

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

Regular Meeting

August 15, 2016

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

Meeting held at Valley Grande City Hall

Minutes submitted by: Janet Frasier, City Clerk

Presiding: 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	Present

Quorum was made with all council members present.

The minutes from the August 1, 2016 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Donna Downs 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	
Patsy Moore	X	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Committee Reports:

Public Safety Work Committee: No report.

Reports of Officers:

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 5 fire calls so far during the month of August.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 10 houses currently permitted and in construction.

Harvey Holley/Sports and Recreation Coordinator: No report.

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

Ronald Sawyer /Parks & Recreation Advisory Group: Ronnie Sawyer reported that the signs stating that the park closes at dark, have been installed.

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

Patsy Moore/Annexation & Zoning Advisory Group: No report.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Mayor Labbe stated that the swing set has been ordered. He explained that a safety surface is required to be installed under the swing set. It has to be 12 inches deep and settle to 9 inches. The price of installation from the equipment company was \$6,000. After checking prices, Mayor Labbe stated the price to have bark chips installed from Mike Reynolds should be approximately \$1,250.

Mayor Labbe stated that the safety surfacing around the entire play area will need to be addressed after installation of the new swing set.

Mayor Labbe presented the council with 2 quotes from Keith Chandler regarding the resurfacing of the walking trail. The first quote is to seal the trail, coat, and paint the center line, for \$2,500. The second quote includes repairing 230 feet in one area, 166 feet in another and 53 feet in a third area. These areas would be dug out and the asphalt removed. It would be replaced with 2 inches of asphalt, sealed and the center line painted for \$8,950.

A motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer to proceed with option 2 for \$8,950. Patsy Moore 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	
Patsy Moore	X	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2016-58, a resolution endorsing and supporting the efforts of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission.

A motion was made by Donna Downs to adopt Resolution 2016-58. Ronnie Sawyer 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
Patsy Moore	X
Kenneth Martin	X

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2016-58 adopted as attached to these minutes.

RESOLUTION 2016-58

ENDORISING AND SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION IN VALLEY GRANDE ALABAMA

AT A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA, HELD AT VALLEY GRANDE CITY HALL ON _____, 2016,

WHEREAS, the United States Congress created the Alabama Territory from the eastern half of the Mississippi Territory on March 3, 1817; and,

WHEREAS, by 1819, the birth and growth of cities, towns, and communities in the Alabama Territory ensured that the population of the Territory had developed sufficiently to achieve the minimum number of inhabitants required by Congress to qualify for Statehood; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and President James Monroe approved Statehood for the Alabama Territory on December 14, 1819 making it the nation’s 22nd state; and,

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature approved a resolution in 2013 establishing the Alabama Bicentennial Commission to mark the 200th anniversary of statehood; and,

WHEREAS, constitutional officers and other officials appointed Commission members to organize and execute a Bicentennial celebration intended to improve the education and understanding of all Alabamians and visitors regarding the state’s history and heritage; and to create and promote lasting initiatives designed to benefit the State and its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial period of reflection and commemoration, 2017 to 2019, has been divided into three thematic years to acknowledge distinctly: the environment, both natural and constructed, including especially the cities, towns, and communities which compose the state; the people, regardless of race, culture, or background; and the history, both ancient and recent, of the State of Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, commemorations and celebrations will enable and encourage Alabamians of all ages and backgrounds, as well as visitors from around the United States and beyond, to experiences Alabama’s rich and diverse cultural, historic, and natural resources, thereby stimulating the economy of Alabama through local economic growth; and,

WHEREAS, full participation and contributory efforts by the localities of the state through their various councils, committees, and congregations, are paramount to the success of this historic endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, participation in Alabama’s Bicentennial is a unique opportunity to celebrate and uplift the state during a very specific historical milestone;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and City Council of Valley Grande, Alabama, that by this action, they do endorse the efforts of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission and hereby resolve to aid the Alabama Bicentennial Commission in promoting, planning, and executing the Commission’s historic, educational, celebratory, and cultural initiatives by forming a Community Celebration Committee to support the Statewide and local observances and celebrations of the Bicentennial of the State of Alabama.

Dated: August 15, 2016

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Labbe reminded the council that the next council meeting will be held Tuesday, September 6th due to the Labor Day holiday.

Mayor Labbe reported that Janet will be conducting a Poll Worker training class Tuesday at City Hall. All election poll workers for Valley Grande will be attending along with some of the workers from Orrville.

Mayor Labbe thanked all the candidates for being present in the meeting and had them introduce themselves. Janet explained to all candidates that they are allowed to have one poll watcher in the polling place.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Approved: _____
Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attested: _____
Janet Frasier, City Clerk