**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting August 2, 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 July 19, 2021 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Sara Day to accept the minutes as written. Robbie Rose 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 presented the council with an email from Will Barrett updating the city council on an amendment in the TAP Grant. The email explained that the ALDOT TAP Grant will be funded if the City is willing to make adjustments such as eliminating the crosswalk prosed at the intersection of AL Hwy 22 and County Road 16 and to eliminate any proposed sidewalks along AL Hwy 22. The adjustments were requested because of the long-proposed widening of Al Hwy 22 which is back in the construction queue. Once the road is widened it will require the purchase of a new right of way in the area which will then require the sidewalk to be removed and reinstalled. Also, they cited that a crosswalk at this location would require a traffic light that they cannot authorize without warrant which is not appropriate due to the latest daily traffic count. The adjustments will result in an estimated cost savings to the project of $30,000.00 - $60,000.00. After further discussion the council decide to move forward.

Bruce Hughes made a motion to accept the terms of the ALDOT TAP Grant adjustments as written. Robbie Rose 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

Kay Davidson also reported that she and Kim Harris met Friday July 30, to apply for the NTIA Grant, however their attempts to move forward with the application were not successful. Kay Davidson explained to the council without the advice of parties involved that we could not move forward with the application. Jane Harris gave details of a meeting that could offer more information about the grant and suggested to the council that it would be a good opportunity to attend some of the meetings. After further discussion the council decided that since the deadline is in August, to wait until they have more information and apply for this grant at the next available opportunity.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that she is still waiting on quotes for pricing and options on fencing at the walking trail.

Sara also requested to move the First Annual Fall Festival to Oct. 9, from 10-4 due to the previous date of Oct. 16 being the school systems fall break period, this would allow more citizens to enjoy the festivities. After further discussion of details, Jane Harris made a motion to move the date to Oct. 9, 2021 from 10:00 – 4:00. 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

Sara stated the park benches for the walking trail have been delivered and are ready to be assembled and installed at the park.

**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 2 fire calls so far this month.

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

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent from meeting

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: Kim Harris reminded the council that she will be in clerk school from Aug. 4-6, 2021 via online at City Hall and would not be available during those days.

**Old Business:** Mayor Labbe made the council aware the city did not receive any bids for the reconstruction of the ballfields. Mayor Labbe stated the council will need to rebid the job beginning Aug. 3 and open the bid Aug. 10. Sara Day made a motion to bid the Reconstruction of the Ballfields. Jane Harris 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 Labbe presented the council with a request from Back the Blue Party for a donation of $100.00 -$150.00 for a sponsorship to help families of fallen police officers. Jane Harris made a motion to donate $150.00. 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

**Public Comment:** Don and Carla Smith addressed the council with details about the withdrawal of the proposed subdivision on County Road 519. Mr. Smith explained that he only wanted to divide the land among his family. He stated that he was misinformed about the process which ended up costing him $3,000.00 compared to the $650.00 that it would have cost to divide the land between his sons. Jane Harris stated that she spoke to Mr. Smith and explained that he did not have to form a subdivision if he only wanted to divide the land among his family. Jane Harris recommended reimbursing Mr. Smith the difference in the cost since he was misinformed. Mayor Labbe explained that he was given the proper subdivision rules and regulations and process before he spoke to Mr. Smith on the phone. Mayor Labbe stated the city will send letters to the residence on County Road 519 stating that the proposed subdivision was not needed by the landowner. After a detailed discussion between the council about the process, Jane Harris made a motion to reimburse Mr. & Mrs. Smith the difference of the cost that he has in the development of the subdivision versus what he would have had in it by dividing up his land among his family. There was no second. Motion did not carry for a vote.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe reported that he spoke to Frasier Ousley about the concession stand and stated they would put us in contact with Walter McKee. Mayor Labbe explained that because the concession stand is a public building in need of repair/remodel, it will need a state architect to secure the state approved plans that are needed. Mayor Labbe stated that he is trying to locate the existing plans on the concession stand.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk