

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

Regular Meeting

February 16, 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	Absent
Kenneth Martin	Present

Quorum was made with five council members present. Jane Craig was absent from the meeting.

The minutes from the February 1, 2016 regular 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 members present 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	Absent	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Committee Reports:

Jane Craig/Public Safety Work Committee: No report.

Reports of Officers:

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 4 fire calls so far for the month of February.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: No report.

Harvey Holley/Sports and Recreation Coordinator: Harvey Holley reported that the grass has been tilled and the softball field is being prepared. He also stated that he has distributed another 1600 flyers regarding registration that is to be held February 18th and 19th.

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

Ronald Sawyer /Parks & Recreation Advisory Group: No report.

Donna Downs/Business/Community Development & Education Advisory Group: No report.

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

Kenneth Martin /Public Relations & History Advisory Group: No report.

Old Business:

Mayor Labbe stated that he had spoken with Jane Craig regarding the Sheriff's Department patrol. They agreed that the Sheriff's Department was not the long term solution for protection. He suggested that we hire the Sheriff's Department for 3 to 6 months to allow time to work through the details of hiring an Enforcement Officer and what would be involved in starting a police department. He stated that the cost would be \$28 per hour.

Kenneth Martin presented the council with a written contract that he would like to have signed between the City and the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Labbe stated that this could be started without a contract and could be terminated at any time. He suggested a contract be considered after 6 months.

Kenneth Martin explained that it was his understanding that the Sheriff's Department did not necessarily want a contract. This contract was something he drafted before that was his understanding. There are a few stipulations that he would like to see in the agreement, verbal or otherwise. He stated that he did not think the cars should be sitting stationary if we are paying \$28 per hour, he would like to see them moving.

Mayor Labbe asked if anyone had anything they would like to add to the agreement. He stated that he would go over this with the Sheriff's department to make sure they understand what the City expects. Kenneth Martin suggested that we start with a 3 month agreement with the Sheriff's Department.

A motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer to move forward with a 3 month agreement with the Sheriff's Department for an additional 40 hours of patrol, per week, in Valley Grande. Kenneth Martin made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council members present 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	Absent	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Kenneth Martin stated that the Town Hall Meeting has been scheduled for 6:00 pm, Thursday, March 17th at the Martin Middle School Gymnasium. Captain Mike Granthum of the Dallas County

Sheriff's Department will be speaking and addressing the issues of combating crime. Kenneth has flyers available and asked that everyone help distribute them throughout the city.

Kenneth Martin made a motion that the payment to the Dallas County Sheriff's Department for the extra patrol detail be paid out of the Municipal Accrual Account. Ronnie Sawyer made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council members present 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	Absent	
Kenneth Martin	X	

New Business:

Mayor Labbe presented the council with the resignation of council member, Jane Craig. Her letter stated that her resignation was effective immediately.

Mayor Labbe explained that the council would have 60 days to fill the position. If the council does not appoint within that time, it will be turned over to the governor to appoint. Mayor Labbe asked that anyone interested in filling the position, please write a letter explaining why they would like to be on the council and listing their qualifications. Letters should be turned in to City Hall. Mayor Labbe will then bring them before the council for a vote.

Mayor's Report:

Career day at Martin Middle School will be held February 29th from 9:00 until 12:00. He encouraged all council members to participate.

Mayor Labbe stated that he met with Brandy Wilkerson of the Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission to sign the paperwork and start the process of the sewer grant.

The shed for the fireworks tables was delayed but we are expecting it to be delivered within the next couple of weeks.

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 6:33 PM.

Approved: _____
Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attested: _____
Janet Frasier, City Clerk