

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA

Regular Meeting

November 5, 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:

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| 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 October 15, 2018 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Jimmy Johnson to accept the minutes as presented. Tammy Troha 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 7 fire calls during the month of October and 2 calls so far during the month of November.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: No report.

Tim White /Zoning, Annexation and Sewer System: Tim White that he has sloped and smoothed the boat landing at the sewer. The slag has not yet been delivered.

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: Ronnie Sawyer reported that the landscaping project has been completed and the signs are currently being refurbished.

Lamar Morgan / Public Safety: Lamar Morgan reported that construction of the new storage building, at the sports complex, should start tomorrow.

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: Tammy Troha reported that the Miss Valley Grande Christmas Beauty pageant will be held Thursday, November 15th at 6:00pm at the Martin Middle School gymnasium. There will be between 40 and 50 contestants. Lane Bracken will be decorating for the pageant and for Christmas in the Park. She encouraged all council members to attend. She is going to have the pictures of the contestants in the Selma Times Journal.

Tammy also stated that would like to have one of the council members possibly drive the winners of the pageant in the Selma Christmas parade and asked the council for suggestions of cars or trucks that could be used. She further stated that she would like to ask Judge Kim Ballard to light the Christmas Tree this year being that he is retiring at the end of the year.

Tammy Troha stated that the wood fence at the walking trail is in need of repair and possibly would need to be replaced. She asked the council to consider the possibility of replacing the fence around the trail.

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: No report.

Old Business: Mayor Dobbs stated that the contract has been signed with David Oliver for the tax rebate and became effective November 1, 2018. The land has been purchased and he is planning to have the land cleared in the next few weeks.

Mayor Dobbs reported that Valley Grande has not been awarded the Alabama Department of Transportation Grant during the previous two cycles. Will Barrett has suggested that if the City is still interested in applying for the grant, that a new application be submitted. The grant would be awarded in 2019 and would not be funded until 2020. Mayor Dobbs stated that the council could consider this grant and decide in the near future.

Mayor Dobbs explained to the council that Alabama Teen Challenge has contacted him and regarding the trash pick-up along the roadsides, stating they would be interested in providing the service as they did previously.

A motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer to contract with Alabama Teen Challenge at the original bid amount previously submitted. Tammy Troha 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:

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with a request for the annual contract of \$2,500 with the Chamber of Commerce and recommended that we move forward with the contract. A motion was

made by Tim White to enter into an annual contract for services with the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2,500. 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 presented the council with a request from the District Attorney's Office for a donation to the Fourth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force. Mayor Dobbs suggested that we contact the DA's office for more information about the organization.

Mayor Dobbs referred to the Resolution 2014-36 Salary Schedule and recommended that all eligible employees receive an annual step advancement on the salary schedule.

A motion was made by Lamar Morgan to give each eligible employee a salary step increase. Tammy Troha 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: Christy Sawyer addressed the council stating that she has volunteered to help with the Miss Valley Grande Beauty pageant. She asked that if she helps with the Christmas Angel donation money that a City Council member or a City employee be there to help her handle the money taken.

Tammy stated that she would ask Kim Harris to help at the front door and to collect the money on behalf of the City. She further stated that she will have someone there for security as well.

Mayor's Report: No report

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

Approved: _____
Matt Dobbs, Mayor

Attested: _____

Janet Frasier, City Clerk