**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting May 17, 2021***

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

Meeting held at Valley Grande City Hall

Minutes submitted by Kim Harris, 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 May 3, 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 members 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 gave each council member an information packet regarding the concerns for the safety and liabilities with the ALDOT TAP Grant for the crosswalk. The information clarified the City would not be liable and the crosswalk could deter the speed of traffic. Pedestrian connectivity is the key element with the TAP grant that ALDOT will consider when funding the project.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day stated the park benches at the walking trail need to be replaced. Sara gave details to the council from her research on several options including expanded metal and recycled plastic benches and the prices for each. Discussion was made between the council of possibly replacing the picnic tables later. Sara stated that she would bring more official options to the council by the next council meeting.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** No report. Discussion was made between the council regarding information being sent to the City on the traffic census from the Department of Transportation and also options on speed censors in the City.

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** No report. Discussion was made between the council regarding the cameras at the walking trail.

**Robbie Rose / Parks and Recreation, Sports Complex:** Robbie Rose stated that Bubba Holley purchased the sprayer for the tractor and chemicals to start spraying the fields for weeds and ants at the ballpark.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 5 calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 9 active permits this month.

Bubba Holley/ Parks & Recreation: Absent from meeting.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: Kim Harris presented the council with a Profit and Loss including Budget vs Actual spending report and Balance Sheet through April 2021 of this fiscal year for the council to review.

**Old Business:** Mayor Labbe presented the council with Ordinance 2021-130 for final passage to rescind Ordinance No. 2012-88 and its amendments to increase the sewer rates for the Overlook Hill Sewer. Jane Harris made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-130 as introduced. Bruce Hughes made the second. Motion carried by 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 2021-130 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**Ordinance No. 2021-130**

Amendment to Ordinance #2012-88

**An Ordinance To Establish Sewer Rates, Policies And Procedures For The City Of Valley Grande Sewer Collection As Set Forth In The City Of Valley Grande, Alabama.**

**Be It Ordained** by the City of Valley Grande, Alabama, as follows:

**SECTION 1. SCHEDULE FEES**

**Basic Residential Service** $35.00/ month

**Late Charge** $5.00/ occurrence

**Connect Fee** $50.00 new customer w/existing connection

**Reconnect Fee** $150.00 existing customer cut off for non-payment

**\*Impact Fee** $2500.00 (new customer w/no prior connection.)

**SECTION 2. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**SECTION 3. DISCONNECTION, PENALTIES AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

**1.) Disconnection**. any persons, firm, or corporation, will be disconnected from the sewer system for non-payment and will have to pay a penalty to have the service reconnected.

**2.) Penalty**. A surcharge of One Hundred fifty ($150.00) dollars is hereby imposed and added to every sewer that is cut-off for non-payment after two consecutive billing cycles.

**3.) Effective Date**. This Ordinance shall be effective from, and after its adoption and publication.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Adopted and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Wayne Labbe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Harris, City Clerk

**New Business:**  Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2021-132 to award the Lawn Maintenance Bid. Sara Day made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-132 awarding the Lawn Maintenance to Thompson Lawn Service as lowest bidder. Jane Harris made the second. Motion carried by 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 2021-132 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-132**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR THE**

**LAWN MAINTENANCE**

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

**WHEREAS,** bids were opened on May 14, 2021 at Valley Grande City Hall with three (3) bids submitted; and

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

1. Fancher Lawn & Construction $22,680.00
2. Thompson Lawn Service $21,500.00
3. Hunter Bolen $23,392.42

**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 Thompson Lawn Service is hereby accepted as low bidder; and
2. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a written agreement with Thompson Lawn Service for the amount set forth hereinabove, and in accordance with the terms of the corresponding bid documents.
3. The one-year agreement will begin June 1, 2021 and end May 31, 2022.
4. This resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Mayor and Council.

Adopted this 17th day of May 2021.

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Mayor Wayne Labbe

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Kim Harris

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with a request from Matt Johnson with Alabama Teen Challenge for the City to sponsor the 49th annual Walk for Freedom to be held at Valley Grande Park on May 22, 2021 from 10:00 am until Noon. Mayor Labbe gave details of the different levels of sponsorship. Robbie Rose made a motion to sponsor the Silver Level for $500.00. 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

**Public Comment:** Jane Harris requested a hard copy of the contract with Dave’s Market for review. Discussion was made between the council about some of the details and deadlines in the contract.

**Mayor’s Report:** No report. Mayor Labbe stated that he was glad to be back and thanked the council for moving forward with City business in his absence while he was in the hospital.

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 members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk