

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA

Regular Meeting

April 15, 2019

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 18, 2019 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Jimmy Johnson to accept the minutes as presented. Ronnie Sawyer 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	

The minutes from the April 1, 2019 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Jimmy Johnson to accept the minutes as presented. Ronnie Sawyer 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 10 fire calls for the month of March. No fire calls so far during the month of April. He further reported that the curbing and driveway needs to be repaired on Hilandale Drive. This is the same location where the work was done to repair the manhole. The curbing was not repaired at the time allowing the water to run into the driveway causing damage. Mayor Dobbs requested that Boyd call Tri County or Smitherman Brothers to have the repairs made.

Boyd Pugh further reported the annual pump test were done on the firetrucks this past Saturday. One of the engines failed the test and needs to be repaired. The truck is required to be in service. The cost of the repairs could be between \$3,000 and \$13,000. A more accurate estimate can not be given until the truck is taken to be repaired. Boyd requested the City help with the cost of the repairs.

A motion was made by Tim White to pay for the cost of the repairs for the Valley Grande Volunteer Fire Department fire truck. 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	

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: No report.

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

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: No report. Mayor Dobbs asked Ronnie to check with Craig Pardue regarding the City sign in front of City Hall. Mayor Dobbs stated that all the signs have been redone except that one. He would like to see it repainted.

Lamar Morgan / Public Safety: Lamar Morgan reported that the Summerfield Volunteer Fire Department will have its annual Crawfish Boil fundraiser.

A motion was made by Lamar Morgan to donate \$1,000 to the Summerfield Volunteer Fire Department to help purchase the crawfish for their fundraiser. Tim White 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 stated that a new mobile home had been moved in on Highway 22 over the weekend. He asked that Sam check on that and make sure permits have been acquired.

Lamar Morgan further reported that he had spoken with someone regarding the possibility of skydivers during the Independence Day celebration. He anticipates the cost to be approximately \$2,000. He also stated he was trying to get an air show with the remote-controlled airplanes for the celebration. He has asked Tammy to consider the options in her budget and planning.

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: Tammy Troha reported that she will get the contract for the fireworks and the music for the Independence Day celebration this week and report back to the council.

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: No report.

Old Business: Mayor Dobbs presented the council with a preliminary sketch of David Oliver's project to show the layout of the buildings. Mayor Dobbs stated that the commitments received so far would bring approximately 60 jobs to Valley Grande.

New Business: Mayor Dobbs presented Resolution 2019-92 to create the full-time position of Coordinator of Valley Grande Parks and Recreation. He explained that this resolution would change the position held by Bubba Holley from part time to full time. Mayor Dobbs recommended that the council transition Bubba from part time to full time and start him at step 3 on the salary schedule which is \$33,984.

Ronnie Sawyer asked that we table the motion and discuss it further stating that salary and parts of the job description were not discussed.

Jimmy Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-92. Lamar Morgan made the second. Motion failed with a tie vote of the council.

<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	

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 a show of hands 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 10 minutes.

At 6:18 the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session. The Council reconvened into regular session at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Dobbs called for a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-92 and transition Bubba Holley to the full time position at step 3 on the salary schedule. Jimmy Johnson made the motion. Lamar Morgan made the second. Motion failed with a tie vote of the council.

<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 the position will remain part time.

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with a preliminary plat of Lauren Lane Estates submitted by James Seymore and stated that it meets all the subdivision regulations and requirements. All the adjoining land owners will be notified of the subdivision will be notified next week and a public hearing will be held on May 6, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

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. Lamar Morgan 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