**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting March 6, 2023***

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 February 21, 2023 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. Motion was made by Sara Day to accept the minutes as written. Jane Harris 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 asked if Wayne Labbe had any conversations with Paxton Reiss regarding the progress of the sidewalk project. Wayne Labbe stated that he had not heard of any new updates at this time. Kay Davidson stated that she will reach out to him this week.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** No report. Sara Day and Bubba Holley discussed the Easter Egg hunt. Bubba Holley stated that he delivered 14 flyers to different churches in Dallas County and received great feed-back from them. The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday April, 1 2023.

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

**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: 1 call so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman stated that things are steady but not very busy. Wayne Labbe and Sam Smitherman discussed possible building permits coming in soon.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Bubba Holley reported that Turfplaner of Georgia started on the ballfields and gave details of the work that is being done. Bubba Holley also stated that sign ups for ball season are still going on and updated the council with details of the progress.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: No report.

**Old Business:** Bruce Hughes questioned if the debris haulers coming into Valley Grande are getting a business license. Wayne Labbe stated that Sam Smitherman was checking for license periodically throughout the week. Bruce Hughes suggested checking with FEMA about a listing of the haulers.

**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 $754.14. Robbie Rose questioned the progress report that was supposed to be presented monthly. Wayne Labbe stated that this was the last month and he will need to come back before the council with any more invoices. Jane Harris 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

Mayor Wayne Labbe stated that he received a call from Mike Genard stating that he will not be able to maintain the property at the hayfield any longer and suggested bidding out the cutting of the property. Robbie Rose stated that it needs to be a stipulation in the bid that it be fertilized, and soil properly maintained. The bid for the hayfield will be posted on Mar. 7, 2023 and the opening of the bid will be on Mar. 20, 2023 at 10:00am. Bruce Hughes made the motion to bid out the cutting of the hayfield with the stipulation presented and a minimum bid of $1,500.00. 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:** Bubba Holley approached the council with a video of the ditch at the entrance of the walking trail washing out since the county put in the culverts. Wayne Labbe asked that Bruce contact the county about the issue and asked that Jane Harris contact Jimmy Morrow about the start up of the gate entrance along with contacting ALDOT about the speed limit sign.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe reported that time change will be this weekend. Mayor Labbe thanked Boyd Pugh for taking care of the sewer problems that happened over the weekend and gave details of the problem that occurred.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk