**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting July 19, 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 July 6, 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 reported that she researched the grant for the NTIA Broadband Infrastructure program and stated that she found what she thought was the correct application. After speaking to Kim Harris in detail about the application, Kay stated that she had intended to ask Mr. John Nettles, after his presentation, his opinion on whether this was the correct application and how to proceed with this grant. However, Mr. Nettles was not in attendance. Mrs. Davidson stated that the deadline to apply for this grant is Aug. 17, 2021.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported the park benches came in damaged again and the shipment was sent back to the company. Sara stated that she was going to give this company another chance to make it right before she researches other options.

Sara also requested to the council to start advertising around the first week of August for the First Annual Fall Festival. Mrs. Day suggested the applications be picked up at City Hall for vendors to fill out and pay the fees required by the city.

Sara Day reported that she has spoken to the lawn care maintenance contractor regarding the trimming of the bushes at the walking trail and she would reach out to him again to make sure the work has been completed.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** No report.

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

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

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh / Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 3 fire calls so far this month. Boyd also stated that all the fire equipment has been delivered.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 8 active permits.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Bubba Holley reported that the little league ball season has come to an end and will be starting up the adult league softball. Bubba stated that the playoff games were canceled due to the rain and the lack of participation from the players. After discussion, the mayor stated that there would be a trophy and award day scheduled.

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. Kim Harris also stated that she would be attending clerk school from Aug. 4-6, 2021 via online instead of attending at the University of Alabama as usual.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2021-133 to authorize GAP Family Enterprises to pursue the issuance of an off-premise retail beer and table wine license. Jane Harris made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-133. Robbie Rose 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 2021-133 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION #2021-133**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Valley Grande that GAP Family Enterprises LLC located at 3037 Citizens Parkway, inside Valley Grande corporate limits, be authorized to pursue the issuance of a license for an off-premises retail beer and off-premises retail table wine license.

Adopted this 19th day of July 2021.

Approved\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attest:

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Kim Harris, City Clerk

Mayor Labbe presented the council with a quote from River Regions Sports Field for the necessary repairs to the ballfields. Mayor Labbe gave details of the quote for all three fields and gave a cost of $24,000.00. Mayor Labbe explained that since the quote was over $15,000.00 it would have to be bid out. The council discussed the need for the work to be complete within a week from a notice to proceed due to the beginning of the adult softball league. Discussion was made between the council about the drainage around the ballpark. The council agreed to post the bid on July 20, 2021 and the bid opening will be on July 26, 2021 at 10:00am. Bruce Hughes made a motion to bid out the reconstruction of the ballfields. Jane Harris 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

Mayor Labbe stated the fencing at the park is falling and that repairs were needed as soon as possible. The mayor and council asked Sara Day to research fencing options and bring before the council at the next meeting.

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe reported the letters for the subdivision hearing have been sent out to the residents in that area. The mayor and council discussed details of the road issues and stated the hearing will be an opportunity for the residents to address any questions or concerns they may have. The hearing is set for Aug. 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Labbe reported the irrigation system at the park had been struck by lightning along with the security cameras. The insurance company has been notified and the electricians, an irrigation company and Selma Communications have been out to access the damages and will be giving estimates on the repairs.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk