**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting January 4, 2021***

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

Meeting held at Valley Grande City Hall

Minutes submitted: Kim Harris, Asst. City Clerk

Presiding: Mayor Wayne Labbe

Invocation: Mayor Wayne Labbe

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 December 21, 2020 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Jane Harris to accept the minutes as written. Robbie Rose made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council by a show of hands vote.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe X

Kay Davidson X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Kay Davidson / Business and Community Development:** Kay Davidson had no report but had questions regarding the debris remaining from Hurricane Zeta. Jane Harris stated that the County has contracted with a company coming into the area for cleanup. The company doing the work has received a Valley Grande Business license.

Kim was asked to post a statement on the Valley Grande Facebook page letting residents know that cleanup will begin soon.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that Christmas in the Park is being wrapped up and the decorations at the park is in the process of being removed. She also stated that she has received the stolen property back from the Sheriff’s Department. She hopes to start planning an Easter event soon and she plans to get in contact with the contractors regarding the resurfacing the walking trail.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** No report.

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** No report.

**Robbie Rose / Parks and Recreation, Sports Complex:** Robbie Rose reported that he is trying to contact Shorty Phillips to get an estimate on repairing the roof at the sports complex. He is also trying to contact George Anthony for an estimate.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 1 fire call so far during the month of January.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that we currently have 11 permits in process. He also suggested underground conduit for the electrical work needed at the park.

Bubba Holley/ Parks & Recreation – Bubba Holley reported that he is looking forward to getting the new season started. He is waiting on the weather to permit the delivery of the infield mix for the fields. Mayor Labbe stated that he wanted to proceed with the new baseball season and enforce social distancing and procedures that would allow the season to proceed.

Janet Frasier / City Clerk-Treasurer - No report.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Jane Harris stated that she felt the business license ordinance was the main concern for the new council and for the residents. She stated that although it had been two years since the increase, the residents and business owners are upset, and she was asked to run for office to decrease the amount of the license across the board. She stated that the entire council was elected to address this issue and she feels that it should be discussed, and action taken.

Mayor Labbe stated that the issue does need to be addressed. He stated that he felt the ordinance does need to be discussed and a planning session will be held, possibly in February, to review and reevaluate the fees.

Bruce Hughes asked that we have several other examples of cities Business License to review.

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report –** Mayor Labbe presented the council with a draft of the annual financial report. He stated that the accountant’s office will be attending the next council meeting to review the audit.

He also reminded the council that the council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 due to the observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Wayne Labbe, Mayor

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Janet Frasier, City Clerk