

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

Regular Meeting

August 3, 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 July 20, 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 majority consent of the council 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	X	
Jane Craig	Abstain	
Kenneth Martin	X	

Reports of Officers:

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported a total of 9 fire calls during the month of July.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: No report.

Harvey Holley/Sports and Recreation Coordinator: No Report.

Tim White /Public Safety & Beautification Advisory Group: Tim White reported that he is waiting on Ricky Shelby to remove the trees from the walking trail.

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

Donna Downs/Business/Community Development & Education Advisory Group: Donna Downs reported that she would like to start the process for the Educational Mini Grants.

A motion was made by Kenneth Martin to move forward with the Education Mini Grants. Tim White made the second. Motion carried with 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	

Jane Craig /Annexation & Zoning Advisory Group: No report.

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

Old Business:

Mayor Labbe stated there have been several reports of problems at the walking trail. He opened the floor for discussion of rules to be implemented or suggestions for solving these issues.

Kenneth Martin suggested that the pavilion be enclosed to create a building or community center. Mayor Labbe suggested a video surveillance camera system to be monitored at City Hall along with posting rules. Mayor Labbe asked Kenneth to contact companies to get prices on the camera system.

Mayor Labbe stated that he would check on prices of enclosing the pavilion. He also asked each council member to send their suggestions of rules for the park to the City Clerk.

New Business:

Yolanda Watkins with Revenue Discovery Systems presented the council with packets explaining their Business License Discovery and Recovery Service. She explained that the goal of their service is to identify and recover taxes and licenses from non-compliant business. She explained that the fee is 50% of delinquent revenue recovered and asked the council to consider their program.

Mayor Labbe presented the council with plans for Darren McGillberry's second phase of the Berry Ridge subdivision. He explained that the plans have been approved by the Health Department, North Dallas Water and no Public Hearing was required due to the fact that Mr. McGillberry owned all of the adjacent property.

A motion was made by Jane Craig to approve the Subdivision and allow Mr. McGillberry to proceed with his plans. Tim White made the second. Motion failed with 3 votes to approve and 3 votes in opposition 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

Kenneth Martin made a motion to table the approval of the subdivision until the next council meeting. Ronnie Sawyer made the second. Motion carried by a majority consent of the council with a show of hands vote. Jane Craig opposed.

<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	

Mayor Labbe presented the council with a request for a 4 year pledge to the Selma & Dallas County Economic Development Authority.

A motion was made by Tim White to pledge \$20,000 to the Selma & Dallas County EDA at \$5,000 per year for the next 4 years and to be placed in the upcoming budget. Ronnie Sawyer made the second. Motion carried with 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	

Mayor Labbe presented the council with a budget vs. actual expense and income comparison and reviewed each category. He asked each council member to review and prepared for a budget discussion in a future meeting.

Kenneth Martin presented the council with a proposal to renew the contract for sales tax rebate with Dave's Market. He also suggested that the payment be made annually instead of the current quarterly payments allowing Dave's Market to reach goals annually. Mayor Labbe asked each council member to review the proposal and prepare to address the contract at the next council meeting.

Tim White stated that the grass at the corner of the baseball field needs to be cut more regularly. Mayor Labbe stated that it was not in the original contract with Teen Challenge but he will have it cut when the grass around the cypress trees is cut.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Labbe stated that the Note at Marion Bank has been paid off at approximately \$54,000.

Mayor Labbe presented the council with information regarding Blue Frog Technology. He explained that representatives presented this product and will do an analysis of the cost involved. The product is for the sewer lagoon and will eliminate sludge and the need to have the lagoon dredged.

Mayor Labbe reported that a new newspaper will be coming into Selma and will be located on Broad Street. He further reported that a new portable building business has inquired about coming to Valley Grande.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Approved: _____
Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attested: _____
Janet Frasier, City Clerk