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with more people staying close to home, shopping on line and potentially others visiting our area to get away from ‘big City issues,’ we think those visitors may be having a positive impact on our overall economic activity.”

New hangars went up at the Goldthwaite Airport in 2015. The Goldthwaite Municipal Golf Course, located adjacent to the airport, is in “great shape” Lindsey said, as are the city park and city pool.

Other city attractions include the Jennie Trent Dew Library, the Mills County Historical Museum, and the Goldthwaite Welcome Center, all located on Fisher Street (Hwy 183).

Several years ago, the Goldthwaite City Council decided to conduct a study related to attractiveness and cleanliness in the downtown area, and strides have been made toward that end. Investments in downtown lighting, sidewalks, city maintenance, etc., have all been part of that effort to “improve the quality of our assets and look of our city,” Lindsey said.

There is no city property tax in Goldthwaite, and the city tries to actively facilitate economic growth with the help of the Economic Development Corporation, which can help potential new businesses start up or relocate here through loans, grants, networking, and so on. The city also promotes growth through assistance with utility issues for new businesses at times, Lindsey said.

He also mentioned that the city is literally growing its limits, with an annexation on the north side of the city, out to about the location of the former Rocky’s Truck Stop along Hwy. 84, completed in 2016. New utility infrastructure was a part of that project, he noted.

With new businesses and services being added inside the City of Goldthwaite, new infrastructure going up from one side of the city to the other, new attractions to visitors and tourists, a growing population, and increases in sales tax revenue, it’s possible, if not probable, that Goldthwaite is growing, Lindsey said.

While changes and trends such as these sometimes take years to become apparent in retrospect, it certainly seems that the city is not shrinking, nor is it stagnant, and it is his hope, Lindsey said, that investors out there are reconsidering Goldthwaite in that light.

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