

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA

Regular Meeting

February 20, 2018

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 February 5, 2018 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Jimmy Johnson to accept the minutes as presented. Lamar Morgan 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>
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 four fire calls during the month of February.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported five homes currently in construction.

Tim White /Zoning, Annexation and Sewer System: Tim White reported that work is being done on the sewer project but has not been completed.

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: No report.

Lamar Morgan / Public Safety: Lamar Morgan reported that Morrow has not yet started on the fencing project.

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation:

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: Jimmy Johnson reported that he has been talking with land owners for potential development for David Oliver.

Old Business: Mayor Dobbs stated that he has been talking with Jeff Mott for recommendations on the sewer lagoon. Mr. Mott is a grade 4 sewer operator and instructor with the Selma Water Works & Sewer Board. Mr. Mott suggested that we contact Alabama Rural Water Association for assessments and training at the sewer lagoon. The annual membership dues for the association is approximately \$500. Mayor Dobbs recommended that we join the association. He further stated that Mr. Mott had suggested that we hire and train our own grade one operator to operate the lagoon for us.

Tim White discussed the liabilities of having an operator as an employee versus having EMC continue to handle the operations for the City. Mayor Dobbs stated that is part of the information he would like to find out from the Alabama Rural Water Association. He further stated that joining the association is for informational purposes and to have them assess the lagoon, make suggestions, recommendations and explain the liability involved.

A motion was made by Lamar Morgan to join the Alabama Rural Water Association. 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	

Mayor Dobbs stated that he has had conversation with Bubba Holley about his willingness to learn and train to be an operator at the lagoon. Mayor Dobbs stated that Bubba is willing to do so.

Mayor Dobbs stated that the council has had conversation about hiring another full time person. He explained that we have hired Bubba at \$12 per hour to clean and be the sports coordinator and stated that it is time to renew the contract with Teen Challenge. Mayor Dobbs stated that he has run numbers regarding the possibility of transitioning Bubba into a full time employee. As of now, there is approximately \$14,000 budgeted for the sports coordinator, outside labor for cleaning is \$9,100, we pay Teen Challenge \$6,642 per year to cut the ballfields, \$1,160 to cut City Hall, \$3,120 to cut the two vacant lots, \$3,920 to cut and maintain the walking trail for a total of \$37,942. If we were to hire Bubba or a full time employee at \$12 per hour for 40 hours a week, the annual salary would total \$24,960. Full time employees receive state retirement and benefits which would add \$7,100 per year for a total cost of \$32,060. This would be a savings of \$5,882 which would be available for overtime. Mayor Dobbs stated that he was giving the council information to consider the possibility of a full time position including the operation of the lagoon. He further commented that he did not know if there was enough time to have one employee do all of these things.

Ronnie Sawyer stated that if we hire someone to cut grass, we would then need to purchase equipment and the city would have the expense of maintenance on equipment. Tammy Troha stated that Bubba was hired part time and, if a full time position was created, it would need to be posted. She stated that she felt there would be a lot of people interested in a full time City position.

Tammy Troha stated that she would rather focus on having one person to handle the sports coordinator job and another hired for a full time maintenance position. Mayor Dobbs asked everyone to think about what they would like to do regarding the positions.

New Business: Mayor Dobbs explained that one bid was submitted for the concessions and presented the council with Resolution 2018-82 accepting the bid for the selling concessions at the sports complex.

A motion was made by Tim White to adopt Resolution 2018-82. Lamar Morgan made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council by 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	

Mayor Dobbs declared Resolution 2018-82 adopted as attached to these minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-82

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FOR SELL OF CONCESSIONS AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX

WHEREAS, The City of Valley Grande has solicited sealed bids as required under the Alabama bid law; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on February 16, 2018 at Valley Grande City Hall with one (1) bid submitted; and

WHEREAS, said bid was as follows:

Andrea Holley \$1,000.00

WHEREAS, the bids were transmitted to the council at the next meeting of the council following the bid openings,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA;
AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The bid submitted by Andrea Holley is hereby accepted as high bidder; and
2. This resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Mayor and Council.

Adopted this 20th day of February, 2018

Mayor Dobbs stated there have been 19 tee ball sponsorships sold so far which is keeping the cost of the registration fee to \$25 per child. Tim White stated that he would like to see a possibility of more sponsorships sold next year in an effort to reduce the cost of sponsoring a team.

Tim White asked about the possibility of getting Pepsi to donate another scoreboard to complete the third field. Tammy Troha stated that she would check with Pepsi.

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with the annual donations to the Fire Departments. A motion was made by Lamar Morgan to proceed with the donations of \$20,000 to Valley Grande Volunteer Fire Department, \$20,000 to Summerfield Volunteer Fire Department and \$10,000 to Potterstation Volunteer Fire Department as previously approved in the budget. 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	

Tim White asked about the Sheriff's Department hours of patrol during the day. Lamar explained that he had met with Janet and Boyd to verify the hours being patrolled. Boyd explained that the Sheriff's department is currently understaffed. Lamar stated that he would like to give some time to overcome some of the recent transitions before meeting with Capt. Granthum.

Tim White asked for an update on the cost of operation of the surveillance cameras. Lamar Morgan explained that the monthly cost for internet and power would be approximately \$500 per month. There was discussion of the cost of cameras, cost of extra patrol and the cost of beginning a police department. Boyd Pugh stated that he had the research that was previously done on the cost of a police department and it was available for the council.

Public Comment: None

Mayor's Report:

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Ronnie Sawyer. Lamar Morgan made the second. The motion was carried by unanimous consent of the council. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Approved: _____
Matt Dobbs, Mayor

Attested: _____
Janet Frasier, City Clerk