**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting July 6, 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 June 21, 2021 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Jane Harris 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:** No report. Kay Davidson stated that she would welcome any ideas from the council on other grants that may be beneficial to the city. All council members agreed to review any grants that she could research and bring before the council.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported the park benches for the walking trail arrived early, however they were damaged in delivery. After speaking to the company about the pictures of the damaged benches provided by the delivery service, Sara stated the company will resend a shipment of new benches.

Sara Day requested to the council that the city extend the contract with the current company preforming the 4th of July Fireworks Show over the next few years to secure a booking in their schedule. The council agreed to allow Sara to discuss details of the terms of an extended contract.

Sara Day brought before the council a request to set a date for the First Annual Valley Grande Fall Festival. After discussion, the council agreed on October 16, 2021, from 10:00am – 4:00pm to include vendors, face painting, pumpkin patch, costume contest and suggested the church youth groups in the community operate the games. The Council will charge the fee of $10.00 to the vendors to reserve a spot at the festival.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** Jane Harris reported that she spoke to Aubrey Carter with Alabama Power and John Nettles with Pinebelt Wireless regarding the Broadband Wi-Fi Grant, and after discussion with the council, she stated that Mr. Nettles would like to approach the council with details regarding this opportunity. The deadline to apply for this grant is in August.

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** Bruce Hughes stated that the VFD is waiting to receive one more set of turnouts and the shipments will be complete.

**Robbie Rose / Parks and Recreation, Sports Complex:** No report. Robbie Rose stated that he spoke to Mr. Holley about the dirt on the fields at the ballpark. After discussion, the council agreed to investigate the repairs to the infield before next ball season.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh /Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 2 calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman/Building Inspector: Absent from meeting.

Bubba Holley/ Parks & Recreation: Absent from meeting.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: No report.

**Old Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with the Subdivision of Don Smith on County Road 519, to set a hearing date for the residents surrounding the prospective subdivision. Mayor Labbe stated that he spoke to Mr. Smith, and he is supposed to contact the owners of the property to acquire access to the lots listed on the proposal that are not accessible through the county road. Mayor Labbe explained the council could approve lots 1-5 that are already accessible. The mayor also explained the details of the time frame the letters must be sent out to the residents and the length of time a hearing must be set after the letters are sent. After further discussion among the council, a hearing was set for Aug. 9, 2021, at 6:00 pm. Mr. Smith will be charged the normal fee of $100.00.

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:** Jane Harris requested an executive session meeting with the council regarding good name and character of an employee. The council was all in favor and the meeting was scheduled for July 12, 2021 at 6:00pm.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe reported the city received a check from the insurance company from the damages of Hurricane Zeta in the amount of $6,698.38.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

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

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 Kim Harris, City Clerk