

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

Regular Meeting

March 7, 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	Present
Donna Downs	Present
Kenneth Martin	Absent

Quorum was made with four council members present. Kenneth Martin was absent from the meeting.

The minutes from the February 16, 2016 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Donna Downs to receive the minutes as read. Ronnie Sawyer 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	
Kenneth Martin	Absent	

Committee Reports:

Public Safety Work Committee: No report.

Reports of Officers:

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 8 fire calls during the month of February and 2 so far during the month of March. The Sheriff's Department worked 25 hours additional patrol this week.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 2 new building permits this month.

Harvey Holley/Sports and Recreation Coordinator: Harvey Holley reported that there will be a coaches meeting Thursday at 6:30 at City Hall. He stated that 127 children have signed up for tee ball and baseball. There will be 6 tee ball teams and 4 coach pitch teams.

Tim White /Public Safety & Beautification Advisory Group: Tim White reported that he is waiting to hear from Rountree about the additional lights on the pavilion. He will have John Guthrie repair the sprinkler system at the walking trail.

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

Donna Downs/Business/Community Development & Education Advisory Group: Donna Downs stated that she has distributed the mini grant applications to the school principals. The deadline for applications is April 3rd and they will be awarded on April 18th.

Annexation & Zoning Advisory Group: No report.

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

Old Business:

The Town Hall meeting on combating crime will be held Thursday, March 17, 2016. Mayor Labbe asked Ms. Calhoun to have a podium and speaker system set up for the meeting. He encouraged all residents and council members to attend the meeting.

New Business:

Jimmy Siddens, CPA presented the council with the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. He reviewed the reports and explained that the total assets have increased about \$67,000 and the liabilities have decreased from the previous year leaving the City and net worth increase of \$153,000.

Mayor Labbe presented the council with a monthly balance sheet reviewed the current bank balances in each account. He asked the council to review.

Mayor Labbe called for a motion to give the annual donations to the fire departments. A motion was made by Tim White to donate \$16,500 to Valley Grande Volunteer Fire Department, \$16,500 to Summerfield Volunteer Fire Department and \$8,250 to Potter Station Volunteer Fire Department. Donna Downs 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	X	
Donna Downs	X	
Kenneth Martin	Absent	

Mayor Labbe stated that all council members are required to file a Statement of Economic Interest with the Ethics Commission by April 30, 2016.

Mayor's Report:

The Sheriff's Department is now working an additional 25 hours of patrol during the week. The cut-off for applications for the council vacancy will be March 21st. One application has been received and two others have inquired about the position.

Mayor Labbe stated that career day went well at Martin Middle School. Several different occupations were represented and shared with the students. The shed has been installed in back of City Hall and the septic tank has been installed at the sports complex.

Mayor Labbe further reported that a sewer line collapsed causing sewage to back up in a resident's house. Tri County Construction repaired two hundred and fifty feet of pipe between two man holes this week. The insurance company has been notified and is working with the resident. Another resident in Overlook Hills had a sewer line on their property to collapse causing a large sink hole. Although, the city is not responsible for this line, the health department has been notified due to the danger involved.

Residents of Merrifield Drive reported a day care thought to be operating without proper licenses. The State was called and they will be investigating.

Mayor Labbe stated that plans are being made for the Independence Day celebration and asked all council members to help during the event.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Approved: _____
Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attested: _____
Janet Frasier, City Clerk