

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

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***Regular Meeting***

***June 3, 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 May 20, 2019 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Tammy Troha to accept the minutes as presented. 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	

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 8 fire calls so far during the month of May and one so far during the month of June.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 6 houses currently in progress.

Tim White /Zoning, Annexation and Sewer System: Tim White reported that he had a quote of \$200 from George Riley to move the shed from the sports complex to the walking trail. He asked the council for approval to move forward. All council members agreed.

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: Ronnie Sawyer presented the council with a quote from Advantage Concrete Contractors of \$3,400 to construct a handicap walkway from the front gate entrance of the sports complex to the concessions building.

A motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer to accept the quote of \$3,400 and move forward with the project. 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: No report

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: No report.

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: No report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Lamar Morgan presented Resolution 2019-99 rescinding Resolution 2013-28 and changing the rules and policies for the Radio Controlled Airplane Park. Lamar Morgan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-99 and to Rescind Resolution 2013-28. 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	

Mayor Dobbs declared Resolution 2019-99 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**Resolution #2019-99  
To Rescind Resolution 2013-28**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.**

There is hereby established a radio controlled (RC) Airplane Park located adjacent to the Valley Grande Sports Complex to promote development of model aviation as a recreational activity.

## **Section 2.**

The intent of this resolution is to establish the safety rules and regulations of the radio controlled (RC) Airplane Park as follows:

### **GENERAL:**

A model aircraft is a non-human carrying aircraft capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with these safety rules and any additional rules specific to the flying site.

1. All pilots shall be members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and participate in the AMA Liability Protection insurance.
2. All pilots shall show proof of AMA membership to the City Clerk's office and will be issued a permit to fly on the City of Valley Grande's radio controlled Airplane Park.
3. All pilots must be 19 years of age or older to receive a permit to fly on the City of Valley Grande's radio controlled Airplane Park. Anyone under 19 years of age must be accompanied by a pilot with the proper permits. A signed release will be required by the minor's parent or legal guardian before being allowed to fly at the Airplane Park. It will be the responsibility of the permitted pilot to obtain the required release and submit it to City Hall.
4. All aircraft shall be identified with the name and address or AMA number of the owner on the inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. In addition, all aircraft will have the pilot's FAA registration number displayed on the exterior of the aircraft in compliance with the latest FAA regulations.
5. Model aircraft shall not be flown in a reckless manner or while the pilot is under the influence of alcohol or any drug which could adversely affect the pilot's ability to safely control the model.
6. All pilots shall avoid flying directly over unprotected people, vessels, vehicles, or structures and shall avoid endangerment of life and property of others.
7. No flying will be allowed during other functions being held at the Valley Grande Sports Complex.
8. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with the following Valley Grande sight safety rules and the Academy of Model Aeronautic National Model Aircraft Safety Code which is hereby attached to this resolution. Pilots flying while utilizing First Person View (FPV) shall have a spotter who maintains unaided visual line of sight with the model at all times and shall otherwise be in compliance with AMA Doc#550. Pilots flying while utilizing failsafe, stabilization, autopilot, ground-station, and cameras/sensors shall be in compliance with AMA Doc #560.
9. Compliance to the safety rules and operational rules is the responsibility of each participant. Any infraction of these rules will result in the pilot's loss of flight privileges and permit.

### **FLYING SIGHT SAFETY RULES:**

1. A safety line must be established in front of which all flying takes place. Intentional flying behind the safety line is prohibited.
2. Only personnel associated with flying the model aircraft are allowed at or in front of the safety line.
3. An area away from the safety line must be maintained for spectators.
4. Taxiing is not allowed in the pit area.
5. Children should not be permitted beyond the spectator area unless under the direct supervision of an adult or under flight instruction.

6. Flight operations will stop during electrical storms.
7. Models will fly only in pre-designated areas and will yield right-of-way to full size aircraft.
8. Electrically powered models will only be armed (battery connected to ESC) and unarmed (battery disconnected to the ESC) when the model is on the runway. Models will be pointed away from the Flying Field pavilion area and pit area prior to arming. No armed models are permitted under the Flying Field pavilion at any time. Glow and gas-powered models will be cranked in the front of the Flying Field pavilion.
9. Prior to flying any model at the Valley Grande Remote Controlled Flight Field, pilots shall test their model's fail-safe settings to ensure that they are properly set. If the fail-safe test is performed at the Flight Field, the test will be performed as follows:
  - a. The model shall be on the runway, pointed away from the Flight Field pavilion, pit area and spectators.
  - b. The models prop must be removed, or the model restrained by a helper or by a starting stand, and;
  - c. Running the model at approximately 20-25% throttle and cutting off the transmitter to ensure that the throttle gas to 0%
10. Pilots are encouraged to set up and use their transmitter's Throttle Cut for each model they fly.

**FLYING SITE OPERATIONAL RULES:**

1. No flying before 7:00 am Monday – Saturday or before 12:30 pm on Sundays. No flying after sunset.
2. Mufflers are required on all models with liquid fuel (gas or glow) engines.
3. Fliers operating models must display AMA membership cards and City of Valley Grande permit for easy identification.
4. When more than one person is on the flight line or in the vicinity of the flight line, pilots shall make appropriate announcement when going onto the runway, taking off, landing, or in emergency situations.

**Section 3.**

Each and every provision of this resolution is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid shall affect any other provision hereof, and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this resolution would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid.

**Section 4.**

This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2019.**

Mayor Dobbs presented Resolution 2019-96 to make application for grant funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for a potential commercial development project.

A motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer to adopt Resolution 2019-96. Jimmy Johnson made the second. Motion carried with a majority consent of the council by a show of hands vote with one opposition.

<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 2019-96 adopted as attached to these minutes.

RESOLUTION 2019-96  
THE VALLEY GRANDE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City of Valley Grande has the potential for a commercial development;

WHEREAS, certain infrastructure will be needed to serve this development;

WHEREAS, the City will need to make application for grants funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to assist in providing infrastructure for this development;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Valley Grande City Council authorizes Mayor Matt Dobbs to begin the process of compiling an application for CDBG funds to assist in funding these improvements.

DONE THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2019.

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with Resolution 2019-97 awarding the Lawn Maintenance bid to Ronnie Terry Lawn Service. A motion was made by Jimmy Johnson to adopt Resolution 2019-97 and authorize the Mayor to enter a contract with Ronnie Terry Lawn Service. 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	

Mayor Dobbs declared Resolution 2019-97 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-97**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR THE  
LAWN MAINTENANCE**

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

**WHEREAS**, bids were opened on May 31, 2019 at Valley Grande City Hall with three (3) bids submitted; and

**WHEREAS**, said bid was as follows:

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| 1. Ronnie Terry Lawn Service | \$24,300 |
| 2. Bolen Property Management | \$25,607 |
| 3. Harvey's Lawn Service     | \$32,800 |

**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 Ronnie Terry Lawn Service is hereby accepted as low bidder; and
2. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a written agreement with Ronnie Terry for the amount set forth hereinabove, and in accordance with the terms of the corresponding bid documents.
3. The one year agreement will begin June 4, 2019 and end May 31, 2020.
4. This resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Mayor and Council.

Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2019.

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with Resolution 2019-98 awarding the bid ro Roadside Litter and Debris Removal to Alabama Teen Challenge. A motion was made by Tim White to adopt Resolution 2019-98 and authorize the Mayor to enter a contract with Alabama Teen Challenge. 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 declared Resolution 2019-98 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-98**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR THE  
ROADSIDE LITTER AND DEBRIS REMOVAL**

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

**WHEREAS**, bids were opened on May 31, 2019 at Valley Grande City Hall with one (1) bids submitted; and

**WHEREAS**, said bid was as follows:

4. Alabama Teen Challenge                      \$11,900

**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:**

5. The bid submitted by Alabama Teen Challenge is hereby accepted as low bidder; and

6. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a written agreement with Alabama Teen Challenge for the amount set forth hereinabove, and in accordance with the terms of the corresponding bid documents.
7. The one year agreement will begin June 4, 2019 and end May 31, 2020.
8. This resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Mayor and Council.

Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2019.

Mayor Dobbs presented Resolution 2019-100 awarding the engineering services for the Community Development Block Grant Program from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) to Hogg Stone & Associates Engineers. A motion was made by Lamar Morgan to adopt Resolution 2019-100. Jimmy Johnson made the second.

Motion carried with a majority consent of the council by a show of hands vote with one opposition.

<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 2019-100 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-100**

**A RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Valley Grande plans on applying for to grant programs including the Community Development Block Grant Program from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), as set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Valley Grande requires specific project professional services in conjunction with applications for its projects and, if grants are awarded, their implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Valley Grande solicited professional engineering services for a three year period for preliminary engineering services during the application phase and, if the grant is awarded, the project's engineering design and construction observation, as set forth in its applications to support improved public infrastructure for the citizens of Valley Grande, Alabama.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Valley Grande wishes to use the Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission, a regional planning and development commission, to administer the projects if funded.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City of Valley Grande, as follows:

Section 1. That the engineering services proposal selection was in accordance with the Common Rule.

Section 2. That the proposal submitted by **Hogg Stone & Associates Engineers, Inc.** was determined by the City of Valley Grande to be the most advantageous as per the selection criteria.

Section 3. That the City of Valley Grande **can** enter into an agreement with **Hogg Stone & Associates Engineers, Inc.** for professional engineering design and construction observation services as outlined in its applications **if** they are awarded.

Section 4. That Matt Dobbs, as Mayor, is authorized to negotiate and enter into an agreement with **Hogg Stone & Associates Engineers, Inc.** for said professional engineering and construction observation services, upon official award of the projects.

Section 5. That Matt Dobbs, as Mayor, is authorized to negotiate and enter into agreement with the Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission for project administration, upon official award of the projects.

This resolution is hereby passed and approved by the City of Valley Grande in official session on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of **June, 2019**.

**Public Comment:** David Rinehart addressed the council and voiced his concerns about the drainage issues on his property located behind the future location of Dave's Market. Mayor Dobbs explained that the state and engineers would be addressing the issues and encouraged Mr. Rinehart to speak with Mr. Oliver and his engineer.

**Mayor's Report:** None

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 6:17 PM.

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

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