**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting August 15, 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 August 1, 2022 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Robbie Rose to accept the minutes as written. Sara Day 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:** Kay Davidson reported that she called and spoke to Brandy Wilkerson from Alabama Tombigbee in Camden about researching grants for a sewer system for Dave’s Market as requested from the last council meeting. She stated that Dave could possibly apply for a community development block grant and that Brandy will get more information and get back to her.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day presented the council with a proposed date and time for the Fall Festival. Sara gave details of some things that will be at the festival such as pumpkin patch, hayride, vendors, rock climbing wall etc. and details of the process of payments made inside the new budget for the event. Sara Day made a motion to approve the date and time of Oct. 1, 2022 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for the fall festival. 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

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** Jane Harris reported that she again checked around at all the Valley Grande City properties and is still not satisfied with some of the work that is not being done such as weed eating and debris pick up. Jane Harris gave details of each property and council discussed the issues.

Wayne Labbe requested that Jane Harris contact ALDOT again regarding the speed limit on Hwy 22.

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** No report. Wayne requested that Bruce Hughes contact Heath Sexton for an update on the asphalt around the culverts at the Whitaker’s driveway on County Road 16.

**Robbie Rose / Parks and Recreation, Sports Complex:** No report.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh / Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 4 fire calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that building permits were slow, but that David Oliver has broken ground at the shopping center.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Bubba Holley reported that all-star tournaments are over, and that Valley Grande placed 7th out of 9th in the world series.

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. Kim Harris also reminded the council that our next meeting will be Tuesday September 6, due to the Labor Day holiday.

**Old Business:** Bruce Hughes presented the council with a quote from Vision Security Technologies for the installation of a park security gate. The quote was for $35,000.00 plus any electrical. Jane Harris and Bruce Hughes together agreed that Morrow Ornamental Iron was cheaper at $18,900.00 plus any electrical. After further discussion among the council. Bruce Hughes made a motion to bid out the job for the park security gate beginning August17th and opening two weeks later on August 31, 2022 at 10:00 am. 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

Bruce Hughes also stated that Vision Security Technologies also looked at the cameras at the walking trail and found that 60-80% of the problems that we are experiencing are due to the overheated room that the electronics are housed in and are normally not operational above 80 degrees. Bruce stated that it was suggested that we run Wi-Fi to the metal building, build an insulated 6x6 room inside of it and have an air conditioner installed.

Wayne stated that the city received another $316,473.75 from the American Rescue Plan and would like to see the concession stand and restrooms upgraded with the funds and that might correct the problem with having a building to house the electronics along with improving the ballfields for the citizens of Valley Grande. Wayne Labbe approached the council with permission to pursue engineering plans to upgrade the concession stand for the council to review. Bruce Hughes made a motion for Wayne Labbe to pursue engineering plans not to exceed $5,000.00. 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

Mayor Labbe presented the council with a request from David Oliver to be exempt from city sales tax on building material for the construction of the new Dave’s Market store. Mayor Labbe gave details of the invoices and the amount of city taxes that he would be exempt from. After further discussion among the council and details to include submission of invoices along with proof of payment to be reviewed by the council once a month before they are refunded for a period of six months, all contractors and sub-contractors would be exempt from this request and would need to obtain a business license. Bruce Hughes made a motion to issue a resolution to enter into a contract that allows David Oliver to apply for a refund on the 3% city sales tax on building material with proof of payment for the new construction that is approved by the council, for a period of six months. 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

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe summarized the American Rescue Plan funds that we received and the drawings for the concession stand that he talked about during the meeting and informed the council that they will be reviewing a new proposed budget for the new fiscal year.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Hughes, Robbie Rose made the second. The motion was carried by unanimous consent of the council members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk