

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

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***Regular Meeting***

***April 6, 2015***

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

Meeting held at Valley Grande City Hall

Minutes submitted by: Stephanie Motley, Assistant 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 March 16, 2015 regular meeting were presented by Stephanie Motley. 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 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 1 fire call for the month.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman stated that things were steady but have slowed down a little since January and February.

Harvey Holley/Sports and Recreation Coordinator: Harvey Holley wasn't present at the meeting. Mayor Labbe stated that baseball started last Saturday but some of the teams weren't able to play due to the fact that some of the players were on spring break. Admission collected at the gate totaled \$180 and \$320 was made from the concession stand for the first week. There will be some Friday night games played because of double headers that were scheduled for Saturdays but the parents would rather them play one on Friday night and one on Saturday. This will increase the admission collected as well as concession stand sells with the games being played on two separate days.

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

Ronald Sawyer /Parks & Recreation Advisory Group: Ronald Sawyer reported that he has spoken with Mr. Morrow who is getting ready to put the fence up at the baseball field. Mayor Labbe asked Ronnie about the bid and he stated that it should be around \$850. Motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer that we proceed with the fence as long as the bid didn't exceed \$850. Tim White made the second. Motion carried by a majority consent of the council. Jane Craig abstained from the vote.

<u>Show of hands of Vote</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Tim White	X	
Ronnie Sawyer	X	
Donna Downs	X	
Jane Craig	abstained	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Ronnie Sawyer stated that the wiring for the score boards has been done. Mayor Labbe, Tim White and Ronnie Sawyer are meeting Wednesday at 8:30 to get the scoreboards up. They will also have the No Firearms sign in place before the games this weekend.

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:**

Mayor Labbe stated that a water fountain has been found on the internet for \$350 with a turn knob and no cool and can be purchased to replace the one at the walking trail. Bid to replace the current one was around \$1400 and it would continue to bust. Therefore, we will buy the one online and hire a plumber to install it.

Jane Craig stated that she would like to see the city put all of its resources into just having fireworks for Independence Day. She made a motion that we just do the fireworks. Mayor Labbe stated that we had already contacted sponsors to help, things were already in motion and that it is a way to give back to the community. Donna Downs stated that if we did a bigger fireworks show, you would have to get someone that was certified to more than a class B. There was no second to the motion.

**New Business:**

Mayor Labbe asked the council to consider a security system for the office, as well as, deadbolt locks for some of the doors. Mayor Labbe asked for suggestions of who we might use. Kenneth Martin suggested buying the equipment online and have someone licensed to install it. Jane Craig will send us the information on the person that she uses for security at her store.

Jenny Agee was on the agenda in regards to a leash law but was not able to attend.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Labbe reported that he will be meeting with Coosa Jones at the end of the week.

Mayor Labbe reported that the bleachers at the ballpark are in place and look nice and that Cooper Bros did an excellent job.

Mayor Labbe reminded the council member that each of their statement of economic interest had to be turned in by the end of April.

Mayor Labbe stated that the slag was complete at the park and that we are wanting to convert one of the fields to a softball fields. Dallas County could then play their home games on the field with the City collecting money for concessions as well as, possibly being able to share in some of admissions collected.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

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

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephanie Motley, Assistant City Clerk