

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

Regular Meeting

November 16, 2020

Call to order by Wayne Labbe, Mayor at 6:00 PM

Meeting held at Valley Grande City Hall

Minutes submitted: Janet Frasier, City Clerk

Presiding: Wayne Labbe

Invocation: Jane Harris

In Attendance:

Wayne Labbe, Mayor	Present
Kay Davidson	Present
Sara Day	Present
Jane Harris	Present
Bruce Hughes	Present
Robbie Rose	Present

Quorum was made with all council members present.

The minutes from the November 2, 2020 regular meeting were presented by Janet Frasier. Motion was made by Jane Harris to accept the minutes as written. Bruce Hughes made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council by a show of hands vote.

<u>SHOW OF HANDS VOTE</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Wayne Labbe	X	
Kay Davidson	X	
Sara Day	X	
Jane Harris	X	
Bruce Hughes	X	
Robbie Rose	X	

Reports of Officers:

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 9 fire calls during the month of November with 2 fatalities in one car accident on Highway 22.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that we currently have 11 permits in process. Bruce Hughes requested a report of the total value of current permits this year versus the permits in process last year. He asked that a report be given monthly to show the total value of both permit fees and value of projects.

Bubba Holley/ Parks & Recreation – Bubba Holley reported that clean up from the Hurricane has started at the Walking Trail. He also stated that the tractor stopped running and will need repair.

New Business:

Mayor Labbe brought forth to the council the appointment of Advisory Groups and read the proposed appointments for the coming term of office. The proposed Advisory Groups were as follows:

- Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety**
- Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education**
- Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events**
- Robbie Rose / Parks and Recreation, Sports Complex**
- Kay Davidson / Business and Community Development**

A motion was made by Robbie Rose to accept the appointment of Advisory Groups. Kay Davidson 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>
Wayne Labbe	X	
Kay Davidson	X	
Sara Day	X	
Jane Harris	X	
Bruce Hughes	X	
Robbie Rose	X	

Mayor Labbe presented the council with a proposal from Environment Management Company to make the required repairs at the lagoon. He explained that ADEM has required that we have the necessary repairs made to keep the lagoon in compliance. The lagoon needs a longer time between the chlorination and dichlorination before being discharged.

Mayor Labbe stated that the repairs had been explored and considered by the previous administration and several quotes were submitted. EMC is the company that currently maintains and supplies chemicals for the sewer lagoon as well as the reports to the state. Their engineering staff has submitted the quote for \$19,975.00 for the installation of the equipment needed. It is the lowest quote received and he suggested that we accept the quote and move forward with the project.

A motion was made by Jane Harris to accept the quote from EMC and proceed with the repairs. Sara Day made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council by a show of hands.

<u>SHOW OF HANDS VOTE</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Wayne Labbe	X	
Kay Davidson	X	
Sara Day	X	
Jane Harris	X	
Bruce Hughes	X	
Robbie Rose	X	

Bruce Hughes addressed the council stating that he has questions regarding the rules and policy of the flight field. He stated that the rules were well written, but the city needs more control of the use of the field. He suggested that names of the people that have registered with the city and shown

proof of insurance be posted at the flight field allowing the council or employees to approach individuals to make sure they were complying with the rules. He suggested a gate fee to be charged when individuals register and show proof of insurance.

Mayor Labbe suggested that the council address the flight field policies and control in a planning suggestion.

Mayor Labbe stated that due to the pandemic, he feels that the City should not host any on sight events for Christmas in the Park. He suggested that the budget money be used to light and decorate the park for residents to enjoy during the entire Christmas season.

Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2020-122 authorizing Civil Southeast to submit an application to Alabama Department of Transportation for Roadway Improvements. Mayor Labbe explained that the Grant is for \$250,000. Will Barrett, with Civil Southeast, has been given five roads within the city limits that are thought to be in the worst need of repair. The roads being considered are County Road 240, County Road 273, County Road 986, Pear Tree Drive and North Lake Drive. He further explained that 3 of these roads are private roads that can be brought up to County specifications to be adopted and maintained by the county.

Mayor Labbe explained that the City's matching funds could be possibly be \$150,000 if all roads were included in the grant. Seventy five thousand dollars of the matching funds could be used from the Rebuild Alabama account, Road Maintenance account and the General Road Maintenance account.

A motion was made Bruce Hughes to adopt Resolution 2020-122 and make application for Alabama Department of Transportation roadway improvements. Robbie Rose 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>
Wayne Labbe	X	
Kay Davidson	X	
Sara Day	X	
Jane Harris	X	
Bruce Hughes	X	
Robbie Rose	X	

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2020-122 adopted as attached to these minutes.

RESOLUTION 2020-122

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CIVIL SOUTHEAST, LLC TO MAKE APPLICATION TO ALDOT FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Valley Grande, Alabama is interested in applying under Alabama Department of Transportation's, Rebuild Alabama Act (RAA) Annual Grant Program for Roadway Improvements along Various Roadways, and

WHEREAS, Civil Southeast has the staff and expertise to prepare the City of Valley Grande's application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council as follows:

That an application be submitted to ALDOT and that the Council commits to all matching funds and Engineering cost and authorizes the Mayor to execute all documents required by the application.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 16TH day of NOVEMBER 2020, by the Council of the City of Valley Grande.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Labbe reported to the council the amount of money used from the Alabama Simplified Sellers Use Tax for the previous two years. He explained that the tax is collected based on the residents living in Valley Grande and expressed the importance of the census for the City.

Mayor Labbe expressed his concerns that the City does not receive any amount of beer tax because it has never been passed through the State Legislature. He stated that he intends to meet with Prince Chestnut to ask him to help get legislation passed to allow Valley Grande to receive Beer Tax money.

Mayor Labbe further reported that David Oliver has submitted plans for the new building and the culverts and slag have been delivered. He stated that he would like for the Council to explore grants to help with the expense of the turning lane and possible sewer connection to the project.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Jane Harris. Sara Day made the second. The motion was carried by unanimous consent of the council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Approved: _____
Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attested: _____
Janet Frasier, City Clerk