

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA

Regular Meeting

October 1, 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 September 17, 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 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 11 fire calls during the month of September. The repairs at the sewer have been delayed to the recent amount of rain.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 10 building permits currently in construction.

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

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: Ronnie Sawyer presented the council with two quotes for landscaping quotes for the sports complex. The quote from Carriage Hill Landscaping

was \$6,128.00 and the quote from Big Mulberry Nursery and Landscape was \$3,205.00. Tammy Troha stated that she disagreed with planting shrubs for safety reasons.

A motion was made by Ronnie Sawyer to accept the quote from Big Mulberry Nursery and Landscape for \$3,205.00 and to proceed with the project. Tim White made the second. Motion carried with a majority 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 / Public Safety: Lamar Morgan reported that the security cameras are installed and working at the sports complex and walking trail. He further stated that work has started on the new building.

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: Tammy Troha reported that the Christmas tree lighting will be during Christmas in the park on December 8, 2018 and the beauty pageant will be held Thursday November 15, 2018 at Martin Middle School. Pageant practice will be held on Tuesday November 13, 2018.

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: Jimmy Johnson reported that David Oliver has been approached by the adjoining property owner regarding the purchase of additional land. He expects the contract to be signed by Mr. Oliver within the next couple of weeks.

Old Business: None

New Business: Sheryl Smedley presented the council with a Retail Marketplace Profile of Valley Grande using Dave's market as the pinpoint location. She reviewed the demographics and income for the area and explained that this was the starting point and stated that the next step would be to focus on property that would be available for developers. She asked the council to review the date and feel free to call her with any questions.

Mrs. Smedley reminded the council of the Dallas County Bicentennial Celebration to be held at Old Cahawba on Saturday, October 8th. She encouraged all council members and residents to participate in the event. She asked that the Proclamation for the Bicentennial Celebration be signed and presented on Saturday at 11:00 am.

Mayor Dobbs recognized the Dallas County Sheriff's department for being present in the meeting. The mayor explained that the Public Safety budget had a surplus at the end of the fiscal year and he authorized a donation to the Dallas County Sheriff's Department for some necessary body armor and various equipment that was needed out of the previously budgeted money.

Public Comment: Mike Granthum addressed the council and thanked them for the donation. He stated that the County Commission works with them and supplies them with the equipment

needed. He further stated that they always need more because of the 5-year expiration date on vests and equipment. They have always counted on grants to help them keep all of the equipment current, but a lot of the grant money is not received as it was previously. He explained that this donation will help buy tasers for the deputies and the extra vests needed.

Sheriff Harris Huffman spoke to the council stating he will be retiring in January and he has enjoyed working with Valley Grande and hopes that it continues to grow and prosper. He appreciates the support over the years from Valley Grande.

Mayor's Report: No report

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 6:23 PM.

Approved: _____
Matt Dobbs, Mayor

Attested: _____
Janet Frasier, City Clerk