**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting April 5, 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 March 15, 2021 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Sara Day 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.

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 introduced Will Barrett with Civil Southeast to the council for any questions they may have pertaining to the ALDOT TAP Grant. Mr. Barrett gave details of the ALDOT TAP Grant along with a map and a cost estimate for the project. Mr. Barrett also stated that he would need a resolution and a letter of financial support to apply for the grant. The deadline to apply for the grant is May 28, 2021.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported the process on the walking trail has started, the electrician has completed his work and we are waiting on the asphalt work to be done, hopefully by Thursday of next week pending the weather. Sara reported that the sprinkler system needs to be repaired due to the construction. Sara stated that the Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday April 10, 2021 and would like for everyone to join us for that event. Sara updated the council with a quote for the 4th of July annual event, she stated that the event would take place on Saturday July 3, and since vendors across Alabama increased their prices, the cost of the event would be more than this year’s budget allowed and ask the council to decide on the increase on the line item for this event so that she could reserve the spot for this event.

Bruce Hughes made a motion to request the date of July 3, 2021 and increase the funds for that line item for this event. 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

**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 spoke to Chuck Yeargan about the drawings for the concession stand and he stated that Chuck was still working on the plans. Mayor Labbe stated that that he spoke to Selma Communications about the problems with the cameras at the walking trail and sports complex going off and on. Selma Communication is expecting possible surges happening and Mayor Labbe has arranged several people to meet the next day to try and fix the problems.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 15 calls last month, and 1 call so far this month.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: No report

Bubba Holley/ Parks & Recreation – No report

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer – No report

**Old Business:** Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2021-127 to award the bid to lease the cutting of the hay to Mike Genard for $3,107.59. A motion was made by Jane Harris to adopt Resolution 2021-127. Sara Day made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council by 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 2021-127 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-127**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FOR LEASING OF HAY ON CITY PROPERTY**

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

**WHEREAS,** bids were opened on March 24, 2021 at Valley Grande City Hall with one (1) bid submitted; and

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

Mike Genard $3,107.59

**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 Mike Genard is hereby accepted as high bidder; and

2. This resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by

the Mayor and Council.

Adopted this 5th day of April, 2021.

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Mayor Wayne Labbe

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Kim Harris

**New Business:**  Jane Harris stated that she would like to have a planning session to talk about raising the sewer rates for the Overlook Hills Sewer. The Council would like to see the financials for the sewer expenditures and the income from this fiscal year to date. Discussion was made about the sewer collections and the process of which the City collects.

**Public Comment:** Keisa Smith presented the council with details and concerns about the property next to her in the Heritage Park subdivision. The council explained that at this time there are no ordinances against her concerns and no code enforcement officer to enforce them. The council understood her concerns and gave her advice on what actions to take going forward. The council agreed to send the owner of the property a letter about the situation and Mrs. Smith thanked the council for the advice on what she can do going forward.

Sara Day and Mayor Labbe presented the council with the details of a letter sent to the City from a citizen concerning an upcoming court date for her son in the theft of property case with the City. The letter is requesting the City to put a request in to the Judge for leniency.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe presented the council with details of the State of Alabama Retirement System’s request for a Resolution on converting employees from Tier 2 benefits to Tier 1 benefits. The deadline for the Resolution is May 8, 2021. The State Retirement System will not allow any agency to convert employees after this date.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk