**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting October 17, 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 October 3, 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 spoke to Will Barrett by email regarding the TAP Grant and Will stated that they are still waiting on ALDOT to authorize them to take this project to bid. Will Barrett also stated that the lighting will not be included in this project per the last direction of the council at the last meeting. Will Barrett also reported to Kay that once the authorization comes through with ALDOT, they would come to a meeting and brief the council and discuss how the process will work. The council discussed meeting with Aubrey Carter with Alabama Power about another type of lighting outside of this project.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that beginning stages of planning for Christmas in the Park have begun and she will have an update at the next council meeting.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** Jane Harris reported that Craig Pardue has completed and installed the new sign at City Hall. Mayor Labbe requested that Kim Harris send a picture to Alabama Power showing the sign that was purchased from the signage grant the city received.

**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: Boyd Pugh reported 6 fire call so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that Dave’s Market will pour slab tomorrow at their new shopping center and gave details of some of the construction being done.

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. Kim Harris also stated that the yearly audit started today, and she would be in clerk school from Wednesday through Friday of this week.

**Old Business:** Bruce Hughes stated that he met with Jimmy Morrow regarding the gate’s pros and cons. Bruce Hughes stated that basically he wanted Mr Morrow to make a list of things that he would recommend, and they discussed ideas regarding the prevention of liabilities such as installing a chain link fence, Mr Morrow stated that he would be removing 4-6 yards of dirt to pour footings and discussed timers on the gate. Mayor Labbe stated that Kim Harris reached out to the insurance company and was reassured that the gate liabilities would be covered under the current insurance policy that the city has in place at this time. Mayor Labbe also stated that the culvert pipes are in and covered up on the right of way next to the walking trail.

**New Business:** Mayor Labbe presented the council with a request from Brian Johnson to subdivide property to a family member on 2.25 acres of land on Hwy 14 in Valley Grande. Mayor Labbe gave details to the council regarding the property. After further discussion. Jane Harris made a motion to accept the request as presented. 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

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe reported to the council that the office of Jackson Thornton has started the yearly audit and should have a rough draft in by mid-November. Mayor Labbe also stated that Kim Harris will be at clerk school this week from Wednesday through Friday and Wanda will be available if anyone needs anything.

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 6:20 PM.

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

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

 Kim Harris, City Clerk