

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

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***Regular Meeting***

***December 21, 2015***

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	Present
Donna Downs	Present
Jane Craig	Absent
Kenneth Martin	Absent

Quorum was made with four council members present.

The minutes from the December 7, 2015 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer 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	X	
Donna Downs	X	
Jane Craig	Absent	
Kenneth Martin	Absent	

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 4 fire call so far during the month of December and a total of 106 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: Ronnie Sawyer reported that he had made repairs to the women's bathroom at the walking trail. Mayor Labbe stated that an Attorney

General's Opinion had stated that cities cannot have signs restricting permitted guns on public property. He stated that the signs at the park have been removed.

Donna Downs/Business/Community Development & Education Advisory Group: Donna Downs presented a request for an ad for the Chamber Directory. A motion was made by Donna Downs to place a full page ad for \$890 in the Chamber Directory. Ronnie Sawyer made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council members present by a show of hands vote.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE	YEA	NAY
Wayne Labbe	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Donna Downs	X	
Jane Craig	Absent	
Kenneth Martin	Absent	

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

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

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mayor Labbe recommended that the Public Safety work committee be established to investigate the possibilities of a police department. Mayor Labbe suggested that the committee consist of 5 members including Jane Craig as the head of the committee.

A motion was made by Donna Downs to establish a Public Safety work committee. Ronnie Sawyer made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council members present by a show of hands vote.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE	YEA	NAY
Wayne Labbe	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Donna Downs	X	
Jane Craig	Absent	
Kenneth Martin	Absent	

Ordinance 2015-40 establishing the monthly salary of the Mayor and Council members was presented by Mayor Labbe and read at length. A motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer to place the ordinance on first reading. Donna Downs made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council members present by a show of hands vote.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE	YEA	NAY
Wayne Labbe	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Donna Downs	X	
Jane Craig	Absent	

Kenneth Martin

Absent

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Labbe reported that he has spoken with David Hulseby regarding the motorcycle track on his property. Mr. Hulseby promised that he would limit the riding in an effort not to disturb the neighbors.

Mayor Labbe reported that he has a meeting with the Alabama Department of Transportation on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January regarding the status of the highway expansion. He further stated that he will be meeting with the Alabama Tombigbee personnel after the first of the year regarding the grant and the sewer project.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne Labbe, Mayor

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