

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

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***Regular Meeting***

***April 18, 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
Patsy Moore	Present
Kenneth Martin	Absent

Quorum was made with five council members present. Kenneth Martin was absent from the meeting.

The minutes from the April 4, 2016 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Donna Downs to receive the minutes as read. Patsy Moore 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	
Kenneth Martin	Absent	

**Committee Reports:**

Public Safety Work Committee: No report.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 9 fire calls so far during the month of April. Pump Test on the firetrucks are scheduled for this weekend.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported one renovation and three new houses in process.

Harvey Holley/Sports and Recreation Coordinator: No report.

Tim White /Public Safety & Beautification Advisory Group: Tim White asked Sam Smitherman to meet with him at the walking trail and advise the type of lights needed at the pavilion.

Ronald Sawyer /Parks & Recreation Advisory Group: Ronnie Sawyer reported that the new scoreboard has arrived. Mayor Labbe asked that Ronnie set at time for the scoreboard to be installed.

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

Patsy Moore/Annexation & Zoning Advisory Group: Patsy Moore reported that she has been sworn in by Judge Ballard. She thanked the council for their confidence in her and stated that she is looking forward to working with them all.

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

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Donna Downs stated that one request for the Educational Mini Grant was received. The request was from Gaylon Denson with the Martin Middle School Robotics team. The grant request is for \$500 to help the team purchase power tools, paint supplies, safety equipment, etc. She explained that the robotics team is a pre-engineering team that competes all over the state. Mr. Denson stated that the group is continuing to grow.

Tim White stated that \$1,500 is budgeted and available for mini grants. Since there were no other grant proposals received, he suggested that we award the robotics team the \$1,500. A motion was made by Donna Downs to award Gaylon Denson and the robotics team the \$1,500 for the educational mini grant. Patsy Moore 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	
Kenneth Martin	Absent	

Mayor Labbe explained to the council that the city Public Safety vehicle has been in the shop for repair frequently during the last year. He suggested that the council consider taking bids for a new truck.

A motion was made by Patsy Moore to receive sealed bids for a new crew cab pickup truck for a Public Safety Vehicle. Tim White 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
Kenneth Martin	Absent

Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2016-44 proclaiming April, 2016 Fair Housing month. Donna Downs made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-44. 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	
Kenneth Martin	Absent	

Mayor Labbe called for a motion to award the administration contract to Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission to provide the City of Valley Grande Community Development assistance and serve as staff in the performance of the administrative requirements of the State of Alabama Community Development Block Grant Program.

Ronnie Sawyer made a motion to award the contract to Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission and to authorize the mayor to enter into the contract. Tim White 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	
Kenneth Martin	Absent	

Mayor Labbe stated that the city recently ran a request for proposals for engineering services. A letter has been received from the Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission recommending that we select Hogg Engineering as the engineering firm for the project.

A motion was made by Patsy Moore to contract with Hogg Engineering as the engineer for the sewer rehabilitation project. Tim White 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	
Kenneth Martin	Absent	

Donna Downs presented the council with the Car Show and Caravan to be held Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Valle Grande Mexican Grill. She explained that the caravan will come from Montgomery

through Selma to the Valle Grande Mexican Grill. She stated that this will be a community event and that all proceeds will go to the local nursing home. She asked that the City of Valley Grande donate \$150 for trophies for the event.

Ronnie Sawyer made a motion to donate \$150 for trophies to the Tri County Mustang Club for the event. Tim White 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	
Kenneth Martin	Absent	

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Labbe reported that after paying all donations to the schools and fire departments we currently have \$417,000 in the checking account. The capital improvement account currently has \$44,618 and the check from the State Treasurer's office for capital improvement was received today in the amount of \$37,459. He suggested that the Capital Improvement account be used to purchase the new Public Safety Vehicle.

Mayor Labbe further reported there has been only one week of gate admission but several days of practice. The total gate admissions received is \$264, concessions received is \$1,973.00.

Mayor Labbe reported that Dallas County had been audited and realized that no sales tax had been collected on motor vehicles for Valley Grande. The County will now be sending the sales tax to us monthly.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janet Frasier, City Clerk