**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting September 7, 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 August 16, 2021 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Bruce Hughes 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 updated the council with the Alabama Power grant applications that were given to her by Aubrey Carter. The Gateway Grant Program deadline was not met in time. However, Kay stated that she and Kim Harris submitted the application for the signage grant successfully and hope to hear back from that soon.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported the payment for the rock wall for the first annual fall festival has been submitted and secured. Sara stated that she will be reaching out to vendors that have already signed up as well as the list of potential vendors. Sara also spoke to Dave’s Market about the pumpkins, and they will order as many as the city needs and will sell to the city at cost. The council discussed possibly giving out one pumpkin per family as they leave the festival.

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

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** Bruce Hughes presented the council with a request to purchase four 45-minute air packs in the amount of $34,848.80 from MES, with the money left over in the budget for public safety. After further discussion made by the council, Bruce Hughes made a motion to purchase the air packs as presented. 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 also presented the council with photos of the park flooding when it rains heavily. After further discussion of details, Bruce and the Mayor explained that the city is working with Heath Sexton at the Dallas County Engineering Department to correct the drainage problem.

**Robbie Rose / Parks and Recreation, Sports Complex:** Robbie Rose spoke to Bubba Holley and stated that we have five men’s softball teams signed up and no women’s team. Robbie stated that he will be in touch with Bubba to see if there is a deadline for registration.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh / Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported no fire calls so far this month. Boyd also stated that ADEM is accepting of the information they received from us on the Overlook Hills Sewer Lagoon at this time.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that the city picked up one additional building permit for this month.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent from meeting.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: No report.

**Old Business:** Mayor Labbe and the council discussed the request for the park security gate and decided to postpone going further with the plans until the problems with the flooding and the ditch repair is resolved at the park.

Mayor Labbe stated that a letter was sent to the city from the State of Alabama approving and awarding the ALDOT TAP Grant in the amount of $506,372.00 for sidewalk improvements along County Road 16 and County Road 81.

Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2021-135 to amend resolution 2016-48 section 6.5 for first reading to change the size and shape of lots in subdivisions.

Mayor Labbe presented the council with Ordinance 2021-134 the proposed annual budget for the fiscal year 2021 – 2022. The Mayor and Council agreed to place the ordinance on first reading before adopting the budget before the end of the fiscal year.

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:** Lillian Dixon approached the council with concerns that she and other residents are having on County Road 986 regarding the need of repair and ask the city council for assistance in bringing the road up to code for the county to consider taking over the private road. Mayor Labbe and the council along with Valley Grande Commissioner Vivian Rogers explained the process and illuminated that the city sends the 4,5 & 7 cent gas tax to the county to maintain the roads in Valley Grande and would not be allowed to assist with the efforts until the private road met the requirements the county needs to take over the road.

Additionally, Bruce Hughes spoke to Pineview Memory Gardens about the signs along the right of way on Deepwoods Dr. next to the cemetery and after discussion of the potential hazards, the signs were removed.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe reported the Hearing on Candance Allen’s proposed subdivision is set for Monday September 27, 2021 at 6:00

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 6:46 PM.

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

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Kim Harris, City Clerk