

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

Regular Meeting

December 7, 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: Jane Craig

In Attendance:

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

Quorum was made with all council members present.

The minutes from the November 16, 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 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	X	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Reports of Officers:

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 13 fire call so far during the month of November including one house fire.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: No report.

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: Jane Craig reported that she has been contacted by residents concerning the motorcycles riding on David Hulsey's property. Mayor Labbe stated that the issue has been addressed with Mr. Hulsey. It is private property and is not a business. Mayor Labbe stated that he will speak with Mr. Hulsey regarding the noise ordinances.

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

Old Business:

Mayor Labbe opened the floor for discussion of the formation of a Valley Grande Police Department. Jane Craig stated that she would like to see a work committee formed to work through the details involved. She further stated that she would like to continue to contract with the Sheriff's department until it can be fully investigated through the work committee and brought back to the council.

Donna Downs stated that every resident she had spoken to were against having a police department in Valley Grande. She stated she would like to consider having an unmerited officer for a year.

Mayor Labbe agreed that a committee should be formed to include Bill Hamner, sheriff deputies and other residents. He further stated that the committee should address all aspects, including the feasibility of having a municipal court, and the cost involved.

New Business: None

Mayor's Report:

The renovations are still in progress in the office and desks are being assembled.

Mayor Labbe reported that he, Janet and Ray Hogg attended the CDBG workshop. He explained that we will be working the Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission to administer the grant. The grant will be monitored closely and audited which will place a lot more work on the office to make sure all of the requirements of the grant are properly handled.

Mayor Labbe stated that Blackbelt Sewer had to be called last week to unclog the lines in Overlook Hills. They will be placing a camera into the lines to find if there is a break. The grant project of lining the sewer lines will help eliminate these expenses.

Mayor Labbe reported that during the conference he was able to speak with Jim Byard, Director of ADECA, regarding the Highway 22 expansion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Approved: _____
Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attested: _____
Janet Frasier, City Clerk