

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA

Regular Meeting

April 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

In Attendance:

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| 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 April 3, 2017 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Jimmy Johnson to accept the minutes as presented. Lamar Morgan made the second. Motion carried by 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 | |

Reports of Officers:

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 7 fire calls so far during the month of April.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 10 houses in construction at this time. Construction has started on the pro shop at the Golf Course. He further reported there have been several service inspections for Mobile Home permits.

Tim White /Zoning, Annexation and Sewer System: Tim White requested the council try to choose a date to get together and install the flag pole at the sports complex.

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: No report.

Lamar Morgan / Public Safety: No report.

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: No report.

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: No report.

Old Business: No report.

New Business:

Tim White stated that he would like to see the remote controlled airport being utilized. He stated that the Sheriff's department would like to use it to train using their drones. He suggested that it be opened to drones, electric planes and gas planes. He further suggested that a shed be installed and electricity be run so that planes could be charged.

Mayor Dobbs suggested that we investigate the expenses involved, the hours and the specific regulations required and present a more detailed explanation. Tim White stated that City Hall would need to require proof of insurance and issue permits. He suggested that the council review the previous rules and regulations.

Lamar Morgan made a motion to move forward with hiring a contractor to install the flag pole at the sports complex as long as the expense is less than \$500. 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> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Matt Dobbs | X | |
| Tim White | X | |
| Ronald Sawyer | X | |
| Lamar Morgan | X | |
| Tammy Troha | X | |
| Jimmy Johnson | X | |

Lamar Morgan presented the council with quotes and specifications for a multipurpose tractor he would like to see purchased for the City.

Lamar Morgan made a motion to receive sealed bids for a diesel tractor with the bid opening scheduled for April 28, 2017. 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 | |

Tammy Troha stated that Cody Massey is now starting new summer softball leagues that will start at the end of May and go through July. He now has a men's softball league with 6 teams and a women's softball team with three teams so far. The sponsorship is \$325 per team. Cody requested that instead of buying team jerseys this year, that we only purchase championship tee shirts and use the money to buy bats for the teams to use. The bats will cost approximately \$250 each. All council members approved.

Tammy Troha further stated that the Valle Grande Mexican restaurant has requested that 2 council people serve as judges for the Car Show sponsored by the restaurant. The Car show will be held in the parking lot of June Buggs in Selma on April 29th. Ronnie Sawyer and Lamar Morgan volunteered to serve as judges.

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with a 6 month financial report. He reviewed the documents and stated that overall the City is at approximately 64% of the income 46% of the expense budget. He further explained that he and Janet were working on a new chart of accounts and budget to be implemented with the new budget year.

Mayor Dobbs reminded the council of the program with Revenue Discovery Systems presented in the previous council meeting. The program is designed to recover delinquent business license fees due to the city. He explained that there is no upfront cost and based on service results. RDS will receive a 50% fee from any business licenses recovered from the service. This fee is for past licenses owed to the jurisdiction.

A motion was made by to Tim White to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with Revenue Discovery Systems for the purpose of beginning the Discovery and Recovery program. 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 | |

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with a letter received from Rita Johnson, executor of the Betty Edwards estate. The letter explained that the estate has two adjoining lots, one of which has a home on it. They realized that the lot with the house is not large enough to sell alone and are asking permission of the council to re-divide the two lots to increase the lot with the house on it.

A motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer to allow the one time re-division of the property stating that any further division of the property would come back before the council. 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 | |

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| Tammy Troha | X |
| Jimmy Johnson | X |

Public Comments: Donna Downs addressed the council regarding the donations to the schools. Mayor Dobbs explained that the council has questions about the amount of money that has previously been donated, the schools that should receive donations and how the money is used. He explained that the council has not approved any requests at this point but they are still gathering information.

Sharon Alexander with Alabama Gas Corporation introduced herself to the council explaining that she is with the Governmental Affairs department and is the point of contact for any issues the City may have with them.

A motion was made by Jimmy Johnson for the council to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a real estate transaction. Being one of the purposes authorized by the Alabama Open Meeting Law, Act 2005-40, the motion was seconded by Tammy Troha.

The vote in regard to the motion for Executive Session was taken by roll call vote and recorded as follows:

| <u>ROLL CALL VOTE</u> | <u>YEA</u> | <u>NAY</u> |
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| Matt Dobbs | X | |
| Tim White | X | |
| Ronald Sawyer | X | |
| Lamar Morgan | X | |
| Tammy Troha | X | |
| Jimmy Johnson | X | |

The motion passed with unanimous consent. Mayor Dobbs stated the council would move into Executive Session for the purpose stated in the motion and no other purpose, and reconvene in approximately 15 minutes.

At 6:50 the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session. The Council reconvened into regular session at 7:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer to give Jimmy Johnson the authority to negotiate a purchase price with the land owner of the property adjacent to the Public Safety Building. The negotiation should start with a minimum of \$50,000 and a maximum of \$60,000. 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 | |

Janet Frasier explained to the council that the Franchise agreement with Charter Cable needs to be reviewed and renewed by the council. Mayor Dobbs stated that will be addressed at the next council meeting.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Dobbs stated that he had spoken with an engineering firm concerning a city plan for Valley Grande. He further stated that he would like to see this plan discussed after new fiscal year.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Approved: _____
Matt Dobbs, Mayor

Attested: _____
Janet Frasier, City Clerk