

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

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***Regular Meeting***

***August 19, 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 July 15, 2019 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Lamar Morgan to accept the minutes as presented. 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	

The minutes from the August 5, 2019 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Tim White 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 8 fire calls so far during the month of August. He further reported vandalism that had occurred at the Walking Trail. The cameras were able to recognize the vehicle and get a tag number. The Sheriff's department located the people responsible. Boyd and deputies met with them and they agreed to pay for the damages. Three people were involved, two have paid and the third has agreed to pay on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August.

Boyd explained that four out of the last seven nights the cameras showed activity at the pavilion, walking trail, parking lot or the baseball field after the park closed. He suggested that a fence be placed at the entrance of the park to try to prevent activity after hours.

Tammy Troha stated that she has contacted Morrow Fence Company and requested a quote and options for fencing along County Road 16 and a gate for the entrance.

Boyd further reported that the sewer failed due to the E coli level. He stated that he has not heard back from EMC regarding a schedule to maintain the duckweed in the lagoon.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 3 new permits. There are currently 5 houses in progress. One permit is a 7400 square foot airplane hanger on County Road 269.

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

Ronald Sawyer / Beautification and Education: No report.

Lamar Morgan / Public Safety: No report.

Tammy Troha / Parks and Recreation: No report.

Jimmy Johnson / Business and Community Development: Jimmy Johnson stated that he hopes to have a planning session soon and he would like to have David Oliver attend to give an update on his project.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with Resolution 2019-102 authorizing the new owners of the Marathon Food Mart to pursue their off-premises beer and wine license. A motion was made by Tammy Troha to adopt Resolution 2019-102. 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 declared Resolution 2019-102 adopted as attached to these minutes

**RESOLUTION #2019-102**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Valley Grande that Marathon Food Mart located at 3037 Citizens Parkway, inside Valley Grande corporate limits, be authorized to pursue the issuance of a license for an off premises retail beer and off premises retail table wine license.

Adopted this 19th day of August, 2019.

Lamar Morgan explained to the council that he and Boyd attended a meeting at the Sheriff's Department to watch a presentation of Flock Cameras. This camera system takes pictures of vehicles and tags and is tied into the National Crime Information System. Lamar stated that 8 cameras could be installed in 4 locations for \$1,400 per month. There would not be any other cost for cameras, poles or internet service. All police departments that are on the camera system can monitor the cameras. The Dallas County Sheriff's department plans to purchase cameras on the system. Lamar stated he would like for the council to see a demo on the system.

Lamar further stated that the Sheriff's department would like to equip three additional deputy cars with radar guns. They are asking that if there is any money left in the budgeted amount for the sheriff's department, at year end, that the council consider using the money to help purchase the radar guns.

**Public Comment:** Chrissy Pitts and Elaine Stewart addressed the council regarding the Walking Trail. They complained that the park was not being maintained as well as they would like to see it maintained. Mayor Dobbs explained that we have a contract for the lawn maintenance and a part time employee that takes care of the garbage. Both are done weekly and within our budgeted amount for the Walking Trail.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Dobbs presented the council with a request for Funds from the Fourth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force. He explained that donation was made in December 2018 and stated that we could consider that again in the next budget.

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