

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

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***Regular Meeting***

***June 19, 2017***

Call to order by Matt Dobbs, Mayor at 6:00 PM

Meeting held at Valley Grande City Hall

Minutes submitted by: Janet Frasier, City Clerk

Presiding: Matt Dobbs, Mayor

Invocation: Matt Dobbs

**In Attendance:**

Matt Dobbs, Mayor	Present
Tim White	Present
Ronald Sawyer	Present
Lamar Morgan	Present
Tammy Troha	Present
Jimmy Johnson	Present

Quorum was made with all council members present.

The minutes from the June 5, 2017 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Tim White to accept the minutes as presented. Jimmy Johnson 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>
Matt Dobbs	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Lamar Morgan	X	
Tammy Troha	X	
Jimmy Johnson	X	

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 4 fire calls during the month of May. Classes for the fire fighters are ongoing.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 1 new residential building permit 8 houses still in construction.

Tim White /Zoning, Annexation and Sewer System: Tim stated that he does not have an update on the second part of the grant for moving the sewer lines.

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: The shed at the flight field has been delivered and installed.

Lamar Morgan / Public Safety: Boyd has been talking with the Sheriff's Department and Selcom regarding the security cameras.

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: Tammy Troha stated that the banners for Independence Day have been put up around the City and Chris Reid is going to put the signs with the park rules up at the park.

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: Jimmy Johnson stated that the closing on the property should be toward the end of the month. Oscar Bostick will re-inspect the property after the tenants have vacated the premises.

**Old Business:**

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with the restrictive covenants from Darren McGilberry for the Rountree Acres Subdivision.

Ronnie Sawyer asked to see the preliminary drawings again and questioned if one of the lots was smaller than the subdivision ordinance allowed. Mayor Dobbs explained that the lot was not too small, but it was more narrow because of the way the original tract was drawn. Ronnie stated that he did not want to deviate from the original subdivision ordinance and asked that we pull the ordinance to see if the subdivision complied.

A motion was made by Tammy Troha to table the approval of the subdivision until the next meeting. Jimmy Johnson 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>
Matt Dobbs	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Lamar Morgan	X	
Tammy Troha	X	
Jimmy Johnson	X	

**New Business:**

Chris Neuenschwander with Jackson Thornton, Certified Public Accountants, presented the annual audit. He stated that he had gone through previous financial statements and all policy and procedures now in place. He stated that they wanted to insure they had a General Accounting Principal (GAP) financial statement. He further reported that the City of Valley Grande now has a GAP compliant financial statement with a clean opinion.

Chris reviewed the statements with the council explaining that the City has in cash and cash equivalents \$677,000 with \$1,500,000 in assets and \$673,000 in unrestricted funds. The City \$51,000 below budget. He explained there were recommendations concerning the policy and procedures in the office to help with the segregation of duties that have already been put in place and suggested that payroll be moved to bi-weekly instead of weekly.

Chris thanked the council for the opportunity to perform the audit. He explained that his primary role at Jackson Thornton is working with municipalities and counties and stated that he and his staff are available for any questions.

Lamar Morgan stated that the previous council had a verbal agreement with Lee Gibbs regarding the cutting of the hay on the city property. Lamar stated that he felt that it should be done by contract to make sure that the hay is cut on a regular basis and in time for the Independence Day fireworks display. Mayor Dobbs asked that Lamar work out the cutting of the hay field before July 4<sup>th</sup> and report back to the council.

A motion was made by Tammy Troha to allow Lamar to negotiate a deal for the continued cutting and removal of the hay on the hayfield. Ronnie Sawyer made the second. Motion carried with a majority consent of the council by a show of hands vote. Jimmy Johnson abstained from the vote.

<u>SHOW OF HANDS VOTE</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Matt Dobbs	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Lamar Morgan	X	
Tammy Troha	X	
Jimmy Johnson	Abstain	

Tammy Troha stated that 4 people have expressed interest in the interim sports director position. She has spoken with all of them and she along with Mayor Dobbs met with Pewee Newman today. She further explained that Mr. Newman is retired and would have ample time to spend at the sports complex.

Tammy Troha made a motion that the council accept Pewee Newman as the interim sports director at the same rate of pay as Cody Massey. Lamar Morgan 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>
Matt Dobbs	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Lamar Morgan	X	
Tammy Troha	X	
Jimmy Johnson	X	

**Public Comment:**

Betty Miller addressed the council explaining that she is a resident of Valley View Estates. She stated that she is concerned about the stray dogs that roam the neighborhood. She further stated that recently one of the dogs had come into her yard and attacked and killed her family cat. She asked the council for help or any suggestions as to whom she may call to have more attention drawn to the problem.

Mayor Dobbs suggested that she continue to contact the animal shelter and possibly reach out to the County Commission. He stated that we would continue to research the city's options.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Dobbs reported that we have contacted another wastewater management company and forwarded them our permit in regard to our sewer lagoon. We look forward to hearing suggestions from this company. In an effort to stay in compliance, we need to have a water meter and a water line run to the nitrate tower. It will probably cost around \$2,000. A cover is needed for the nitrate tower that will cost around \$1,500.

We are submitting the Blue Frog proposal to Congresswoman Sewell's office for possible funding options.

The flagpole is being put up and the ceremony will be June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. He asked all council people and residents to please make plans to attend.

Mayor Dobbs stated that due to the Independence Day Holiday, he is moving the July council meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Ronnie Sawyer. Tammy Troha made the second. The motion was carried by unanimous consent of the council. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt Dobbs, Mayor

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