**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting February 22, 2022***

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 Absent

Sara Day Present

Jane Harris Present

Bruce Hughes Present

Robbie Rose Present

Quorum was made with 5 council members present.

The minutes from the February 7, 2022 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Sara Day 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 Absent

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Kay Davidson / Business and Community Development:** Absent.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that she was thinking of having an Art in the Park Day in May and trying to come up with a date that would work best for vendors and not compete with any other events that are going on in May. She stated that she would keep the council updated on the plans.

**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:** Robbie Rose reported that he spoke to Bubba Holley about contacting Mike Genard about cutting the hayfield before the Easter Egg Hunt that’s coming up in April. He spoke to Mike and stated that he would be cutting the hayfield next week due to the rain that we’ve had this week. Robbie stated that Mike asked about what steps he needed to take about having a controlled burn on the property. After discussion, Boyd Pugh stated that he would need to contact the Forestry Commission due to liabilities of the fire department and it would be the landowner’s responsibility.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh / Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 7 fire calls so far this month. Boyd Pugh gave details of the problems the Valley Grande and Summerfield Fire Departments are having with not having any volunteers to answer calls during the day. He stated that we need to find a solution for the problem before it affects the ISO fire rating.

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

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent.

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.

Bruce Hughes reported that the culverts at the park have been installed and the county is waiting to install the culverts down from the park at the Whitaker’s within the next two weeks due to rain. Bruce Hughes also inquired about the reconstruction of the ballfields and Mayor Labbe reported that the company that will be doing the project is supposed to begin on Monday of next week.

Mayor Labbe stated that the city did not receive any bids for the concession stand. After discussion, the mayor stated that the council will have to decide how to move forward.

**New Business:** Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2022-141 to authorize The Store, LLC to pursue a beer and table wine license. Bruce Hughes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-141 as presented. Robbie Rose made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe X

Kay Davidson Absent

Sara Day X

Jane Harris Abstained

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2022-141 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION #2022-141**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Valley Grande that The Store, LLC located at 8600 County Road 37, inside Valley Grande corporate limits, be authorized to pursue the issuance of a license for an off-premise retail beer and wine license.

Adopted this 22nd day of February 2022.

Approved\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attest:

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Kim Harris, City Clerk

**Public Comment:** Boyd Pugh requested the city give the volunteer fire department the annual donations at this time.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe stated that he would like to have a planning session on the Monday between the two council meetings in March to discuss business license and fire department issues that the city is facing and other personnel issues that are critical to the city.

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 6:28 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk