**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting October 18, 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 October 4, 2021 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Sara Day to accept the minutes as written. Jane Harris made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present 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 we are still waiting on the notification for the signage grant through Alabama Power. Civil Southeast has started surveying on the TAP Grant project.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that the Fall Festival was a success and thanked everyone for their help. Sara stated that Christmas in the Park will be the next event, and then ease into another event in the springtime. Mayor Labbe thanked Sara for her hard work and stated that she did an excellent job.

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

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** Bruce Hughes reported that he spoke to Heath Sexton regarding the water drainage problems at the Walking Trail and after speaking to him, Bruce stated that he suggested that Mr. Sexton put his ideas in writing and bring it before the council. Bruce gave some details of some of Mr. Sexton’s ideas such as, not going under the highway, but to put a large culvert under the turnout and put rift raft in the ditch down to the next driveway and replace that culvert with a much larger culvert. He also stated that he wants to enlarge the one at the driveway to the west at our expense with the county being responsible for the labor, then from there it will flow freely on down and into the creek.

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

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh / Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 10 fire calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Absent.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent. Mayor Labbe stated that the city did not receive any bids on the reconstruction of the ballfields.

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.

**Old Business:** Mayor Labbe requested to keep the park security gate on the agenda until the county can resolve the issue of the culverts at the park. Jane Harris stated that she noticed a section that was missing out of the fence at the back end of the park. After discussion, the mayor stated that he would look into the issue.

**New Business:** David Oliver presented the council with an update on the progress of the new Dave’s Market grocery store and shopping area. David Oliver stated that the State of Alabama started on the turning lane and hopefully will be complete around the first week in December. David Oliver gave details on the building as well as the cost. Mr. Oliver commented on the grocery items that he is having problems with receiving, due to the deliveries being slow to arrive.

Mayor Labbe questioned the time frame expected to be open for business. David Oliver stated they are hoping to be opened by June of 2022 if all goes well. After further discussion, Bruce Hughes made a motion to extend the contract for a year, moving the contract date to Oct. 24, 2022 and ask that David Oliver report updates quarterly. Kay Davidson made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present 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:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe congratulated the council on their first year in office and stated that he is looking forward to the next four years. The new election year has been changed to the year 2025, which gives this council an extra year in office. Mayor Labbe thanked Sara Day for her hard work and success regarding the fall festival.

Kay Davidson stated that she thinks this council works well together as a group and a team. She stated that she has enjoyed her first year as council women and sent a special thanks to everyone.

Bruce Hughes asked the council if they had any updates regarding the road issues that residents on County Road 986 were having. After discussion between the council, Mayor Labbe stated that he would like to help the residents on that road once the owner meets the requirements for the county to take over. Jane Harris suggests that the city concentrate on the roads already in Valley Grande in need of repair before moving forward on any private roads that the county may take over.

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 6:34 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk