**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting November 21, 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 Absent

 Sara Day Present

 Jane Harris Present

 Bruce Hughes Present

 Robbie Rose Present

Quorum was made with 5 council members present.

The minutes from the November 7, 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 Absent

 Sara Day X

 Jane Harris X

 Bruce Hughes X

 Robbie Rose X

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Kay Davidson / Business and Community Development:** Absent.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that 75% of the park is decorated and the hay bales are painted. Sara Day stated that she is hopeful that it will be finished by Wednesday night of this week due to a new feature that has been added. Sara Day affirmed that the characters are still scheduled for December 11 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. The Valley Grande Vol. Fire Department will be bringing in Santa and the city will have a deputy for parking and patrol. Sara Day also confirmed that she will be advertising through radio and social media as well as flyers at the Walking Trail.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** Jane Harris reported that she spoke to Jimmy Morrow, and he is still concerned about the safety of the opening and closing of the new gate they will be installing at the walking trail. Jane Harris also stated that the poles for the gate will be installed next week if they can get the concrete in. Jane Harris also stated that the Sheriff’s department has increased the patrolling in the Summerfield area due to some incidents that have been happening recently.

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** Bruce Hughes reported that he also spoke to Jimmy Morrow and the gate has been made for the walking trail and the poles should be in the ground as soon as the concrete comes in.

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

**Reports of Officers:**

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

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that permits and service inspections are still slow, and David Oliver has approximately two pours left on the concrete. Sam Smitherman also reported new businesses are gearing up to come into the shopping center.

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 Billy Barrett, chief of the Valley Grande Volunteer Fire Dept., wanted to invite the council and their family to the annual VGVFD/SVFD Christmas party on December 2, at 6:30 at City Hall.

**Old Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with an email from Kay Davidson regarding and update from Will Barrett about the ALDOT TAP Grant. Mayor Labbe stated that he, Bruce Hughes and several involved will have a meeting at the Valley Grande Baptist Church at 9:00 Tuesday morning to get more recent updates and make sure everyone is on the same page so the project can move forward.

Mayor Wayne Labbe also stated that Dave’s Market steel for the building is scheduled for delivery on 11-30-22 from Alabama Steel Supply.

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe suggested that all the council members try to attend the VGVFD/SVFD annual Christmas party on Dec. 3 at 6:30pm.

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 6:13 PM.

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

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

 Kim Harris, City Clerk