**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting September 6, 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 August 15, 2022 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Bruce Hughes to accept the minutes as written. 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

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Kay Davidson / Business and Community Development:** Kay Davidson reported that she has not heard back from Brandy Wilkerson from Alabama Tombigbee as of today.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that planning is still ongoing for the Fall Festival. Sara stated that she spoke to Brad at Dave’s Market about the pumpkins and has been in contact with different vendors that have signed up for the event. Sara Day also stated that the playground looks nice, and she will try to contact a company to bring chips into the playground area for the event.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** Jane Harris reported that the maintenance on the city properties look great and the contractors are doing a good job. Jane stated that she has not been able to reach anyone regarding the speed limit on Hwy 22. After further discussion, Bruce Hughes stated that if the speed limit was changed, people will continue to break the law, so the city needs to put pressure on those to enforce the speed limit that is in place.

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** Bruce Hughes reported the driveway is paved at the Whitaker’s beside the walking trail which finishes the culvert. Mayor and Council discussed the steep ditch and requested Bruce reach out to Heath to see if it can be fixed.

**Robbie Rose / Parks and Recreation, Sports Complex:** Robbie Rose reported in Bubba Holley’s absence that packets for the men and women’s softball are in the lobby at city hall.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh / Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 1 fire call so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that building permits were slow for the month of August.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: No report.

**Old Business:**  Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2022-145 David Oliver City Tax Exemption that allows him to exclude the 3% city sales tax on building material for the new market in Valley Grande. Discussion was made among the council regarding the agreement and Mayor Labbe asked Kim Harris to read the details of the contract during the council meeting.

Robbie Rose made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-145 as presented. Kay Davidson made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present by 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 2022-145 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**Resolution 2022-145**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA, hereby authorizes the mayor to execute a contract between David Oliver Company, LLC and the City of Valley Grande for the exemption of city sales tax for building material only, purchased for the construction of the new Dave’s Market. This contract will be as follows:

* David Oliver may apply for a city sales tax refund once the invoice and proof of payment has been submitted.
* David Oliver will submit the invoices and proof of payment to the city council monthly for the council to review and approve.
* This agreement does not include an exemption of city sales tax for contractors or sub-contractors and, all contractors and sub-contractors MUST obtain a Valley Grande Business License which David Oliver will verify with the city and enforce before doing business.
* This agreement will be for a duration of 6 months only after the council’s approval.

The intent of this resolution is to encourage commercial development within its corporate limits and increase its sales tax base, therefore is deemed to give valid and sufficient public purpose.

This resolution shall become effective \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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 Mayor Wayne Labbe

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City Clerk, Kim Harris

Mayor Labbe presented the council with a monthly update from David Oliver updating the council on the progress on the construction of the new market.

Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2022-146 awarding the bid for the Park Security Gate to Morrow Ornamental Iron in the amount of $21,700.00. Sara Day made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-146 as presented. Robbie Rose made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present by 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 2022-146 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-146**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR THE**

**PARK SECURITY GATE**

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

**WHEREAS,** bids were opened on August 31, 2022 at Valley Grande City Hall with two (2) bids submitted; and

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

1. Vision Security Technologies $30,508.09
2. Morrow Ornamental Iron $21,700.00

**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 Morrow Ornamental Iron is hereby accepted as low bidder; and
2. The mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a written agreement with Morrow Ornamental Iron for the amount set forth hereinabove, and in accordance with the terms of the corresponding bid documents.
3. This resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Mayor and Council.

Adopted this 6th day of September 2022.

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 Mayor Wayne Labbe

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City Clerk, Kim Harris

**New Business:** Mayor Labbe presented the council with the FY 2022-2023 proposed budget for the council to review and discuss any questions that they may have.

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe reported that an unemployment audit for the city is scheduled for Sept. 14, 2022 and the annual audit is scheduled for Nov. 14, 2022. Mayor Labbe also reported that Kim Harris will graduate in October and will be certified as a City Clerk.

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 6:31 PM.

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

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

 Kim Harris, City Clerk