**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting May 3, 2021***

Call to order by Kay Davidson, Mayor Pro Tempore at 6:00 PM

Meeting held at Valley Grande City Hall

Minutes submitted by Kim Harris, City Clerk

Presiding: Mayor Pro Tempore Kay Davidson

Invocation: Jane Harris

In Attendance:

Wayne Labbe, Mayor Absent

Kay Davidson Present

Sara Day Present

Jane Harris Present

Bruce Hughes Present

Robbie Rose Present

Quorum was made with five council members present. Mayor Wayne Labbe was absent from the meeting.

The minutes from the April 19, 2021 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 members present by a show of hands vote.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe Absent

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:** Sara Day stated that she would like to look into replacing the park benches at the walking trail. The council also discussed the possibilities of getting the equipment offered by Vaughan Community Health Services. Discussion was made about the cameras at the ballpark and the problems the City is still having with them.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** Jane Harris spoke to Joyce Sims with the DOT about lowering the speed limit on AL Hwy 22. Ms. Sims stated that the City of Valley Grande would be responsible for the count and she would send the paperwork and the requirements to the City to be processed. Once the paperwork is returned to them, the DOT will determine if its worthy to be done. Jane Harris also explained that Ms. Sims informed her of the liabilities of the crosswalk over Hwy 22 regarding the TAP Grant.

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

**Robbie Rose / Parks and Recreation, Sports Complex:** Robbie Rose reported that he spoke to Bubba Holley and Kim Harris about the ant and weed problem at the ballpark. Robbie Rose presented the council with quotes for a sprayer and chemicals from Safford Hardware and Central AL Co-Op. Discussion was made between the council about the difference in the product and prices. Jane Harris made a motion to purchase the goods from Central AL Co-Op. Sara Day made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present by a show of hands vote.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe Absent

Kay Davidson X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes Sustained

Robbie Rose X

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 5 last month, and 2 calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 10 active permits this month.

Bubba Holley/ Parks & Recreation – Bubba Holley reported that practices are still going on and ball games will begin on Monday, May 10, 2021.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer – No report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**  Mayor Pro Tempore Kay Davidson presented the council with Resolution 2021-129 The Retirement System of Alabama’s Employer plan to offer Tier 1 benefits to Tier 2 employees. Bruce Hughes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-129. Sara Day made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe Absent

Kay Davidson X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Pro Tempore declared Resolution 2021-129 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-129**

**A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE TIER 1 BENEFITS TO TIER 2 PLAN MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS,** under the provisions of Act 2019-132, employers who participate in the Employees’ Retirement System pursuant to *Ala. Code* 36-27-6 may elect to provide Tier 1 retirement benefits to Tier 2 plan members, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Valley Grande, Alabama participated in the Employees’ Retirement System pursuant to *Ala Code* 36-27-6 and wishes to improve retirement benefits for its Tier 2 plan members;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council that the City of Valley Grande, Alabama elects to provide Tier 1 retirement benefits to its Tier 2 plan members, subject to approval by the Employees’ Retirement System Board of Control; that, if approved, such election shall be effective the following fiscal year and is irrevocable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Valley Grande, Alabama has reviewed the actuarial cost estimate provided by the Employees’ Retirement System for such election and agrees to pay any resulting increases in the employer contribution rate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that beginning in the month that such election is effective, the City of Valley Grande, Alabama’s Tier 2 plan members shall contribute 7.5% of their earnable compensation to the Employees’ Retirement System and the City of Valley Grande’s tier 2 plan members who are firefighters or law enforcement officers, as defined by *Ala. Code* 36-27-59(a), shall contribute 8.5% of their earnable compensation to the Employees’ Retirement System, as required by Act 2019-132.

Signature of Authorizing Official \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor Pro Tempore Kay Davidson presented the council with Ordinance 2021-130 to increase sewer rates ten dollars per month and establish policies & procedures. Bruce Hughes made a motion to remove the basic commercial rates from the ordinance and place ordinance on first reading. Robbie Rose made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe Absent

Kay Davidson X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Pro Tempore Kay Davidson presented the council with Resolution 2021-131 the Annual WMPP report required by ADEM. Jane Harris made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-131. Robbie Rose made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe Absent

Kay Davidson X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Pro Tempore declared Resolution 2021-131 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION 2021-131**

**2020 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Annual Report**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that City of Valley Grande, Alabama informs the Alabama Department of Environmental Management that the 2020 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Annual Report, which is attached to this Resolution, has been reviewed by the City of Valley Grande and no actions are necessary at this time to insure continued compliance with effluent requirements of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit:

This the 3rd day of May 2021.

**ATTEST:**

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Kim Harris, Wayne Labbe,

City Clerk Mayor

Bruce Hughes presented the council with the annual Lawn Care Maintenance Bid. Bruce Hughes made a motion to post the annual lawn care maintenance bid on May 4, 2021 and the bid opening on May 14, 2021 @ 10:00 am. Robbie Rose made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present by a show of hands vote.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe Absent

Kay Davidson X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

**Public Comment:**

**Mayor’s Report:** Absent.

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 members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk