**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting June 20, 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 Absent

Quorum was made with 5 council members present.

The minutes from the June 6, 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 Absent

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

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

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reminded everyone that the 4th of July show will be on Sunday July 3, at 9:00 p.m. and also stated that Jessica Vines will be selling snow cones at the event as a fundraiser for the softball teams to travel for the tournaments. Sara also stated that the principal and Dallas County High School reached out to her about hosting a “student meet teacher” at the park to receive their schedules, etc. on Thursday July 28, from 3:00-5:00 pm and the council agreed and stated that it was first come, first serve to the public.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** No report.

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** Bruce Hughes received an email from Heath Sexton stating that our 24” pipe had been delivered, however the pipe crew is working on another project this week, but once that was complete, they would start on the culverts which could possibly be as soon as next week or the week after the 4th.

**Robbie Rose / Parks and Recreation, Sports Complex:** Absent.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh / Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 8 fire calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman stated that everything was still slow with permits, however he has had several service inspections this month.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Bubba Holley reported that practices for the all-star teams have begun, and he gave details of the boy’s scrimmage games that were played against different teams such as Selma and Montgomery. Bubba Holley stated that the first games for the all-star tournaments will be on July 7th for the boys in Tuscaloosa and July 8th for the girls in Dothan. Bubba Holley stated that the cameras are not working once again at the walking trail and they were just repaired approximately two weeks ago, seeming as though bad weather could be the cause. Bubba recommended maybe looking into something else as far as the cameras.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: No report.

**Old Business:** Mayor Labbe stated that there is still no progress regarding the park security gate, Jane Harris and Bruce Hughes stated that they’re still not getting any call backs when inquiring about a quote.

Mayor Labbe reminded the council of the request from the last council meeting to donate money to the ball teams for the trip to play in the tournament, Mayor Labbe stated that a city could not donate to a private organization or an individual, however they could provide meals for them on these travel ball trips and recommended the city purchase the meals which would come from the sports complex expense part of the budget. Bruce Hughes made a motion to proceed with the request as presented. Kay Davidson 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 Absent

**New Business:** Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2022-144 to award the Lawn Care Maintenance Bid to Thompson Lawn Service as the only bidder of $30,400.00 which will begin July 1, 2022. Bruce Hughes made a motion to accept the bid as presented. Kay Davidson made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present by a show of hands vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe X

Kay Davidson X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose Absent

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2022-1144 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-144**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR THE**

**LAWN MAINTENANCE**

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

**WHEREAS,** bids were opened on June 17, 2022 at Valley Grande City Hall with one (1) bid submitted; and

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

1. Thompson Lawn Service $30,400.00

**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 Thompson Lawn Service is hereby accepted as low bidder; and
2. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a written agreement with Thompson Lawn Service for the amount set forth hereinabove, and in accordance with the terms of the corresponding bid documents.
3. The one-year agreement will begin July 1, 2022 and end June 30, 2023.
4. This resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Mayor and Council.

Adopted this 20th day of June 2022.

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Mayor Wayne Labbe

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Kim Harris

Will Barrett presented the council with details of the $120,000.00 to $150,000.00 increase regarding the lighting portion of the TAP Grant project that runs down County Road 16 beside the walking trail, which comes to a 20% increase in total cost. Will Barrett gave several options to the council to decide on this project before moving forward, such as removing the lightning portion all together or let Alabama Power install and maintain it with an average of $800.00 per month power bill or the city can install the 16-18 decorative poles from Hwy 22 to the walking trail at a cost of $153,000.00 and acquire the maintenance. Jane Harris made a motion to remove the lighting portion of the project due to the increase 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 Absent

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe gave details of the letter that he received from Alabama Tombigbee Regional Committee regarding the long-range plan for a five lane from ALDOT, the letter request a project submission from our city or county.

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 6:40 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk