

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

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***Oaths of Office***

Dallas County Probate Judge Kim Ballard administered the Oath of Office to all newly elected Valley Grande council members. The Oath was taken and signed by the entire council at 5:30 p.m.

***Organizational Meeting***

***November 7, 2016***

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

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 October 17, 2016 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Tim White to accept the minutes as corrected. Ronnie Sawyer made the second. Motion carried by 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 16 fire calls during the month of October.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 10 houses permitted at this time.

**Organizational Session:** Mayor Matt Dobbs stated that this was an organizational session and the first order of business is to elect a mayor pro tempore to serve in his absence. Mayor Dobbs nominated Jimmy Johnson for the position; there were no other nominations. Lamar Morgan made a motion to elect Jimmy Johnson as mayor pro tempore. Tammy Troha made the second. Motion was carried by majority consent of the council by a show of hands vote.

Jimmy Johnson abstained from the 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	Abstain	

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with Ordinance 2016-66 to establish procedures for council meetings. Ronnie Sawyer moved that all rules governing the council which might, unless suspended, prevent the passage and adoption of the ordinance at this meeting, be hereby suspended for the purpose of permitting Ordinance 2016-66 to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting. Jimmy Johnson seconded this motion. That question was put before the council and on roll call the vote was as follows:

<u>ROLL CALL 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	

Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council.

Jimmy Johnson moved that Ordinance 2016-66 be finally passed and adopted as introduced. Lamar Morgan made the second. Mayor Dobbs put the question of final passage and the adoption of Ordinance 2016-66 to vote of the council, and on call of the roll, the votes were as follows:

<u>ROLL CALL 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	

Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council. Mayor Dobbs declared Ordinance 2016-66 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**ORDINANCE 2016-66**

TO ESTABLISH THE TIME AND PLACE FOR REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS; THE PROCEDURE FOR CALLING SPECIAL MEETINGS; ESTABLISH A QUORUM; ESTABLISH CONDUCT AND PROCEDURES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA; REPEALING ORDINANCE 2003-05.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Valley Grande, Alabama in session duly assembled and by authority thereof as follows:

Section 1. That the rules or order of procedure herein contained shall govern deliberations and meetings of the City Council of Valley Grande, Alabama.

Section 2. Regular meetings of the council shall be held on the following dates: the first and third Monday of each month at six o'clock (6:00) PM in the council chambers at Valley Grande City Hall.

Section 3. Special meetings may be held at the call of the presiding officer by serving notice on each member of the council not less than 24 hours before the time set for such special meeting; or special meetings may be held as provided by Section 11-43-50, Code of Alabama, 1975, whenever two council members or the mayor making the request shall have the right to call such meeting. Notice of all special meetings shall be posted on a bulletin board accessible to the public at least 24 hours prior to such meeting. Only those items of business for which the special meeting is convened shall be voted on at said special meeting. All written notice shall state the specific purpose or purposes for such special meetings.

Section 4. All meetings of the City Council shall be open and public, except when the Council meets in executive session as authorized by state law.

Section 5. The Council may meet in executive session only for those purposes authorized by state law. When a Council member makes a motion to go into executive session for an enumerated purpose, the presiding officer shall put the motion to a vote. If the majority of the Council shall vote in favor of the motion, the body shall then move in executive session to discuss the matter for which the executive session was called. No action may be taken in an executive session. When the discussion has been completed the Council shall resume its deliberations in public.

Section 6. A quorum shall be determined as provided by Section 143-48, Code of Alabama.

Section 7. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. A call to order
2. Invocation
3. Roll Call
4. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
5. Reports of standing committees
6. Reports of special committees
7. Report of officers
8. Reading of petitions, applications, complaints, appeals, communications, etc.
9. Auditing accounts
10. Resolutions, ordinances and orders of old business
11. Resolutions, ordinances and orders of new business
12. Public Comments
13. Motion for adjournment

Section 8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the presiding officer.

Section 9. No person, not a member of the council shall be allowed to address the same while in session without permission of the presiding officer.

Section 10. Every officer, whose duty it is to report at the regular meetings of the council, who shall be in default thereof, may be fined at the discretion of the council.

Section 11. Motions shall be reduced to writing when required by the presiding officer of the council or any member of the council. All resolutions and ordinances and any amendments thereto shall be in writing at the time of introduction.

Section 12. Motions to reconsider must be by a member who voted with a majority and at the same or next succeeding meeting of the council.

Section 13. Whenever it shall be required by one or more members, the "yeas" and "nays" shall be recorded and any member may call for a division on any question.

Section 14. All questions of order shall be decided by the presiding officer of the council with the right of appeal to the council by any member.

Section 15. The presiding officer of the council may, at his or her discretion call any member to take the chair, to allow him or her to address the council, make a motion, or discuss any other matter at issue.

Section 16. Motions to lay any matter on the table shall be first in order, and on all questions, the last amendment, the most distant day, and the largest sum shall be put first.

Section 17. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order.

Section 18. The rules of the council may be amended in the same manner as any other ordinance of general and permanent operations.

Section 19. The rules of the council may be temporarily suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Section 20. The chairman of each respective committee, or the council members acting for him or her, shall submit or make all reports to the council when so requested by the presiding officer or any member of the council.

Section 21. All ordinances, resolutions or propositions submitted to the council which require the expenditure of money shall lie over until the next meeting; provided, that such ordinance, resolutions to propositions may be considered earlier by unanimous consent of the council; and provided further, that this rule shall not apply to the current expenses of or contracts previously made with, or regular salaries of officers, or wages of employees of the city.

Section 22. The clerk, engineer, attorney and chief of police, and such other officers or employees of the City of Valley Grande, Alabama shall, when requested, attend all meeting of the council and shall remain in the council room for such length of time as the council may direct.

Section 23. No ordinance or resolution of a permanent nature shall be adopted at the meeting at which it is introduced unless unanimous consent be obtained for the immediate consideration of such ordinance or resolution, such consent shall be roll call and the voter thereon spread on the minutes.

Section 24. The latest edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" is hereby adopted as the rule of procedure for this council in those situations, which cannot be resolved by the rules set out in this ordinance.

Section 25. This ordinance shall go into effect upon the passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with Resolution 2016-64 to re-appoint Janet Frasier as City Clerk/Treasurer for a term to run concurrent with the mayor. Tim White made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-64. 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 2016-64 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**Resolution #2016-64**

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

Section 1.

For a term to run concurrent with the current Mayor, Janet Frasier is hereby re-appointed and continued as City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Valley Grande upon the basis of compensation heretofore existing, and may hereafter be altered.

Section 2.

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 3.

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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with Resolution 2016-65 to re-appoint Boyd Pugh as Public Safety Director for a term to run concurrent with the mayor. Tim White made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-65. 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

Mayor Dobbs declared Resolution 2016-65 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**Resolution #2016-65**

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

Section 1.

For a term to run concurrent with the current Mayor, Boyd Pugh is hereby re-appointed and continued as Public Safety Director of the City of Valley Grande upon the basis of compensation heretofore existing, and may hereafter be altered.

Section 2.

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 3.

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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

Mayor Matt Dobbs brought forth to the council the appointment of Advisory Groups and read the proposed appointments of the Advisory Groups for the coming term of office. The proposed Advisory Groups were as follows:

- Tim White / Zoning, Annexation and Sewer System
- Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education
- Lamar Morgan / Public Safety
- Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation
- Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development

Ronnie Sawyer made a motion to accept the appointments as presented. Jimmy Johnson made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council by a show of hands vote.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE	YEA	NAY
Matt Dobbs	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Lamar Morgan	X	
Tammy Troha	X	
Jimmy Johnson	X	

**Old Business:**

Tim White stated that he has received a quote from Big Mulberry Nursery to replant the shrubs around the signs throughout the City. They plan to clean out, replant and add pine straw to these areas during the month of November.

Ronnie Sawyer state that the scoreboards have been installed at the sports complex. The new crossties and safety surfacing is complete at the walking trail and the resurfacing of the trail is complete. The co-ed softball tournament will be complete this week.

**New Business:**

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with Resolution 2016-67 authorizing the mayor and mayor pro-tempore to become authorized signers on all bank accounts. Lamar Morgan made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-6. 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	

Mayor Dobbs declared Resolution 2016-67 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION 2016-67**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA hereby authorizes the mayor and the mayor pro-tempore to become authorized signers on all open bank accounts.

This resolution shall become effective November 7, 2016.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of November, 2016.

Mayor Dobbs stated there had been interest in having an event during the Christmas Season at the Walking Trail. He asked the council to consider allotting the money in the budget set aside for Art in the Park to be used for Christmas in the Park on December 10, 2016.

A motion was made by Tim White to allow the \$2,000 set aside for Art in the Park to be used for Christmas in the Park. 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's Report:**

Mayor Dobbs stated that he is excited to be a part of the City of Valley Grande and will do everything he can to make decisions based on what he and the council feels is best for the City.

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: 21 PM.

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

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