**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting August 16, 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 August 2, 2021 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Jane Harris 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 updated project cost for the ALDOT TAP Grant. Kay Davidson also stated that she received information from Aubrey Carter about two grants one for $2,500.0 and one for $1,000.00, she gave details of the grants and stated that she would reach out to Mr. Carter for additional information regarding the two grants.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day updated the council about the First Annual Fall Festival stating that registration for vendors has begun and there have been ten vendors signed up so far. Sara stated that she contacted Deborah’s Party Rental in Mt. Olive regarding the activities for the event. Sara presented the council with a request to add a rock-climbing wall and a bounce house for the activities at this event. The cost for 6 hours will be approximately $1,816.00 plus an extra $50.00 for the insurance as well as providing Kona Ice for the first 50 children which would be approximately $150.00. Sara suggested giving out a certificate as they come into the gate. Bruce Hughes made a motion to proceed with the purchase of these activities as presented. 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 that she will update the advertisement on this event to include these additions.

Sara Day also reported that the city has purchased new trash cans for the park and the shrubs have been trimmed.

Sara reported that she is still waiting on vendors to respond with quotes for the repair of the fence at the walking trail, stating that vendors being able to get the material has been an issue. The council discussed the details of what material to use to replace the broken fence.

Sara also stated that the park benches still need to be installed at the park, but we are still waiting on the anchors to be purchased.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** Jane Harris updated the council about the Broadband Infrastructure Grant stating that after her research, that it will be a long process and recommends waiting and apply for this grant at another time.

**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 5 fire calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported no more permits from the last meeting, just an increase of service inspections.

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. Kim Harris and Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with a draft of the proposed 2021-2022 annual budget for the council to review.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mayor Labbe presented the council with a proposed subdivision resolution amendment to section 6.5. Mayor Labbe gave details of the amendment to resolution 2016-48 section 6.5 regarding the size and shape of the lots, requesting the change to require a minimum of 150ft. road frontage with a minimum of one acre. After further discussion, the mayor suggested that the council review the request and put it on first reading at the next council meeting.

Mayor Labbe reported to the council that problems at the park after dark has increased with vandalism and mischievous activity and recommends an electronic gate with a timer to close the park after dark and open back up each morning. After further discussion the mayor suggested that the council review the options and decide if they would like to proceed at the next council meeting.

Mayor Labbe presented the council with a request from Candice Allen for a hearing on Valley View Dr. to divide property that is already in the subdivision. After further details about the plans, Bruce Hughes made a motion to set a hearing for September 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm. 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

Bruce Hughes presented the council with the potential problem with the no parking on grass signs on the right of way at Pineview Cemetery. These signs are causing citizens to park off the grass and into the road at funerals causing problems with traffic on Deepwoods Drive. After discussion, the mayor and council proposed that Mr. Hughes speak to the Funeral Home about the issue and if he can not get anything resolved, then the mayor stated that he would intervene at that time.

**Public Comment:** Tammy Rose presented the council with concerns and questions on how to go about getting a noise ordinance in the city. The mayor and council explained that if the city incorporated a noise ordinance, there would not be any way to enforce it without a police department or a code enforcement officer. The council discussed whether the county had a noise ordinance or not. The mayor stated that he would check with the county to see if there was one in place.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe reported that he spoke to Tom Lee about the plans on the concession stand and was he able to find them, the mayor stated that he would give the plans to Frasier Ousley.

Mayor Labbe reported that there were still no bids on the reconstruction of the ballfields, and recommends the city hold off until further notice.

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 7:06 PM.

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

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Kim Harris, City Clerk