**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting April 3, 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 March 20, 2023 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.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success and the weather ended up being great. Bubba Holley gave details to the council about the hunt and Sara Day thanked Bubba Holley for everything he did for this event.

**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 reported one new permit and stated that service inspections along with permits were on average from last month. Sam Smitherman also reported that Dave’s Market has turned in some plans but is still waiting on electrical engineering plans.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Bubba Holley reported that practices have been going on for a week and a half and has two teams short of last season. Bubba Holley also stated that sponsorship banners should be ready this week and he will start hanging them along the front fence, with this year being the most sponsorship the city has ever had. Bubba Holley reported that it will be approximately two more week before opening ceremonies with a little over two hundred participants.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: No report.

**Old Business:** Robbie Rose reported to the council that he met with Gary Courtney regarding the signage for the gate at the Walking Trail and gave details of the sign to be made. Robbie Rose stated that he will have a rough draft for the council to approve hopefully at the next meeting.

Mayor Labbe reported that the city did not receive any bid for the cutting of the hayfield and suggested the council decided what to do going forward. The council made several suggestions regarding the issue and decided to reevaluate it later.

**New Business:** Mayor Labbe presented the council with the employee compensation package which included salary increases across the board as well as moving Bubba Holley from a part-time to a full-time position. Mayor Labbe gave details of the flexible hours for Bubba Holley until after ball season and keeping the office open during lunch hours. Bruce Hughes made a motion to hire Bubba Holley full time and give the salary increases to the employees as presented. Robbie Rose made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe X

Kay Davidson X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Bruce Hughes suggested installing the office with high impact security doors for the safety of the employees.

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Wayne Labbe thanked Bubba Holley, and everyone involved in the Easter Egg Hunt and is looking forward to the upcoming events this summer and fall.

Mayor Labbe also stated that he has spoken with Aubrey Carter with Alabama Power regarding the lighting for the sidewalk grant and they are getting a game plan together with a proposed start up date. The Mayor and Council discussed details of the plans for the sidewalk grant and the lighting.

Mayor Labbe stated that the CD at Marion Bank is maturing on April 8, and he will be contacting them next week to renew the CD at an increased interest rate.

Bubba Holley stated that he had several parents ask about having an older age group for baseball. Bubba Holley stated that he would only have to purchase bats since he already has all the other equipment needed for the teams. After further discussion among the council, Mayor Labbe suggested putting out flyers to see if there would be enough interest.

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 6:30 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk