**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting December 5, 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 November 21, 2022 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Sara Day 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:** No report. Kay Davidson stated she has been approached by several citizens regarding the Williamson subdivision and the city could possibly have a large number of people attending the upcoming public hearing. Bruce Hughes stated that non-factual information has been spreading around the city. Wayne Labbe stated that once people get the facts, he expects things will settle down. The Mayor and Council discussed some of the details and the reason for creating a subdivision.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that Santa and the Characters will be at the park Sunday Dec. 11, 2022, from 2:00-4:00. Sara Day also stated that the park is decorated and looks great.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** No report.

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** Bruce Hughes reported that he and Mayor Labbe met with Heath Sexton and Will Barrett to finalize the sidewalk concerns and they are ready for the final submission to be signed off on so that it can go out for bids. Bruce Hughes stated that after discussions with all parties, they have decided to move the sidewalk back edge to the county property line and off the road to make things safer. Bruce Hughes also stated that concrete will be poured at the entrance of the drives along the sidewalks.

Bruce Hughes gave a detailed report to the council on the progress as well as the electrical work on the gate at the walking trail and stated that the council will need to decide on the fencing around the gate.

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

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh / Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported no fire calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that permits and service inspections were still slow.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: Kim Harris gave a report to the council from the auditors on the financial reports. Kim Harris also stated that the auditors will be at the first council meeting in January on the 3rd which will be on a Tuesday.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with details of the invoices for the 3% sales tax reimbursements on the construction materials for the new Dave’s Market building, totaling $12,751.75. Robbie Rose made a motion to accept the reimbursement as presented. 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

Bruce Hughes presented the council with a request to give all full and part time employees a $500.00 Christmas bonus. After further discussion Bruce Hughes made a motion to approve the bonuses 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 Wayne Labbe reported to the council that the 2023 Business License have been sent out from the office as of Nov. 30, 2022. Mayor Labbe also requested that everyone promote and support Santa and the Characters on Sunday Dec. 11, 2022 from 2:00-4:00.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk