

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

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***Regular Meeting***

***April 16, 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 April 2, 2018 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Tammy Troha to accept the minutes as presented. Jimmy Johnson 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>
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 3 fire calls during the month of April and all fire trucks had passed the annual pump tests. He further reported that he had spoken with the Sheriff's department and they are going to increase the patrol in Valley Grande this month.

Boyd stated that the sewer had failed to be compliant during the month of March. He stated that someone from Alabama Rural Water Association is coming Monday to assess the lagoon and make recommendations. ARWA has already researched the lagoon and became familiar with it. One recommendation was to increase the sewer rates annually to cover expenses incurred.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 5 houses currently in construction with the new application for a permit.

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

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: No report.

Lamar Morgan / Public Safety: Lamar reported that to have the shed taken down, moved from behind City Hall to the sports complex and extended to house the tractor, could possibly be more expensive than buying a new shed. He and Ronnie are going to check into other options.

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: Tammy Troha reported that she is talking to several different people to see if there is a possible option for installing a new fence at walking trail and in front of the entire park.

She stated that she has already booked the fireworks for Independence Day but needs to talk with Paul Alexander regarding music to be played during the fireworks show.

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with Resolution 2018-83 allowing the City Clerk to open a checking account for the Community Block Development Grant.

Ronnie Sawyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-83. 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	

**RESOLUTION 2018-83**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA hereby authorizes the city clerk/treasurer to open an account with First Cahawba Bank, on behalf of the City for the purpose of depositing funds from the State of Alabama and matching funds from the City of Valley Grande to pay invoices due on the Community Development Block Grant.

This resolution shall become effective April 16, 2018.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

Mayor Dobbs declared Resolution 2018-83 adopted as attached to these minutes.

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with Resolution 2018-84 awarding the bid for lawn maintenance to Dana Lawrence. A motion was made by Tammy Troha to adopt Resolution 2018-84

and award the bid to the low bidder, Dana Lawrence. 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	

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-84**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR THE  
LAWN MAINTENANCE**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Valley Grande has solicited sealed bids as required under the Alabama bid law; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were opened on April 12, 2018 at Valley Grande City Hall with five (5) bids submitted; and

**WHEREAS**, said bid was as follows:

1. Bobby Howard	\$33,770
2. Pardue Landscaping	\$31,180
3. Alabama Teen Challenge	\$23,292
4. Thompson's Lawn Service	\$22,100
5. Dana Lawrence	\$16,831

**WHEREAS**, the bids were transmitted to the council at the next meeting of the council following the bid openings,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA; AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The bid submitted by Dana Lawrence is hereby accepted as low bidder; and
2. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a written agreement with Dana Lawrence for the amount set forth hereinabove, and in accordance with the terms of the corresponding bid documents.
3. The one year agreement will begin June 1, 2018 and end May 31, 2019.
4. This resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Mayor and Council.

Adopted this 16th day of April, 2018.

Mayor Dobbs declared Resolution 2018-84 adopted as attached to these minutes.

Mayor Dobbs explained that the bids were opened for the trash and debris pick up. One bid was submitted. However, the bidder officially withdrew the bid. There were no other bids to be considered.

Mayor Dobbs explained that he had discussed other options with Janet and Boyd and asked them to explore the details. One option is to talk to the County about a contract to pick up additional times

within the City limits. The other option is to hire someone to do pick up the trash on a part time basis. We have checked into buying a piece of equipment from the road maintenance fund to be used by these city employees for the specific use of road maintenance.

Mayor Dobbs asked the council to give thought to how they would like to proceed with the trash pickup and we would discuss it at a later date.

Jimmy Johnson presented the council with a proposal from David Oliver including a map with the future development. The proposal is to purchase 24 acres of land and build a 30,000 square foot store. He also plans to have two restaurants, a retail shop, and possibly a hardware store to build on the property. The proposal included the cost of the project which would be approximately \$2,500,000, and a request for a tax rebate of 1% of his taxable sales.

Mayor Dobbs asked each council member to review the proposal and continue discussion in a work session, with the City attorney present, within the next week.

**Public Comment:** David Barnes addressed the council to compliment the facilities at the walking trail and City park.

Jane Craig addressed the council stating that she was helping the Summerfield Volunteer Fire Department crawfish boil fundraiser. She stated that last year they ran out of crawfish and they are hoping to purchase more this year. She asked the council for a donation to the fire department to help with the fundraiser.

A motion was made by Lamar Morgan to donate \$1,000 to the Summerfield Volunteer Fire Department. 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	

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Dobbs presented the council with the six month financial statements and reviewed it with the council.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Jimmy Johnson. Tammy Troha made the second. The motion was carried by unanimous consent of the council. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

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

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