**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting March 28, 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 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 March 7, 2022 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Bruce Hughes 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:** No report.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day suggested spraying the weeds at the walking trail and would also like to bring in more wood chips for the playground area.

Sara Day presented the council with having Art in the Park on May 7, 2022 from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Sara stated that she will be reaching out to vendors and musicians and have activities for the children. Registration will begin on March 29, 2022 – April 22, 2022.

Sara Day made a motion to have Art in the Park as presented. Bruce Hughes 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

Sara Also stated that the Easter Egg Hunt is still on for April 9, 2022 from 11:00 – Until

**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 presented the council with a quote for concrete for the dug outs. Mayor Labbe requested discussing the details in new business.

**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.

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 gave Jane Harris the floor to present the council with a quote for the park security gate. The quote was from Morrow Ornamental Iron giving details of new cantilevered rolling gate with automation and access controls for the Valley Grande Park. The total quote was for $18,900.00. The estimate does not include electrical. Mayor Labbe suggested other possibilities and more quotes. Bruce Hughes stated that some of the amenities that are not needed can be eliminated to decrease the cost of the gate. Mayor Labbe suggested that Bruce call Morrow Ornamental Iron and get another quote without those specific amenities.

**New Business:** Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2022-142 to accept the bid for sell of the concessions at the Sports Complex to Jessica Vines.

Jane Harris made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-142 as presented. Sara Day made the second. Motion carried with unanimous consent of the council with a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe X

Kay Davidson X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2022-142 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-142**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FOR SELL OF CONCESSIONS AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Valley Grande has solicited sealed bids as required under the Alabama bid law; and

**WHEREAS,** bids were opened on March 15, 2022 at Valley Grande City Hall with one (1) bid submitted; and

**WHEREAS,** said bid was as follows:

Jessica Vines $1,000.00

**WHEREAS,** the bids were transmitted to the council at the next meeting of the council following the bid openings,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

**AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The bid submitted by Jessica Vines is hereby accepted as high bidder; and

2. This resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by

the Mayor and Council.

Adopted this 28th day of March, 2022.

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Mayor Wayne Labbe

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Kim Harris

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with a request from Alabama Teen Challenge for the City to sponsor the 50th annual Walk for Freedom to be held at Valley Grande Park on May 14, 2022. Mayor Labbe gave details of the different levels of sponsorship. Sara Day made a motion to sponsor the Bronze Level for $250.00. Jane Harris made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council by a show of hands

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe X

Kay Davidson X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Labbe presented the council with the quote given to him by Robbie Rose for concrete in all 6 dugouts in the amount of $4,400.00, which equals approximately $740.00 per dugout. Mayor Labbe gave details of the quote. Bruce Hughes made a motion to accept the quote as presented. Kay Davidson made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council by a show of hands

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe X

Kay Davidson X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Labbe and Bruce Hughes discussed installing French drains in between the ballfields to keep the water from draining into the fields.

Bruce Hughes updated the council with an email from Heath Sexton regarding the culverts. The email explained that the county had an emergency and had to use the culverts that were supposed to be used for the city’s project. The county reordered the material, and they are still waiting on the new pipes to be delivered.

**Public Comment:** Tim Gibbs presented the council with suggestions to Sara Day for the Art in the Park project. Tim Gibbs also congratulated the council with the discounts on the business license renewals from last year, he stated that although it was greatly appreciated, it was not enough. Tim Gibbs gave details of different cities and their cost of business license and suggested reviewing the license fees again to come up with a better plan. Mayor Labbe gave detail of the revenue produced off the business license vs. other income and reminded everyone that the city does not have property tax which does not bring in any revenue to support the city’s other financial responsibilities. The mayor explained that the council will be reviewing the rates again before the renewals are sent out for the next fiscal year.

**Mayor’s Report:** No report.

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 6:48 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk