

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA

Regular Meeting

November 6, 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: Jimmy Johnson

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 October 16, 2017 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Jimmy Johnson to accept the minutes as presented. Tammy Troha made the second. Motion carried with majority consent of the council by a show of hands vote. Ronnie Sawyer abstained from the vote.

<u>SHOW OF HANDS VOTE</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Matt Dobbs	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	Abstain	
Lamar Morgan	X	
Tammy Troha	X	
Jimmy Johnson	X	

The minutes from the October 27, 2017 special meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Tim White to accept the minutes as presented. Lamar Morgan 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>
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 a total of 13 fire calls for the month of October and one so far during the month of November.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: No report.

Tim White /Zoning, Annexation and Sewer System: No report.

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: No report.

Lamar Morgan / Public Safety: Lamar Morgan reported that he received a quote from Selma Fence on the repairs to the fence at the City Park. He suggested that we reevaluate the repairs needed and get other quotes for the work.

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: Tammy Troha reported that she currently has about 35 contestants for the Christmas in the Park beauty pageant and 25 vendors have signed gotten vendor packets. She is having a good response from local business wanting to be sponsors for the event.

She further reported that she has met with Alabama Power and Sam Smitherman and has received an estimate to add a new electrical service pole and outlets to provide more lighting for Christmas in the Park. She explained that the additional pole and outlets would provide electricity to a majority of the park for any future events. Tammy explained that she would like to expense the money from her capital outlay account.

Tammy Troha presented the council with a quote for \$2,510 from Dallas Electric for the electrical work and placement of the power pole. She explained that she would like to expense the money from her capital outlay account. A motion was made by Tim White to proceed with the work. Lamar Morgan 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>
Matt Dobbs	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Lamar Morgan	X	
Tammy Troha	X	
Jimmy Johnson	X	

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: Jimmy Johnson reported that the mobile home has been moved but the lot needs to be cleaned and the anchors removed from the ground. He expects the price of the clean up to be around \$300.

Old Business:

Lamar Morgan presented the council with the specifications that have been prepared for the video surveillance camera bid.

A motion was made by Lamar Morgan to place the video surveillance cameras out for bid for 30 days, with each location being bid separately. Tammy Troha 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>
Matt Dobbs	X	
Tim White	X	
Ronald Sawyer	X	
Lamar Morgan	X	
Tammy Troha	X	
Jimmy Johnson	X	

New Business:

Sheryl Smedley with the Selma/Dallas Chamber of Commerce addressed the council. She discussed the honor of "Alabama Retailer of the Year" recently won by David Oliver of Dave's Market in Valley Grande. She also stated that Mr. Oliver has been nominated for a small business award with the State Chamber Association.

Ms. Smedley stated that the City of Valley Grande has always supported the Chamber of Commerce and presented a letter of request to continue the partnership that the City of Valley Grande has with the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Dobbs reported that pallet forks have been bought for the tractor from Clanton Tractor and Equipment. The cost of these forks were \$892.

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with a proposed project map and cost estimate for a potential 2018 TAP Grant application. The project will provide pedestrian access, lighting and landscaping along County Road 16 between the park and Highway 22 as well as pedestrian access along Highway 22. The proposal has been prepared by Will Barrett with Civil Southeast engineering firm.

Mayor Dobbs explained that the project would be a 3 year project and the City would be responsible for 20 percent of the project costs. He asked the council to review the proposal and be prepared to ask Mr. Barrett any questions at a future council meeting.

Public Comment: None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Dobbs reported that he also discussed a City Planning Grant with Will Barrett. He had Janet talk with Brandy Wilkerson at Alabama Tombigbee regarding the grant possibilities and found that the City of Valley Grande does not qualify for funding. However, he plans to meet with Frank Dobson and Brandy to find what options are available through Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission to start putting together a comprehensive plan for the City.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Ronnie Sawyer. Jimmy Johnson made the second. The motion was carried by unanimous consent of the council. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Approved: _____
Matt Dobbs, Mayor

Attested: _____
Janet Frasier, City Clerk