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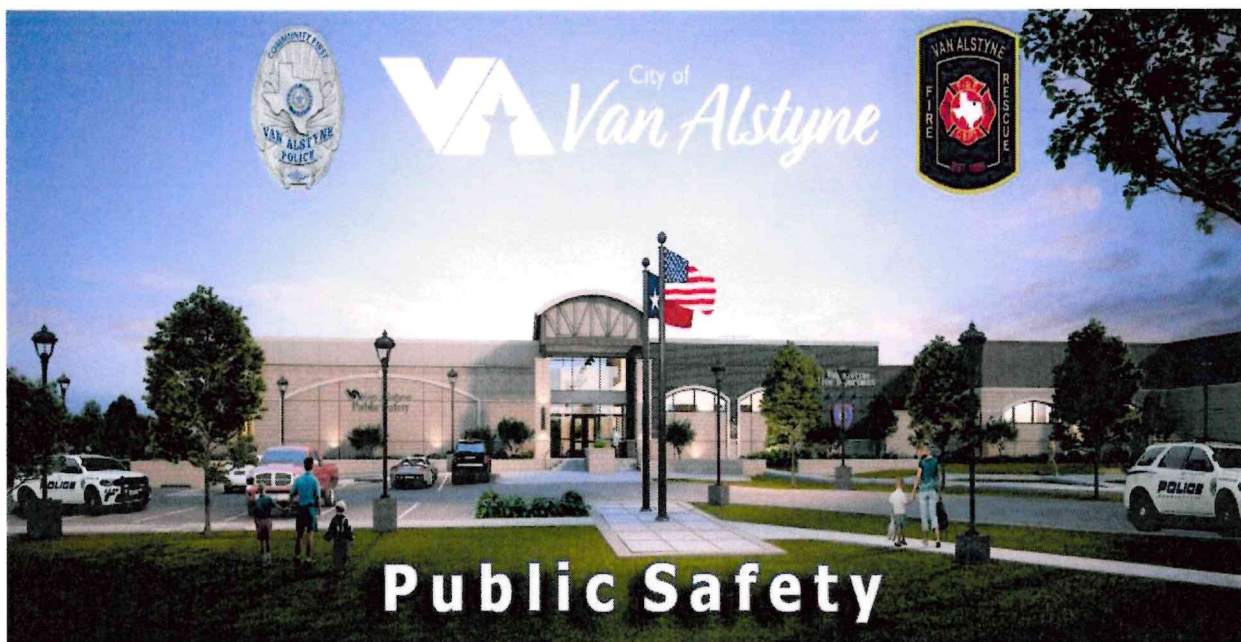
Mayor and Councilmembers,
Citizens of Van Alstyne:

Subject: City Manager Report – May 2025

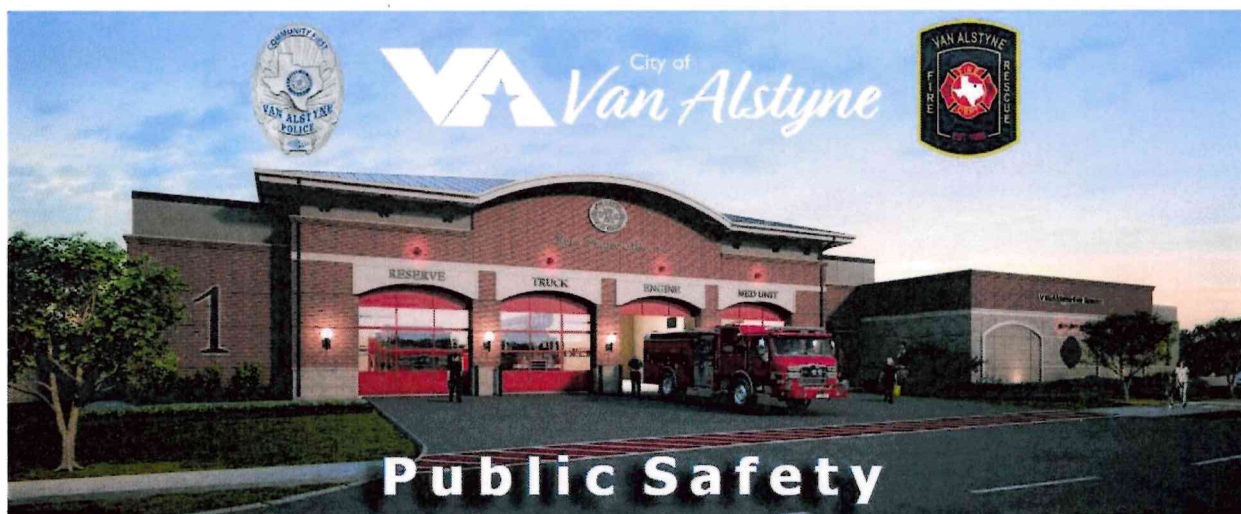
There are several reasons why Van Alstyne is considered an exceptional community in which to live; one of which recently received considerable attention and is worthy of further exposure in this month's City Manager report. Safewise, an organization that studies crime statistics found that Van Alstyne is the 13th safest city out of 1,225 municipalities in Texas. This is a remarkable accomplishment and even further supports my belief that Van Alstyne, TX, is among the very best communities to call home. Many thanks to our first responders for all they do to keep Van Alstyne safe.



After two years of study and design, the new Van Alstyne Public Safety Facility is scheduled to break ground June 5, 2025, with ceremonies starting at 3:00PM. The new 47,133sf building will accommodate both the police and fire departments. Our police department will have 30,108sf of dedicated space and will include dispatch, a holding area, operations, records and evidence retention and locker areas; the fire department will have the remaining 17,025sf of dedicated space featuring four forward drive-thru apparatus bays, a training wall, individual dorms, fire administration space, a dayroom and a courtyard with patio. The departments will share common areas that include an Emergency Operations Center and a fitness center.



The growth of the city has been factored into the programming and design of the building by logically allocating areas for future expansion. The overall building was designed with input from both the police and fire department chiefs and, after visiting several newly constructed public safety facilities, from end users to hear first person likes and dislikes. Those were then incorporated into our planned facility. Working with a \$30M budget, and funded with Certificates of Obligation debt, the goal is to occupy the facility in late fall 2026.



Thank you to our design team of Conduit Architecture, the Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) Novel Builders and the project management team of Project Advocates for the many hours of work to get us to this point.

Respectfully,

Lane H. Jones, C.M.O.
City Manager