**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting July 18, 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 July 5, 2022 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Jane Harris 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 reported that she has already received a letter from Pyro Productions regarding the next 4th of July Event. Sara Day stated that they did not anticipate any price increases, and normally lock in prices in September or October. Sara Day also stated that Pyro Productions will need to know what date the city would like to reserve for next year, of course the city can choose any date, but there will just be a waiting list for every date, however the city could stay locked in on the date that we currently have which is the 3rd of July. Sara Day requested permission from the council to respond to the letter verifying that the city will continue using their service for next year on the 3rd of July. Jane Harris made a motion to respond to letter to continue to use Pyro Productions for the 4th of July Event on July 3, 2023. 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 X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** Jane Harris spoke to Chris Thompson about some of the signs and shrubs around the city that need to be replaced and trimmed. Wayne Labbe updated the council about the trees around the parks, stating that he spoke to Joseph Bearden about replacing some of the trees and spraying them due to the worms. Wayne Labbe stated that it would have to be in the fall of the year before he can replace the dead trees. Jane Harris stated that the city will need to decide whether to replace the dead trees or not due to the new sidewalk being put in because of safety issues. Bruce Hughes suggested to wait until the sidewalk has been completed before any decision is made.

**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: Absent.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported one new permit, which gives us a total of 8 permits, and 4 of those being active.

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. Wayne Labbe inquired about when the $500.00 balance on the concession bid will be due. Kim Harris stated that it will be due by the end of fiscal year on September 30, 2022.

**Old Business:** Bruce Hughes updated the council about the park security gate. Bruce Hughes stated that he met with someone out of Pelham along with a gentleman with Columbus Fence to get a quote for a security gate at the park. Bruce gave details of the gate, components, and hourly cost as well as security cameras for the park. Bruce stated that he will have more information on the cost at the next council meeting.

**New Business:** Wayne Labbe stated that the city needs to move forward with getting quotes to upgrade the signs for the city to utilize the signage grant that was awarded to the city. Wayne Labbe asked Jane Harris to research someone to give a quote on the upgrades to the signs.

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe reported that he signed documents for Will Barrett to move forward to release bids for the sidewalk TAP Grant this past week. Wayne Labbe also stated that he and Bruce Hughes will meet with Heath Sexton this week about the sidewalk concerning the distance from the right of way. Bruce Hughes stated that the second culvert will be installed on Friday at the Whitakers on County Road 16 next to the park.

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 6:22 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk