

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

Regular Meeting

January 4, 2016

Call to order by Mayor Wayne Labbe at 6:00 PM

Meeting held at Valley Grande City Hall

Minutes submitted by: Janet Frasier, City Clerk

Presiding: Mayor Wayne Labbe

Invocation: Wayne Labbe

In Attendance:

Wayne Labbe, Mayor	Present
Tim White	Present
Ronald Sawyer	Absent
Donna Downs	Present
Jane Craig	Present
Kenneth Martin	Present

Quorum was made with five council members present. Ronald Sawyer was absent from the meeting.

The minutes from the December 21, 2015 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Donna Downs to receive the minutes as read. Tim White made the second. Motion carried by 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>
Wayne Labbe	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	Absent	
Donna Downs	X	
Jane Craig	X	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Reports of Officers:

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 5 fire calls during the month of December and a total of 107 calls for the year.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported having 2 new houses in construction.

Harvey Holley/Sports and Recreation Coordinator: No report.

Tim White /Public Safety & Beautification Advisory Group: No report.

Ronald Sawyer /Parks & Recreation Advisory Group: No report.

Donna Downs/Business/Community Development & Education Advisory Group: No report.

Jane Craig /Annexation & Zoning Advisory Group: No report.

Kenneth Martin /Public Relations & History Advisory Group: No Report.

Old Business:

Ordinance 2015-40 was brought before the council for final passage. Tim White made a motion to table the vote until Mayor Labbe could call a special meeting for discussion of the Ordinance. Jane Craig 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>
Wayne Labbe	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	Absent	
Donna Downs	X	
Jane Craig	X	
Kenneth Martin	X	

New Business:

Wayne Calloway from the Alzheimer's Outreach Group addressed the council stating that the group is in the process of purchasing a drone for the County Sheriff's Department for Project Lifesaver to aid in search and rescue in Dallas County. He asked that the City support the group in their endeavor.

Jane Craig stated that she had been addressed by a resident on Quail Ridge Drive concerning the need for street lights in their neighborhood. Mayor Labbe stated that the roads are owned and maintained by the county and suggested that the residents contact Alabama Power for additional lighting.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Labbe reported that he will meet with the Sheriff's Department in the next couple of weeks for a follow up report on the extra deputies that have been patrolling Valley Grande. It was originally a 3 month agreement and he will be reviewing the reports and detail with them.

Mayor Labbe further reported that there have been 2 calls for sewer maintenance within the last couple of weeks. Blackbelt Sewer and Drain was called twice with the cost of repairs being approximately \$750 per call.

The meeting with the Department of Transportation is scheduled for January 21, 2016. Mayor Labbe encouraged any council members that could attend the meeting with him to please do so.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Donna Downs. Kenneth Martin made the second. The motion was carried by unanimous consent of the council members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Approved: _____
Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attested: _____
Janet Frasier, City Clerk