

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

Regular Meeting

January 19, 2016

Call to order by Mayor Wayne Labbe at 6:00 PM

Meeting held at Valley Grande City Hall

Minutes submitted by: Janet Frasier, City Clerk

Presiding: Mayor Wayne Labbe

Invocation: Wayne Labbe

In Attendance:

Wayne Labbe, Mayor	Present
Tim White	Present
Ronald Sawyer	Present
Donna Downs	Present
Jane Craig	Present
Kenneth Martin	Present

Quorum was made with all council members present.

The minutes from the January 4, 2016 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Donna Downs to receive the minutes as read. Kenneth Martin made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council by a show of hands vote.

<u>SHOW OF HANDS VOTE</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Wayne Labbe	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Donna Downs	X	
Jane Craig	X	
Kenneth Martin	X	

The minutes from the January 12, 2016 special meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer to receive the minutes as read. Tim White made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council by a show of hands vote.

<u>SHOW OF HANDS VOTE</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Wayne Labbe	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Donna Downs	X	
Jane Craig	X	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Committee Reports:

Jane Craig/Public Safety Work Committee: Jane Craig reported that she has formed her committee consisting of the following members: Jane Craig, Boyd Pugh, Bill Hamner, Mark Rouleau, John Hatfield and Randy Pugh as a consultant.

Jane Craig made a motion that the council approve the members of the Public Safety Work Committee. Donna Downs made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council by a show of hands vote.

<u>SHOW OF HANDS VOTE</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Wayne Labbe	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Donna Downs	X	
Jane Craig	X	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Jane stated that she will schedule a meeting for Monday, January 25th at 5:30 pm.

Reports of Officers:

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: No report.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported having 5 houses in construction.

Harvey Holley/Sports and Recreation Coordinator: Harvey Holley reported that flyers are being made to distribute to the schools for T-ball and Baseball. He further reported that he is having a sign up for girls' softball for ages 9 – 12.

Mayor Labbe suggested that we get an idea of how many girls sign up for softball before moving forward with the program. All council members agreed.

Tim White /Public Safety & Beautification Advisory Group: No report.

Ronald Sawyer /Parks & Recreation Advisory Group: Ronnie Sawyer stated that he will get in touch with Morrow Ornamental regarding the gate at the ball field.

Donna Downs/Business/Community Development & Education Advisory Group: Donna Downs reported that she will be presenting the Educational Mini Grants at the next meeting.

Jane Craig /Annexation & Zoning Advisory Group: No report.

Kenneth Martin /Public Relations & History Advisory Group: Kenneth Martin reported that he has had complaints regarding the trash around the house on Bob White Drive. Sam Smitherman stated that he has made contact with the contractor.

Old Business:

Mayor Labbe presented the revised Ordinance 2015-40 to the council for final passage. Jane Craig made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-40 as presented. There was no second to the motion to adopt. Motion failed.

New Business:

Mayor Labbe called for a motion to make the annual donations to Valley Grande Elementary School, Martin Middle School and Dallas County High School. He explained that \$6,000 for each school had been approved in the budget.

Kenneth Martin made a motion to move forward with the \$6000.00 donation each to Valley Grande Elementary School, Martin Middle School and Dallas County High School. Donna Downs made the second. Motion carried with majority consent of the council by a show of hands vote.

<u>SHOW OF HANDS VOTE</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Wayne Labbe	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer		X
Donna Downs	X	
Jane Craig	X	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Labbe reported Jimmy Siddens has started the annual financial audit. He stated that the audit will take approximately 6 to 8 weeks.

Mayor Labbe stated that he had a meeting with Sgt. John Hatfield of the Dallas County Sherriff's Department. Sgt. Hatfield reported during the 3 months that the City had extra patrol in the area, there were 4 burglaries. Sgt. Hatfield is going to report back to Mayor Labbe regarding the possibility of donations through the Sherriff's Department to help purchase the drone for search and rescue.

Ronnie Sawyer suggested that the City have a Town meeting and invite someone with legal expertise to talk to the residents regarding their concerns and rights as homeowners. Mayor Labbe asked Jane Craig to talk with the Public Safety Committee for suggestions.

Mayor Labbe reported that the meeting with the Department of Transportation is scheduled for January 21, 2016 at 10:30 am.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Kenneth Martin. Donna Downs made the second. The motion was carried by unanimous consent of the council members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Approved: _____
Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attested: _____
Janet Frasier, City Clerk