**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting March 01, 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 February 22, 2021 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Sara Day 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 reported that she received an update from Will Barrett with Civil Southeast about the upcoming grant applications and projects going on in Valley Grande. Kay gave each council member a copy of the email that she received from Will giving details of the ALDOT TAP Grant application, the ALDOT RAA grant that was submitted and the Dave’s Market project. Kay Davidson explained that the City would just need to apply for the ALDOT TAP Grant which will be announced in May. We are still awaiting the funding announcement on the ALDOT RAA Grant that was submitted. Dave’s Market is still awaiting ALDOT permit approval for the widening of Highway 22 for turn lanes into the development.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported the contractor is still supposed to start on the repaving of the walking trail by the end of February or first of March. Sara is representing the City in court on March 2, 2021 at 1:30 on the arrest made on the theft of City property.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** No report. However, Jane Harris stated that she spoke to Joyce Sims, Transportation Administrator, about lowering the speed limit on Hwy 22E from sign to sign. Ms. Sims stated they would look at doing this, but it would take some time, as it involves such things like having traffic counts, etc. and that it could possibly take up to one year. Jane Harris also reported that she asked Kim Harris to draft a letter so that she would have it in her file and could get back to us with any updates. Discussion was made by the council about the current speed limit and the dangers of the high-speed traffic.

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** Bruce Hughes reported that he reached out to an acquaintance to try and speed up the process in repairing the Volunteer Fire Department’s antenna. He was told that due to the weather it will be Thursday of this week before it could be installed. Bruce asked that Boyd give him an update by the end of the week or by the following Tuesday at the latest to validate that the calls are going out properly.

**Robbie Rose / Parks and Recreation, Sports Complex:** Robbie Rose reported that he, Mayor Labbe, Bubba Holley and Chuck Yeargan had a meeting about submitting a rough drawing for a second story on the concession stand at the Sports Complex. Robbie stated that Mr. Yeargan should have the drawings by next council meeting. Mayor Labbe stated that Mr. Yeargan would be paid for the drawings that we will need to go by when it is bid out. Mayor Labbe stated that we currently have portable restrooms, and he would like to see restrooms in a separate building inside the gate.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 9 calls last month and 1 call so far this month. Boyd also stated that he needs to release the Volunteer Fire Department donations checks this month. $25,000.00 for Valley Grande VFD, $25,000.00 for Summerfield and $12,500.00 for Potters Station that is in the budget for this fiscal year.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 10 permits that are still active.

Bubba Holley/ Parks & Recreation – Bubba Holley reported that all the infield mix has been delivered. He also stated that we had 229 children sign up during ball registration. He plans to set up a date and time for late registration that will include a $15.00 late fee, and post it for those that were not able to meet the deadline.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer – No report.

**Old Business:** Mayor Labbe presented the council with the request from the Drug Task Force for a $10,000.00 donation. The council inquired about the amount of past donations. The Council decided to table the request until the next meeting to decide on an amount to give at that time.

Mayor Labbe presented the council with the ALDOT TAP Grant that was discussed in detail in the previous council meeting. Kay Davidson stated that Will Barrett offered to come before the council to answer any more questions about the TAP Grant. Bruce Hughes made a motion to apply for the ALDOT TAP Grant. 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

**New Business:**  Mayor Labbe presented the council with purchasing a pitching machine for $1,035.80, that includes baseballs and two dozen softballs. Sara Day made a motion to purchase the pitching machine. Kay Davidson 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

Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2021-125 to accept the bid for sell of the concessions at the Sports Complex to Andrea Holley.

Robbie Rose made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-125 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 2021-125 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-125**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FOR SELL OF CONCESSIONS AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Valley Grande has solicited sealed bids as required under the Alabama bid law; and

**WHEREAS,** bids were opened on February 22, 2021 at Valley Grande City Hall with one (1) bid submitted; and

**WHEREAS,** said bid was as follows:

Andrea Holley $1,000.00

**WHEREAS,** the bids were transmitted to the council at the next meeting of the council following the bid openings,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

**AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The bid submitted by Andrea Holley is hereby accepted as high bidder; and

2. This resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by

the Mayor and Council.

Adopted this 1st day of March, 2021.

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Mayor Wayne Labbe

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Kim Harris

**Public Comment:** Robbie Rose introduced Mike Genard to the council to explain the concerns about the leasing of Hay on City property. Mike Genard gave details of how leasing the acreage would work and suggested a three-year minimum lease, due to the expense in maintaining the property before anyone could profit from the return. A lease would also protect both sides in liability insurance. He also stated there could be several stipulations in a lease to meet the needs of both parties. Mayor Labbe stated that leasing of the property would have to be bid out to give other citizens an opportunity and it would need to require a minimum bid. Mayor Labbe and the council will discuss the matter further in an upcoming planning session.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe reported the irony of the wreck that happened last Monday night after discussion was made to lower the speed limit on AL Hwy 22E before we had another fatality. Mayor Labbe stated that a 29-year-old male lost his life in front of his home, he gave details of the wreck and of his funeral arrangements. Jane Harris suggested that we request the Dallas Co Sheriff’s Dept. enforce the speed limits that are now in place.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk