

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

Regular Meeting

July 20, 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: Mayor Wayne Labbe

In Attendance:

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

Quorum was made with five council members present. Jane Craig was absent from the meeting.

The minutes from the June 1, 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	X	

The minutes from the June 15, 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 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	X	

The minutes from the July 7, 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 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	X	

Reports of Officers:

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 5 fire calls so far during the month of July including a wreck in which the new tools were used to extract the driver.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that we have 6 homes under construction at this time.

Harvey Holley/Sports and Recreation Coordinator: No Report.

Tim White /Public Safety & Beautification Advisory Group: Tim White reported two trees need to be removed at the walking trail. The cost of the removal of two trees and the grinding of 3 stumps is \$475.

A motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer to have the trees and stumps removed for \$475. Kenneth Martin 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	X	

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

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 presented the council with a copy of the contract for services with the Selma/Dallas County Chamber of Commerce. A motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer to authorize Mayor Labbe to enter into a contract with the Chamber and the annual amount of \$2,500 for services. Tim White

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	
Jane Craig	Absent	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Mayor Labbe stated that Independence Day Celebration was a success and expressed his appreciation to everyone involved.

New Business:

Mayor Labbe stated that the Valley Grande Volunteer Fire Department and the Summerfield Volunteer Fire Department have submitted upcoming expenses and requested additional funds to help pay for equipment. Mayor Labbe recommended that \$20,000 be paid to the fire departments from the Municipal Accrual account to help with expenses.

Ronnie Sawyer made a motion to give the Summerfield Fire Department \$12,000 and the Valley Grande Fire Department \$8,000 from the Municipal Accrual account to help with equipment expenses. Tim White 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	
Jane Craig	Absent	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Mayor Labbe stated that Chief Deputy, Randy Pugh is continuing to collect information regarding the creation of a police department. He will report back as soon as all information is complete.

Mayor Labbe reported that there have been several incidents at the walking trail. He asked the council to consider closing the pavilion at dark, posting rules for the walking trail or other suggestions.

Kenneth Martin made a motion to table the discussion and have everyone bring suggestions to the next council meeting. 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	X	

Jane Craig
Kenneth Martin

Absent
X

A motion was made by Kenneth Martin to pay the remaining balance of approximately \$55,000 on the Marion Bank note. 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	X	
Jane Craig	Absent	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Bubba Holley stated that he has placed signs around Valley Grande regarding the pee wee football league and he has had a large response. Mayor Labbe stated that he asked Bubba find out if there was enough interest to have a football program. Mayor Labbe further stated that nothing was official, they just want to get a count of how many children would be interested.

Mayor Labbe presented the council with the financial statements and stated that he will present the actual expenses versus the budget at the next council meeting to start preparing for the budget planning. Also, we will be addressing the contract with Dave's Market.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Labbe thanked Bubba, Boyd and Stephanie for their help in creating a successful Championship Saturday at the end of baseball season. He also expressed appreciation to the Sheriff's Department for the hard work they are doing in our community.

Mayor Labbe reported that the sewer discharge permit needs to be renewed for another 6 years. The application along with \$3,575.00 will be sent to Alabama Department of Environmental Management within the next couple of weeks.

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 6:46 PM.

Approved: _____
Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attested: _____
Janet Frasier, City Clerk