**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting May 2, 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: 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 April 18, 2022 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Robbie Rose to accept the minutes as written. 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

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Kay Davidson / Business and Community Development:** No report.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reminded everyone about the Art in the Park event coming up on May 7, 2022 from 9:00-1:00. She stated that there will be vendors, live music, and food trucks at the event as well as a rock-climbing wall, bounce house, basketball toss, face painting and a barrel train. Sara Day also inquired about the wood chips at the Walking Trail, after further discussion among the council, Wayne Labbe stated that he would talk to Bubba Holley about spraying before the wood chips are laid and that he would call Taylor Made in Maplesville about the wood chips.

**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 Mike Genard about the hayfield, and he stated that Mike had to order new checks and that he would be in next week.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh / Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 5 fire calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Absent.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: No report.

**Old Business:** Mayor Labbe requested an update from Bruce Hughes on the park security gate and the culverts at the park. Bruce Hughes stated that he called Bo Morrow several times in the last several weeks and has received no response on getting another quote on a barrier gate instead of an ornamental gate at the park. Bruce Hughes stated that he reached out to a gentleman he knew that had installed a barrier gate made of chain link, however the gentleman no longer had the labor to do the job. Bruce will get back in touch with him to get contact information on who made the gate and see if maybe they will do the job and if not, he would keep searching.

Bruce Hughes reported that he spoke to Heath Sexton about the culvert project at the park, and he stated that the cement company still could not get the steel they need to put inside the reinforced concrete culverts. Bruce also stated that they would speak to Mr. Whitaker about another option than what he had and if he will conquer the county will be able to complete the project.

**New Business:** Mayor Labbe presented the council with a request to create a job description and salary schedule for a maintenance position to have more depth and back up in different areas of the staff. After further discussion and difference of opinions among the council, the council agreed to allow Mayor Labbe to create the job description and salary schedule as presented and table it until the next council meeting.

**Public Comment:** Angela Horton addressed the council with her concerns about the ballfield entry fee increase from $1.00 to $3.00, and the purpose of the increase. Mayor Labbe gave details of the expenses of the ballfields and the upgrades that have already been made. The mayor also reminded everyone that the $3.00 fee is for 16 years old and above. The mayor and council also explained the plans in place to continue with upgrades to make the ballfields more efficient for the citizens of Valley Grande. Angela Horton spoke about the complaints that she was hearing around the ballfields and asked the council for permission to collect a suggestion box from the citizens and bring that back before the council, the council graciously agreed to that request as well as making sure the players had water or powdered Gatorade in the dug outs.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe received a letter from SABRA Sanctuary thanking the city for their support.

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 6:53 PM.

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

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Kim Harris, City Clerk