**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting November 7, 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 October 17, 2022 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Robbie Rose 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. Kay Davidson stated that she was questioned by a citizen regarding the closing of the USPS office at the Valley Grande Pharmacy. Bruce Hughes stated that it was closed during COVID by the Post Office and suggested calling Tim Gibbs for any additional details regarding the issue.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that our Christmas Characters in the Park have been penciled in for Sunday December 11, 2022 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Decorating of the park will begin next week and hope to get the Christmas tree up before Thanksgiving. Sara Day stated that it will be simple this year with just decorations, characters for pictures and will be bringing back the painted hay bales by Whitney Smith.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** Jane Harris reported that a citizen contacted her about an incident involving loud music, racing and a possible party/horse show on Persimmon Tree Rd. Jane stated that she advised the citizen to contact the Sheriff’s Department and that we did not have a noise ordinance and no way to enforce one since the Sheriff’s Department can not enforce the city’s ordinances. Wayne Labbe gave details of what makes up the requirements for a business license.

Jane Harris also reported that Jimmy and Bo Morrow still have concerns about the safety of the new gate that is going to be installed at the walking trail.

**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 2 fire call so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that permits are still slow, and David Oliver is continuing to pour slab at the new Dave’s Market shopping center.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: No report.

**Old Business:** Bruce Hughes gave details of an email sent by Jimmy Morrow regarding the gate. The email gave a recap of some things that were previously discuss such as, Fire Dept access when the gate is closed, protecting the area where the gate opens into, timed automatic opening and closing issues, and training to be able to manually open and close the gate. Bruce Hughes state that we need to get a fence up around the gate to protect it. Wayne Labbe stated that we were covered by our insurance policy for any liabilities.

**New Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with invoices and proof of payment from David Oliver requesting to be reimbursed the 3% sales tax that was approved by the council. After the mayor and council reviewed the invoices and proof of payment, Bruce Hughes made a motion to accept the invoices and proof of payment for reimbursement for $1,712.38 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

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with planned details from James Autrey for a subdivision, requested by Brian Williamson on 66 acres on County Road 240 for the council to consider. After further detailed discussion among the council, the council agreed to have a public hearing on December 19, 2022 at 7:00pm at City Hall. Mayor Labbe explained that Mr. Williamson has met the requirements and has produced the names and addresses of the surrounding neighbors and that letters will go out this week, once the restrictions are presented. Jane Harris made a motion to have a public hearing 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 Kim Harris received her master for municipal clerk award at the University of Alabama. Mayor Labbe requested that Kim Harris take a picture with her plaque for the newspaper and stated that she does a great job for the city.

Mayor Labbe reminded everyone to vote tomorrow on Nov. 8 from 7:0am to 7:00pm.

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 6:30 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk