**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting December 6, 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 November 15, 2021 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Robbie Rose to accept the minutes as written. Sara Day 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 the city will be receiving the signage grant from Alabama Power in the amount of $2,500.00. A final report will be required within a year of receipt and may include photos of signage and/or promotional marketing materials.

Kay Davidson congratulated Sara Day on the successful Santa and Friends event in the park on Sunday December 5, 2021.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that she spoke to the company that provides the fireworks show and wanted to update the council on the price increase of $3,750.00 for the same show as last year. The price will be $18,750.00 instead of $15,000.00 which includes shipping. She stated that the date will be the same as last year on the 3rd of July unless a customer that was scheduled to be on the 4th cancels, then the city could change the date for the same amount of the contract. She stated that reserving the 4th will be a price of $25,000.00 originally. She also stated that the price could be cheaper if the city wanted less than what was provided last year. The council agreed to move forward with the contract at the price increase for the same show as last year.

**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 1 fire call so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Absent

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Bubba Holley reported that he met with a representative from a company out of Tuscaloosa about the reconstruction of the ballfields and he reported that field one and field three were not bad, however they would still need to add more red clay, but that field two had a 2ft. difference from the pitcher’s mound and third base and will have to go a different route to correct it. Bubba also stated that the infield on field two was too big, like the size of a college field. The representative suggested topsoil and cover with sod to help with the drainage of water.

Bubba Holley also reported that he spoke to Ross Smitherman about the drainage around the ballfield and he is supposed to meet with him on Wednesday and suggested French drains. Mayor Labbe suggested getting quotes from different companies and go from there.

Bruce Hughes stated that the road going to the equipment shed is flooded on both sides of the shed and suggested that we need to do something about the drainage as soon as possible.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: No report.

**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 updated the council with an email from Heath Sexton about the culverts at the park. Heath Sexton stated in the email that the county has been working with a short staff due to holiday vacations and is hoping to fit the project in sometime in December but will most likely be in January 2022.

Mayor Labbe stated that the fence in the back of the park was part of old business and ask Boyd Pugh for an update. Boyd Pugh stated that the parts for the repairs were on order and some parts have already been picked up and are under the shed. He stated that the repairs on the back part of the fence would be replaced with cattle fence. The cost was approximately $6,500.00. After further discussion, Robbie Rose made a motion to proceed with the repairs as presented. Sara Day 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

**New Business:** Bruce Hughes approached the council with a consideration to give the employees a Christmas bonus. Bruce Hughes made a motion to give $500.00 to the full-time employees and $250.00 to the part-time employees. Sara Day 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

Bruce Hughes asked about the audit and Mayor Labbe stated that the audit is still ongoing.

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe reported that he spoke to Ross Smitherman about the turning lane and he stated that they expect to have it completed before Christmas if weather permits.

Mayor Labbe gave the council a big Roll Tide.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk