

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

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***Regular Meeting***

***August 6, 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	Absent
Ronald Sawyer	Present
Lamar Morgan	Present
Tammy Troha	Present
Jimmy Johnson	Present

Quorum was made with all council members present.

The minutes from the July 16, 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 8 fire calls during the month of July and one call so far for the month of August.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 10 active permits for new homes.

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

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: Ronnie Sawyer presented the council with a program for a Home Run Derby. He explained that it would be held August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Sports Complex with Bubba Holley overseeing the event. He stated that he thought it would be a great activity and asked for approval from the council. All council members approved.

Lamar Morgan / Public Safety: Lamar Morgan reported that the cameras have been installed at City Hall and we are waiting to get some electrical work and the internet installed at the Sports Complex and pavilion. The cameras will be installed at the sports complex this week, but we will not be able to monitor them until the internet is working. Lamar further reported that the light for the flag pole in front of City Hall has been ordered and should be installed this week.

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: Tammy Troha reported that she has a quote for the iron fence at the City Park and Sports Complex. She explained that it would have brick pillars every 100 feet with additional pillars on each side of the gates. The quote she has received is for \$33,000.

Ronnie Sawyer expressed concerns about the gates affecting the parking at sporting events. Tammy Troha stated that she did not feel it would hinder any one from parking but that it would keep people from parking on the side of County Road 16.

Mayor Dobbs explained that the parking situation was a legitimate concern and we needed to find out the exact specifications of the right of way before proceeding. Mayor Dobbs also stated that he had researched and because of the building and structure of the fencing, it will fall under the public works section of the bid law. Therefore, it is not required to be bid. He stated that he would like to have at least 3 estimates and would like to address Ronnie's concerns and move forward at the next council meeting.

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: No report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Dobbs stated that he met with Aubrey Carter of Alabama Power and Ephraim Stockdale of Southern Company in reference to City planning. He explained they had helped him understand comprehensive plan versus strategic planning. Mayor Dobbs stated we should work toward a comprehensive city plan, however, that would be a long-term goal. He suggested, based on the suggestions from Mr. Carter and Mr. Stockdale, that we focus on a strategic plan which you be a 3 to 5-year plan.

Mayor Dobbs stated that he will be getting some survey information for all the council members to complete and to participate in moving forward with strategic planning.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Tammy Troha. Ronnie Sawyer 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