

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

Regular Meeting

May 4, 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	Absent
Jane Craig	Present
Kenneth Martin	Present

Quorum was made with five council members present. Donna Downs was absent from the meeting.

The minutes from the April 20, 2015 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Kenneth Martin to receive the minutes as read. Ronnie Sawyer made the second. Motion carried by majority consent of the council members present by a show of hands vote. Jane Craig abstained from the vote

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

Reports of Officers:

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 3 fire calls so far the month of April.

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: Ronald Sawyer reported that Craig Pardue is working on the sign for the baseball field.

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 Ray Hogg will be conducting a survey of the residents in the Overlook Hills neighborhood to prepare for the sewer grant application. A public hearing will need to be held to discuss the City's submission of the application for the Community Development Block Grant.

Kenneth Martin made a motion to hold a public hearing, to discuss the submission of the grant, on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 5:30 pm. Ronnie Sawyer 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	Absent	
Jane Craig	X	
Kenneth Martin	X	

New Business:

Dallas County Sheriff's Department, Chief Deputy Randy Pugh and Investigator John Hatfield addressed the council regarding patrol in Valley Grande. Chief Pugh explained that his office is researching all the steps necessary to create a police department in Valley Grande. He indicated that the process will be long and there will be a checklist from the State for each step and certifications required. He hopes to have a complete outline to bring to the council in the near future.

Regarding the council's concerns about extra patrol in Valley Grande, Chief Pugh reported that if there is an increase in crime in any area of the County then patrol procedures are changed accordingly. Based on the crime reports for our area, there has not been an increase in crime. Presently there are deputies that concentrate in the Valley Grande area during the day. The council agreed that is not necessary to increase patrol at this time.

Mayor Labbe called for discussion of the employee health plans from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama. Mayor Labbe recommended that the council consider the Blue Access Gold plan and offer to cover the employees' premium effective June 1, 2015.

Jane Craig stated that she had checked with the Maplesville, City of Selma and with Dallas County and stated that they only pay about 70% of the employee's premium and none of the family coverage. There was discussion of what other municipalities and government agencies pay for employees.

A motion was made by Tim White to offer the Blue Access Gold plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama for the full time employees with the City paying 100% of the employee premium. Kenneth

Martin 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	Absent	
Jane Craig	X	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Jane Craig suggested that more research be done regarding the percentage of premium paid for the employee and address the subject again at budget time.

Ronnie Sawyer stated that the water meter cover at the Walking Trail is broken and needs to be replaced. Bubba Holley added that water has been standing between the entrance gates at the sports complex. Bubba also suggested that we get handicap parking signs for the sports complex.

Kenneth Martin presented the council with a proposal for a security system for City Hall. The cost of the system is \$955.00. Mayor Labbe asked that Kenneth check into a camera system as well. Kenneth Martin stated that he would check to see if he could be granted an exception to install the system at no cost to the City.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Labbe reported to date \$1,269.00 has been taken in at the gate for admission fees. The concession stand has taken in \$4,176.00. There will be 3 more weekends of baseball with May 23rd being Championship Saturday.

Mayor Labbe reported that he will be meeting with Coach Moore regarding the softball team from Dallas County High School playing their home games at the Sports Complex. He stated that there are no lights on the field at Dallas County and he would like to work with them to allow them to have their games later in the day so that parents can attend. He further stated that the City would have the revenues from the concessions and possibly split the gate fees with the high school.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Approved: _____
Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attested: _____
Janet Frasier, City Clerk