

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

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***Regular Meeting***

***March 19, 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 March 5, 2018 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Tim White 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 so far during the month of March.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: No report.

Tim White /Zoning, Annexation and Sewer System: Tim White reported that the Mayor had met with the engineer regarding the grant project. Mayor Dobbs stated there had been confusion concerning the grant proposal and the work that was actually done. He explained that the proposal had been to relocate the sewer lines but the engineers and contractor was not able to access those lines. The lines were lined and repaired instead. The changes were made prior to the bid on the

project but that was not communicated to the mayor and council. Some of the changes made will result in a reduction in the amount matching funds for the city.

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: Ronnie Sawyer reported that he had met with Rob Bond with Carriage Hills Landscaping. He presented the council with a proposal to install 6 Pink crepe myrtles and 50 Green Arborvitae behind the ball fields at the sports complex. The proposal included installing drip tubing to irrigate the plants, fertilizing the new shrubs 3 times during the first year and mulch around the new plants.

Ronnie Sawyer made a motion to accept the proposal for \$2,595. 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	

Lamar Morgan / Public Safety: Lamar Morgan reported that Morrow would start installing the fence and gates at the sports complex next week.

Lamar stated that he would like to figure the best way to actually close the park at dark. He asked that the council consider a way to address the issue regarding a gate to close the park. After discussion, the council agreed to research options.

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: No report.

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: Jimmy Johnson reported that he and Matt have a meeting scheduled with someone to discuss potential retail development.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mayor Dobbs presented the council with the bid for lawn maintenance as it had been previously bid. He discussed the locations and the requirements for each. Mayor Dobbs suggested that the contract be for one year starting in May, 2018 and ending April, 2019.

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with the bid for roadside litter and debris removal within the City limits as it had been previously bid. After discussion the council agreed to have all of the locations cleaned quarterly.

A motion was made by Jimmy Johnson to keep the lawn maintenance and roadside litter as two separate bids and post the invitation to bid for 3 weeks. 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

Mayor Dobbs asked Bubba Holley to give an update of the Baseball and Softball registration. Bubba reported that 195 have registered to play giving a total of 17 teams. He has coaches for all of the teams and a coaches meeting will be held tomorrow night. Practices will start Monday and games are scheduled to start April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each team has a sponsor with 3 additional sponsors for banners on the fence.

A motion was made by Tammy Troha for the council to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of good name and character of an individual. Being one of the purposes authorized by the Alabama Open Meeting Law, Act 2005-40, the motion was seconded by Ronnie Sawyer.

The vote in regard to the motion for Executive Session was taken by roll call vote and recorded as follows:

<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 that all council members were in favor of the motion, therefore the motion passed and the council would move into Executive Session for the purpose stated in the motion and no other purpose, and reconvene in approximately 15 minutes.

At 6:55 the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session. The Council reconvened into regular session at 7:32 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor's Report:** None

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 7:33 PM.

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

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