debby Miller
Jean Moss
Steven Shaffer
John Warren
Scott Cain, Ex officio

Airport Advisory Board

Christi Bradley
Karla Carmichael
Brandi Collins
Susan Ford
David Johnson

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

Dr. Renee Brockett
Melinda Henry
Blair Herzig
Elizabeth Jeffcoat
Kathy McClelland
Ellen A Shelby
Theresa Whisenhunt

Building & Standards

Commission

Gary Estes, II
Blake Jones
Aaron Keen
Brent Kiel
Linda London
Barbara Rose

Cemetery Advisory Board

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Perry Rosser
Michael Smith
John Warren

Civil Service Commission

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Terri Wilson

Library Advisory Board

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Helen Knight
Joyce M Petross
Ronald Shultz
Essie Smith

Museum Advisory Board

Sherri Bell
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Trish Kilburn
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Tammy Miller
Chloe Northrop
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Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

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Bettye Cook
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Sheryl Gray
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Kim B. Lively
Kyle May

Planning & Zoning Commission and Capital Improvements Advisory Committee

Albert Archer, Sr
Rhonda Crass
Dena Burns Day
Stephanie Philips
Summerly Sherlock
Robert Walker
Derek Weathers
John Finnell (CIAC only)

Tax Increment Financing District Board #1 - Industrial Park

Rick Bailey
Chris Boedeker
Roger Harmon
Dr. Robert Kelly
John Warren

Tax Increment Financing District Board #2 - Downtown

Kimberly Gray
Roger Harmon
Dr. Robert Kelly
Mike Mann
Larry Woolley

Tax Increment Financing District Board #3 - Chisholm Trail Parkway

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Roger Harmon
Mike Mann

Type A Economic Development Corporation

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Zoning Board of Adjustment

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Julie Hammond
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