

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

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***Regular Meeting***

***August 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	Absent
Ronald Sawyer	Present
Lamar Morgan	Present
Tammy Troha	Present
Jimmy Johnson	Present

Quorum was made with five council members present. Tim White was absent from the meeting.

The minutes from the August 6, 2018 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Lamar Morgan to accept the minutes as presented. Jimmy Johnson 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>
Matt Dobbs	X	
Tim White	Absent	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Lamar Morgan	X	
Tammy Troha	X	
Jimmy Johnson	X	

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 8 fire calls during the month of August. The sewer lagoon had failed to meet compliance due to the BOD level.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 10 active permits for new homes.

Tim White /Zoning, Annexation and Sewer System: No report.

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: Ronnie Sawyer requested that the City Council make a donation to the Robotics Team at Martin Middle School. The council agreed to have the principal of the school request a donation.

Lamar Morgan / Public Safety: Lamar Morgan reported that the quote for the building to house the tractor has not been received.

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: Tammy Troha reported that she has a recommendation for the fence at the City park, however, she recognized that Mr. Morrow from Morrow Ornamental Iron was present to address the council.

Mr. Morrow presented the council with a proposal for new fencing with two options, a proposal for drive gates, a proposal for automation on the drive gate and a proposal for chain link drive gates. Mr. Morrow stated that the fence he is proposing comes with a 20-year warranty paint system. He suggested that the council consider something in between the parking area and the fence to prevent people from backing into the fence.

Tammy Troha stated that she was prepared to make a motion to move forward with the previous quote from Mitch Carter. Mayor Dobbs stated that Mr. Morrow had brought a lot of information to the council that had not previously been considered. He suggested the council table the fencing project until it could be discussed in more detail.

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: No report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Dobbs reported that he and Boyd met with Josh Pearce from Goodwin, Mills and Cawood Engineering firm to look at some capital improvement ideas for the sewer lagoon. Mr. Pearce confirmed the previous suggestions of bypassing the nitrate tower, removing the duckweed, and adding a detention tank and will be putting some options together for the council to consider. We are moving forward with bypassing the nitrate tower and removing the duckweed. Mayor Dobbs further stated that the office is moving forward with collections from the sewer fees.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Ronnie Sawyer. Jimmy Johnson made the second. The motion was carried by unanimous consent of the council. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

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

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