**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting November 15, 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 November 1, 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 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 she was approached by a citizen of Valley Grande about entertaining the idea of a batting cage at the ballfield. Discussion was made between the council regarding the idea and determined that this kind of batting cage is set up more like a business and the citizens would have to pay to enter and the city has no way of monitoring this type of project and keeping it safe. Bruce Hughes questioned the batting cages and machines that we have now, and Mayor Labbe stated that the batting cages and machines that are in place now are not open to the public and are only for the participants during ball season.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that she was approached by a citizen of Valley Grande about putting up a basketball goal somewhere near the walking trail. Discussion was made between the council regarding the idea and was determined that it would be a liability and something like that would need to be controlled daily. The council discussed an option of building a gymnasium with a basketball goal inside and a batting cage on the outside attached to the building.

Sara also reported that the fence on the backside of the park needs new wire on the post. Boyd Pugh stated that he would get in touch with the company that installed the new fence to repair the issues.

Sara Day updated the council regarding the decorating of the park. Sara stated that the park is in process of being decorated and should be finished by Friday. Sara will begin advertising this weekend for Christmas in the Park which is set for Dec. 5, 2021 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**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.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 9 active permits.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Bubba Holley stated that he contacted a new company to give the city a quote to reconstruct the ballfields. He stated that they are supposed to be returning his call first thing tomorrow and will update the council as soon as possible. Mayor Labbe stated that once we receive the quote, it will determine if the project needs to be bid out and he will have the opportunity to bid on the project.

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 the annual audit has begun and should have the annual financial reports as soon as possible.

**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.

Bruce Hughes inquired about the culverts and wanted to know if the county had given the city any updates. After a short discussion, Mayor Labbe suggested that Mr. Hughes reach out to the county to try and get an update.

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe stated that the workload at city hall was about to be in full force with business license renewals going out for 2022, which is always a busy time for the office employees.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk