

## MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA

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***Regular Meeting***

***February 5, 2018***

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:**

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 22, 2018 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Tim White 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.

<b><u>SHOW OF HANDS VOTE</u></b>	<b><u>YEA</u></b>	<b><u>NAY</u></b>
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: No report.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported the final inspection has been done for the Tin Cup Restaurant at the Valley Grande Golf Course. There are currently seven homes in construction.

Tim White /Zoning, Annexation and Sewer System: Tim White reported the road going into the lagoon is impassable due to the construction from the sewer project. He further stated that he had Janet contact Tommy Jones regarding the lagoon. Tim reported that there were not many options as far as the City relinquishing its ownership of the lagoon. Tommy Jones is working on a

procedure for collections that would include having Attorney, Virginia Blackwell doing collections before addressing liens on property.

Tim White asked Janet to report on the blower that EMC has recommended for the lagoon. Janet explained that EMC stated that this blower is needed for aeration and to keep the oxygen levels in compliance with ADEM.

Jimmy Johnson asked that EMC meet with the mayor or the council for further explanation on the aeration.

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: Ronnie Sawyer reported that tee ball and baseball registration has been planned for the end of February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Bubba Holley reported that he has handed out 1400 flyers to the schools in Dallas County. He is in the process of getting sponsors for the tee ball and baseball teams to cut the cost per child. The cost for a team sponsor and a banner is \$250. The cost of having a banner without a team sponsor is \$200. Bubba stated that he has 13 businesses committed so far.

Lamar Morgan / Public Safety: Lamar Morgan reported that he has been in touch with Morrow fencing regarding the repair and modifications of the fencing at the sports complex. Morrow has ordered the supplies and should be starting in the near future.

Lamar stated that he is planning another Public Safety Committee meeting. He stated that there have been several break-ins reported in the area and there have not been as many deputies seen during the day lately. He stated that he would like to check the scheduling with the Sheriff's deputies to have more deputies in Valley Grande during the day.

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: Tammy Troha stated that she was glad to meet Bubba Holley. She asked if Penny Howell had been let go and if Bubba was now maintaining the bathrooms at the park. Mayor Dobbs stated that Bubba was responsible for the ballfield and the walking trail. Tammy Troha further stated that she had seen Bubba's wife cleaning the bathrooms at the walking trail and stated that she wanted it noted that Bubba was the employee and the City could not be responsible if his wife slipped or fell.

Mayor Dobbs stated that Bubba is the City employee but if he chooses to let his wife help him, then the City would not be responsible. Tammy questioned the legalities of hiring Bubba and allowing his wife to work. Mayor Dobbs stated that we would investigate and find out.

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mayor Dobbs stated that it is time to re-bid the concessions at the sports complex. The council agreed that equipment in the concession stand was available to be used but the City would not purchase or replace any equipment.

A motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer that the concessions at the sports complex be put out for bid with a minimum bid requirement of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) with the same stipulations as last year. Tammy Troha made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council with 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	

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Dobbs asked Janet to report on the Chamber of Commerce Bicentennial Committee. Janet explained that the committee is looking for a location to hold the kick off fundraiser for the Alabama/Dallas County bicentennial celebration. The committee has asked if the council would consider allowing the gala to be held at the City Park. After discussion, a motion was made by Jimmy Johnson to allow The Chamber of Commerce Bicentennial Celebration to be held at the City Park, May 12, 2018 with no charge for the use of the park. 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 thanked the Boy Scout troops for attending the council meeting and explained they were working toward their Eagle Scout communications badge.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Jimmy Johnson. Lamar Morgan made the second. The motion was carried by unanimous consent of the council. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

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

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