



August 21, 2018

City Council
The City of Van Alstyne
242 E. Jefferson St., P.O. Box 247
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City Council,

Much has been accomplished during the past month. Many enhancements to our City are underway or have been recently completed. TxDOT has completed the overlay of a project on SH 5 and Hwy 121. The pothole at the corner of SH 5 and Hwy 121 has been addressed and we are hopeful this fix will hold. Only the striping of both roads remains as unfinished work. Sanford Elementary received its final inspection and CO issued. Sanford Park final walk-through held for the subdivision infrastructure, final inspection and limited release of lots expected in 30 days. Georgetown Village 4 utilities are nearing completion and pavement subgrade preparation is underway. Chapel Creek development has seen pavement work completed and utility work is underway. Greywood Heights 3 has started utility work and an additional 40 days are expected to complete this portion of the project.

City Hall has made the move to its new home on Main Street. Many thanks to all that assisted in this move. A shout out to the Fire Department, Public Works, and the ladies of City Hall for making the move while keeping the doors open to our citizens. We are very proud of our new home and welcome all to visit as time permits.

As presented, much time and effort has gone into creating the 2018 / 2019 General Fund budget. Department Heads and I have met on several occasions to develop a plan we feel is sound and attainable. With the focus on taking steps to correct compensation deficiencies that have hindered the ability of the City to recruit and hire workers, the budget as proposed addresses many of these issues while reducing property taxes.

In our spare time, I have prepared a briefing document for review by council regarding the Mantua project, have attended CDC, EDC, P&Z, Fall der All meetings. I have met with each Council member, attended Donuts and Coffee with Cops, presented the Water / Sewer budget to council.



In closing, I would like to recognize Jennifer Gould for all she does for the City of Van Alstyne. Her efforts helped orchestrate the move between buildings putting together budget documents, producing agendas and seeing that payroll was processed, and bills were paid. I have a great deal of respect for all that Jennifer does for our community and wanted to provide her with a word of thanks.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lane H. Jones', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Lane H. Jones
City Manager