**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting June 21, 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 June 7, 2021 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Bruce Hughes to accept the minutes as written. Sara Day 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:** No report.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that she ordered the park benches for the Walking Trail and the delivery will be twelve weeks out. Sara stated that she ordered the cheaper of the two presented at the last council meeting. Sara reported the Fireworks show is still on for July 3, 2021, and the set-up time will be 8:00 am on that day. Sara also stated the hayfield has been prepared for the event as well. Discussion was made between the council of having food vendors at the Fireworks Show. The council decided to wait until the Fall Festival since it is so close to the event, because it would not allow vendors time to prepare.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** Jane Harris reported she spoke to Jay Davis again about Broadband Wi-Fi to increase the service in our area. Jane stated that Jay sent her more information on the high-speed internet and from her investigation, it looks like several organizations are on board such as Alabama Power and Tombigbee. She stated that she would contact Alabama Power and other agencies like North Dallas Water to get more details. Jane stated it seems like they need an avenue to go down regarding this grant.

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

**Robbie Rose / Parks and Recreation, Sports Complex:** Robbie Rose reported that everything is good regarding the ballpark. The council discussed the recent health issue with Bubba Holley and reported he was doing much better.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 7 calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 9 active permits and 3 service inspections so far 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 for this fiscal year for the council to review.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**  Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with a prospective subdivision from Don Smith on County Road 519. Details of the subdivision were discussed among the council. Mayor Labbe stated that forming a subdivision was a process and the council will set a hearing date at the next meeting to inform the surrounding residents. The hearing will be with in 30-45 days of this meeting.

**Public Comment:** Sara Day brought before the council, the complaints from a few citizens in Valley Grande regarding things that have recently taken place at the ballfields. Mayor Labbe reported to the council that he had a lengthy discussion with Bubba Holley on several different things regarding the ballpark and the complaints as well. This included the number of games that are being canceled due to the rain and games not being played on Saturday. Mayor Labbe explained that we have a time limit to cancel a game to be able to call off umpires and other staff that are involved. Although we cannot make up all the canceled games, the mayor stated that he spoke to Bubba about making up the ranking games on Saturday. Mayor Labbe wants to have someone on staff to be a presence at the fields when Bubba is not able to attend. Discussion was made between the council about other grievances from the citizens and the council would like to address these situations before next year’s ball season. Mayor Labbe stated that the county has approached the city about having a girls softball tournament. The county would like to put together an all-star team in a certain age group. Mayor Labbe stated that Bubba Holley would be in contact with the county to get more details on the tournament. Ronnie and Christy Sawyer volunteered to help in any event the city is having and reminisced the past events that held fun for the citizens of Valley Grande. Christy Sawyer suggested to invite the Air-Vac team to come back to Valley Grande.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe presented the council with a calendar from the Dallas County Library with activities for the citizens throughout the county. Mayor Labbe also asked the council to promote and be in attendance of the fireworks show being held on July 3, 2021. The mayor informed the council that he would be on vacation the week of June 28, 2021. The next council meeting will be held on July 6, 2021.

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 6:54 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk