**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting February 1, 2021***

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

Meeting held at Valley Grande City Hall

Minutes submitted: Kim Harris, City Clerk

Presiding: Mayor 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 January 19, 2021 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Robbie Rose to accept the minutes as written. Jane Harris 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:** No Report

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** No Report

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

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** Bruce Hughes reported that EMC has completed the installation of the equipment for the septic system at the Sewer Lagoon. He also stated that we have already received the invoice. Mayor Labbe presented the council with pictures submitted by Boyd Pugh, showing the difference in the water after the equipment was installed and operational.

**Robbie Rose / Parks and Recreation, Sports Complex:** No Report. Robbie Rose stated that he spoke to Bubba Holley and he will be letting us know about the roof at the dug outs.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: In Boyd’s absence, Mayor Labbe reported for him, that $24,000 worth of bottles that were order are on the trucks and operational. Everyone has been measured for their new turnouts and should be delivered within 3 months. The City paid out $2,200.00 in fire calls last month.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 11 active permits.

Bubba Holley/ Parks & Recreation – Bubba Holley stated that George Anthony had returned his call about the roofs on the concession stand and 6 dug outs. He gave details of the repairs that were needed, and the cost of the repairs would be $8,575.00. Mr. Anthony will have to come back to give an estimate on the roof leak at City Hall. Bubba Holley stated at this time, he has not heard back from any of the roofers that he called to give us bids. Mayor Labbe suggested that if no one gives any more bids by the next council meeting they would move on with this bid, due to ball season approaching. Mayor Wayne Labbe also stated that we have secured a place at Valley Grande Baptist Church for registration this year to help keep the vehicles from interfering with the fire trucks leaving on emergency calls. Bubba Holley stated that he has set out the banners all over Valley Grande for the registration dates. He also stated that he delivered 42 letters to different businesses for their sponsorship of teams last week. We have already received back 6 sponsors at this time. The deadline for the sponsorship is Feb. 28, 2021.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer – No report

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**  Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2021-123 to appoint Kim Harris as City Clerk.

Jane Harris made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-123 as presented. Kay Davidson made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council with a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe X

Kay Davidson X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2021-123 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**Resolution #2021-123**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

For a term to run concurrent with the current Mayor, Kim Harris is hereby appointed as City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Valley Grande upon the basis of compensation heretofore existing and may hereafter be altered.

Section 2.

Each and every provision of this resolution is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid shall affect any other provision hereof, and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this resolution would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid.

Section 3.

This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attest:

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Kim Harris, City Clerk

Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2021-124 to authorize Kim Harris, City Clerk to become an authorized signer on all open bank accounts and remove Janet Frasier from same accounts.

Jane Harris made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-124 as presented. Bruce Hughes made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council with a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe X

Kay Davidson X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2021-124 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION 2021-124**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA hereby authorizes Kim Harris, City Clerk to become an authorized signer on all open bank accounts and remove Janet Frasier from same accounts.

This resolution shall become effective February 1, 2021.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 1st day of February 2021.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kim Harris, City Clerk

Mayor Labbe presented the council with the annual bid for the sports complex concessions bid.

A motion was made by Sara Day that the concessions at the sports complex be put out for bid on February 8, 2021 and posted for two weeks, ending February 22, 2021 at 4:00 with a minimum bid requirement of $1,000 (one thousand dollars) with the same stipulations as last year. Bruce Hughes made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council with 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

**Public Comment:** Karen Morris with Vaughan Community Health Services presented the council with an offer to accept four life trail stations for the Valley Grande City Park, with the installation of the stations being the only cost to the City. Mrs. Morris gave details of the stations and suggested that we turn two of the stations into something that we do not already have. She also stated that Vaughan Health Services would pay for a permanent sign to be installed outside the walking trail that will show mileage that each person walks. Karen Morris gave details of the package handed out to the Mayor and council on other things that the youth could benefit from. Mayor Labbe suggested that we pick the life trail stations up at Bloch Park and store them. Mayor Labbe also suggested that Sara Day put a plan together to possibly enlarge the walking trail. Karen Morris stated that February is heart month and would like to leave two posters to get information out to the public, and to have a health screening in Valley Grande hopefully in the spring or as soon as the COVID restrictions are lifted.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe reminded the council that April 30, 2021 is the deadline to file their Statement of Economic Interest Form. Mayor Labbe presented the council with two of the nine resumes received for the Assistant City Clerk position. Mayor Labbe asked the council to look over their qualifications and stated that he chose three of the nine applicants to interview. He stated that he would make a decision on the one most qualified and offer the position to them as of February 15, 2021.

Mayor Labbe stated that in the upcoming planning session on the business license, he would like to also discuss the salary schedule that has not been addressed since 2014.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

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

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kim Harris, City Clerk