

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA

Regular Meeting

May 20, 2019

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 May 6, 2019 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	

The minutes from the May 6, 2019 public hearing were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Jimmy Johnson to accept the minutes as presented. 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	

Reports of Officers:

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 6 fire calls so far during the month of May. He further reported that a broken shaft has been found in the fire truck needing repair. The repair company is trying to locate another shaft to fit. The entire pump may possibly have to be replaced.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 6 houses currently in progress and the North Dallas Water project is about to be complete.

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

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: Ronnie Sawyer asked that Tammy consider allowing AirVac to land the helicopter at the Independence Day Celebration and allow them to hand out brochures about their services offered.

Lamar Morgan / Public Safety: No report

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: No report.

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Wayne Vardaman of the Selma and Dallas County Economic Development Authority and Attorney Brain Robinson of Bradley Arant, addressed the council regarding a possible solar energy project. The majority of the project would be located in Dallas County with a portion being located in Valley Grande. The EDA is requesting that the City consent to allow the County to abate the sales and use tax for the project. The request for the proposal has been issued by Alabama Power Company and Next Era Energy is competing for a contract to develop the solar farm. If they win the contract and locate the project in Dallas County the company will make a capital investment of approximately 75 million dollars. The educational tax benefit would be approximately 1.5 million dollars to the County school system over 10 years.

Probate Judge Jimmy Nunn addressed the council expressing his approval of the project and stating that it would be good publicity and show collaboration between Valley Grande and the County to bring in the project provide help for Dallas County and the school system.

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with Resolution 2019-95 consenting to the abatement of certain City sales and use taxes by the County with respect to the project. A motion was made by Tim White to adopt Resolution 2019-95. Ronald Sawyer made the second. Motion carried by a majority consent of the council by a show of hands vote. Tammy Troha abstained from the 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	Abstain	
Jimmy Johnson	X	

Mayor Dobbs declared Resolution 2019-95 adopted as attached to these minutes.

RESOLUTION 2019-95
THE VALLEY GRANDE CITY COUNCIL

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Valley Grande (the "Granting Authority"), as follows:

Section 1. The Granting Authority does hereby find, declare and ascertain as follows: that Dallas County Solar, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), is considering the leasing, development, equipping, and installation of a new solar photovoltaic generating facility located on those certain parcels of land in Dallas County, Alabama (the "County") described on Exhibit A to the application attached hereto, a portion of which are located inside the corporate limits and/or police jurisdiction of the City of Valley Grande (the "City", and such project, the "Project"); that the Project would promote trade and commerce in the State of Alabama, and in the jurisdiction of the Granting Authority and surrounding areas; that it is desirable and appropriate for the Granting Authority to consent to the abatement of certain City sales

and use taxes by the County with respect to the Project, pursuant to Chapter 9B of Title 40 of the Code of Alabama (1975), as amended (herein called the "Tax Abatement Act") as provided in the "Application to Granting Authority for Abatement of Taxes" presented to the meeting at which this resolution is adopted (such application is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part of this resolution as if fully and completely set forth herein); and therefore it is desirable and appropriate for the Granting Authority to consent to the granting of said tax abatements.

Section 2. Pursuant to the provisions of the Tax Abatement Act, and specifically Alabama Code § 40-9B-5(b), the Granting Authority hereby consents to the County granting to the Company abatements of the City's Construction Related Transaction Taxes associated with the Project to the fullest extent allowed under the Tax Abatement Act. The term "Construction Related Transaction Taxes" shall have the same meaning herein as in the Tax Abatement Act.

Section 3. General Authorization. The Mayor and the Clerk are hereby further authorized and directed to execute, deliver, seal, and attest such other ancillary documents and certificates as may be necessary to effect the transaction authorized by this resolution, and their signatures thereon shall be conclusive evidence of the due exercise of this authority.

Section 4. Severability Provisions. The various provisions of this resolution are hereby declared to be severable. In the event any provision hereof shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any other portion of this resolution.

Section 5. Contract. The terms of this resolution shall be deemed a contract with the Company and may not be rescinded or amended by the Granting Authority without the express, written consent of the Company.

Adopted on this 20th day of May, 2019.

Mayor Dobbs reported that Burke Seymore had resubmitted the plat with the changes for the Lauren Lane Subdivision as requested. He stated that all requirements have been met and a Public

Hearing has been held for discussion of the subdivision. A motion was made by Tammy Troha to accept the subdivision and allow Mr. Seymore to move forward. 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	

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with the Lawn Maintenance Bid requirements and the Litter and Debris Removal bid requirements. He discussed the additional areas to be added to the lawn maintenance bid. A motion was made to proceed with the invitations to bid and to post until May 31, 2019 by Tammy Troha. 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 Dobbs stated that he would like to table Resolution 2019-96 regarding the economic development project until there is further discussion with David Oliver.

Public Comment: None

Mayor's Report: None

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