

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

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***Regular Meeting***

***January 17, 2017***

Call to order by Matt Dobbs, Mayor at 6:00 PM

Meeting held at Valley Grande City Hall

Minutes submitted by: Janet Frasier, City Clerk

Presiding: Matt Dobbs, Mayor

Invocation: Matt Dobbs, Mayor

**In Attendance:**

Matt Dobbs, Mayor	Present
Tim White	Present
Ronald Sawyer	Present
Lamar Morgan	Present
Tammy Troha	Present
Jimmy Johnson	Present

Quorum was made with all council members present.

The minutes from the January 3, 2016 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Tim White to accept the minutes as presented. Jimmy Johnson 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>
Matt Dobbs	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Lamar Morgan	X	
Tammy Troha	X	
Jimmy Johnson	X	

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 1 fire call so far during the month of January.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 9 houses currently permitted. He further discussed the commercial code regarding the Club House at the Golf course.

Tim White /Zoning, Annexation and Sewer System: Reported that he had spoken with Joseph Bearden in regards to having a Christmas tree planted at the Park. The cost for a 9 foot tree planted will be \$450.

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: No report.

Lamar Morgan / Public Safety: Lamar Morgan reported that met with the Fire Chiefs to discuss the needs of the fire department.

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: Tammy Troha reported that a quote had been received for preparing the fields for baseball season. She stated the quote was vague and she will report back with a more detailed quote.

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: No report.

**Old Business:**

Lamar Morgan made a motion to increase the firemen pay from \$25 to \$40 per call and increase the Fire Chief's pay to \$50 per call. There was discussion of incentives to help more firemen reach the 160 certification and to help recruit more firemen into the fire department. Tammy Troha made the second. The 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>
Matt Dobbs	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Lamar Morgan	X	
Tammy Troha	X	
Jimmy Johnson	X	

Jimmy Johnson recommended that Lamar and Boyd research the cost and requirements of the 160 certification and develop a plan to give them incentives.

**New Business:** None

**Public Comments:**

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Dobbs reported that Chris Wilson will be repairing the picnic tables as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Mayor Dobbs also stated that he met with the Alabama Department of Transportation regarding the Highway 22 project. He stated that the project is postponed indefinitely. Regarding the issue of speed and caution lights on Highway 22. Mayor Dobbs stated that the City can request a traffic study and the cost would be approximately \$3000. However, the state did not advise to have that done because there is no enforcement in Valley Grande.

Mayor Dobbs plans to meet with Teen Challenge to discuss the new contract and will report back at the next council meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt Dobbs, Mayor

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