**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting June 7, 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: 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 May 17, 2021 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Robbie Rose 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 reported the TAP Grant award should be announced in August or September 2021.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that she gave an update on social media announcing the details of fireworks show. Sara stated that she emailed George Henry a flyer about the show, and he stated that he will start advertising this month at no charge to the city.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** Jane Harris reported that Jay Davis contacted her about Broadband Wi-Fi to increase the service in our area. Jane stated that she thinks the citizens would benefit from this and will reach out to him for more details.

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** No report. Bruce stated that everything is good with the Valley Grande Sewer System, and we are still waiting on the turnouts for the Volunteer Fire Department.

**Robbie Rose / Parks and Recreation, Sports Complex:** No report.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 1 call so far this month. Boyd reported the cameras at the ballpark are back up and working properly. Mayor Labbe stated the Wi-Fi may have been the cause of the problems we were having.

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

Bubba Holley/ Parks & Recreation: Absent from meeting.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: No report.

**Old Business:** Sara Day presented the council with options and prices from two different companies for recycled benches to replace the ones at the walking trail. Sara gave the council details of the cost, description, assembly, and accessories of the benches. Bruce Hughes made a motion to proceed with the benches at Sara’s discretion between the two quotes. Kay Davidson 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

**New Business:**  Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with a packet from Peake Ins. Co. regarding cyber insurance for the city. Discussion was made between the council of the pros and cons of having the insurance. Mayor Labbe explained the process and will send the application back to the insurance company to receive the quote.

**Public Comment:** Kay Davidson asked the council if the city had ever presented any beautification awards to the citizens of Valley Grande. Discussion was made between the council, and they agreed to research the possibilities of having something like this in the future.

Aubrey Carter attended the council meeting to inform the council that if he could be of any help to them or the city, not to hesitate to call him. The mayor stated that with the possibility of receiving the TAP Grant we would be interested in more lighting throughout the city. Aubrey Carter stated that he looks forward to the discussions about the lighting and he would reach out to someone that researches grants for him and he will make sure our project is on his radar as he is looking for grants and will send that information to the city. Mr. Carter stated that he would leave his contact information and would make sure to get back in touch with the city. The council discussed the different areas in the city that lightning would be essential.

**Mayor’s Report:** No report.

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 6:22 PM.

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

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Kim Harris, City Clerk