



November 14, 2023

Mayor, Council Members, and Van Alstyne Citizens
The City of Van Alstyne
152 North Main Drive
Van Alstyne, Texas 75495

As I sit and ponder the blank page that will soon become the November 14, 2023 City Manager letter, my thoughts drift as to what information I can share that best communicates information of critical importance. In recent months, I've provided updates on various significant projects such as Umphress/Hynds Park and Downtown Revitalization, as well as specific details regarding utility and street initiatives. All are important to our community and worthy of inclusion. This month I will continue the tradition of providing project updates. Additionally, I would like to express my appreciation to all those who volunteer their time and encourage others to become involved.

As a community, we are blessed with the many volunteers that serve on our City Council, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Community and Economic Development Corporations with each devoting countless hours to shaping the future of our community. The same level of commitment can be seen on our Library Board and Museum Board, all sharing a common goal: to see Van Alstyne thrive as an even better place to call home. As City Manager, I attend many of the meetings and witness firsthand the dedication each member brings to the meeting. I wish to publicly recognize these groups of individuals for caring enough about our community to become involved in one of the many opportunities that exist to guide and direct the future Van Alstyne. I encourage all with a servant's heart wishing to become involved in shaping our future to explore volunteer services in the city by applying to serve. For information on available openings, search the city website at www.cityofvanalstyne.us.

If you have interest in serving, I am available as a resource to help you understand the duties and responsibilities of each board or commission. I would encourage you to call my office at 903-482-5426. I would be more than happy to visit with you and introduce you to others that presently serve on the board or commission you have interest in.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Lane H. Jones – C.M.O.
City Manager



To: Citizens of Van Alstyne, Mayor and City Council
From: Lane H. Jones, City Manager
Date: Nov 14, 2023
Subject: City Projects Status Update

Nunnalee Ave. Imp: DDM Construction Project Manager: Alex Bernard

Sanitary Sewer Line A is 95% complete on East side of Nunnalee from VA Pkwy north to Baldwin. One manhole (at VA Pkwy) is left for installation.

Sanitary Sewer Line B is 90% complete on West side of Nunnalee (SSB) from VA Pkwy north to Texana.

Storm collection box culverts and pipe are being installed along the East side of Nunnalee. Gas line crossings were delayed by weather and have been completed by Atmos's sub-contractor. Storm pipe installation North of Stinnett will re-start November 6 (Monday). Contractor expect to complete storm pipe installation and backfill before Thanksgiving. No work from Thursday Nov 23 – Sunday Nov 26.

Water line replacement has commenced from North to South along the West side outside the curb line. Construction installation will re-start after Thanksgiving and is expected to complete by mid-December (i.e. before Christmas). New service connections will be in place, but not active until the water line is tested and approved. This should be before end December.

Pavement concrete is scheduled to start in late December / early January. The excavation, Lime Stabilization and concrete will start with the West lane and once completed S to N, the contractor will move to the East lane. Completion expected by end February.

Gang mailboxes unit (temporary during construction) is being moved for ALL residents to 430 Stinnett. Once moved, a picture and paper communication will be dropped at every house. Completed on November 6. Delivering letters on Wednesday Nov 8 to residents.

Trash pick up will be changed (temporary during construction) to 2 or 3 locations on adjacent streets where truck access is not hampered by site work. These will be communicated to both Sanitation Solutions and the residents immediately. Contractor will be responsible to move trash containers and return to each resident once collected. Working out the logistics at this time.



Preston St Imp: **Vessels Construction** Project Manager: Bill Vessels

Sanitary manhole, collection piping, lateral and clean out installation is completed from VA Pkwy to Tolson.

Storm collection pipe installation at the Van Alstyne Pkwy intersection has been completed.

Water line (cir 1980) has been located at a VERY shallow depth along the west curb line of the proposed concrete road. Public Works has decided to replace this line immediately. Contractor is procuring materials and preparing to commence work.

Pavement subgrade preparation has been delayed until after completion of the additional water line from VA Pkwy to Wade. It will commence as the water line is completed north to Tolson.

Rail Car Renovations: **ByDesignAssociates** Project Manager: LuAnne McCarter

Field progress on relocated rail car. No information received from PM.

Downtown Imp Phs 3: **Quality Excavation LLC** Project Manager: Shane Stone

Contractor has completed field “potholing” for Sanitary Sewer line and manholes along VA Pkwy. Line will be completed by Nov 10. Manholes will be pour in place.

Water line along VA Pkwy has also commenced and will be installed over the next 2 weeks. Water connections are being coordinated with the residents and businesses.

Excavation for drainage and pavement along VA Pkwy will follow utilities.

Once complete the contractor will move to installation of electrical and communications sleeves along Preston St (S) from VA Pkwy to E Jefferson.

Affected businesses will be contacted to coordinate any lane closures.

Project will start with Sanitary sewer improvements on VA Pkwy and Water main replacements on VA Pkwy and N Main.

Collin McKinney Pkwy: **Mario Sinacola & Sons** Project Manager: Jordan Baker

Lane markings have been installed and the road was opened to traffic on Friday October 20. Directional signage and speed signage has been installed. A substantial completion walk-through was conducted and punch list items are being completed. Final contract close out is expected in early December.

Hynds Park: Mobilization of grading equipment and mass grading is underway. Pond is excavated



and local clay soil has been confirmed to be suitable for pond lining purposes.

Contractor has completed major materials submittals and long lead time items are on order for delivery.

Progress is as scheduled.

750,000 Gallon EST: **Landmark Structures** Project Manager: Benjie Talley

Project bids were received. Landmark Structures have been awarded the project. GTUA is preparing contracts and coordinating with the TWDB.

Expect to finalize a start date with GTUA and contractor very soon.