

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

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***Regular Meeting***

***September 21, 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	Absent

Quorum was made with four council members present. Jane Craig and Kenneth Martin were absent from the meeting.

The minutes from the September 8, 2015 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer to receive the minutes as read. Donna Downs 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	Absent	

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 7 fire calls including one house fire and one mobile home.

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 the trees have been cut and the stumps ground at the walking trail. He has contacted Larry Hobson regarding the additional lights.

Ronald Sawyer /Parks & Recreation Advisory Group: Ronnie Sawyer reported that the signs for the park are being made.

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 proposal for temporary fencing to reduce the size of the big baseball field to allow for girls softball. The cost of the fencing is \$1,800.

A motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer to move forward with the purchase of the portable flex fence system. 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	Absent	

Donna Downs stated that there was one request for the Educational Mini Grant submitted. The request is for \$500 for the Robotics program at Dallas County High School.

A motion was made by Donna Downs to award the \$500 grant to the Robotics Program at Dallas County High School. Tim White made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council members present.

<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	Absent	

**New Business:**

Mayor Labbe introduced an amendment to Ordinance #2009-57, Section 6.2 to amend the street requirements to comply with the minimum street requirements of the Dallas County Commission.

A motion was made by Donna Downs to place the amendment on first reading. Ronnie Sawyer made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council members present.

<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	Absent	

Mayor Labbe stated that he had met with Chief Deputy, Randy Pugh, John Hatfield and Bill Hamner regarding the deputy patrol in Valley Grande and the requirements of starting a police department. Mayor Labbe recommended that in the interim we increase the Sheriff's Department patrol to have a designated deputy in Valley Grande during regular business hours for 8 hours a day, 5 days per week. This will cost the City an extra \$1,000 per week. He suggested that we revisit the issue in 3 months.

A motion was made by Tim White to proceed with additional hours for the Sheriff's deputies for \$40 hours per week at \$25 per hour for three months. Donna Downs made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council members present.

<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	Absent	

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Labbe stated that Stephanie has completed another course toward receiving her clerk certification. Janet will be attending Revenue Officers Training in October and Clerk training concerning the election in November.

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 6:29 PM.

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

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janet Frasier, City Clerk