**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting April 17, 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: Mayor Wayne Labbe

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 April 3, 2023 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 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 to the council that the restrooms at the Walking Trail have issues that need to be addressed. Sara Day and the council discussed ordering toilet paper dispensers. After further discussion, the mayor stated that Bubba Holley cleans the restrooms three times per week and that Wanda Champion had already ordered the dispensers along with the toilet paper that goes into them.

**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:** Robbie Rose presented the council with a sample of the sign for the gate at the walking trail and asked the council to determine the color scheme and time to incorporate onto the sign before placing the order. After a detailed discussion, the mayor and council decided on a white sign with red writing along with the time frame of 5:00am to 9:00pm.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh / Public Safety Director: 1 call so far this month and 14 calls last month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported a new building permit on Porter Circle this month. Sam Smitherman also reported that Dave’s market turned in their electrical plan and that it was slow going.

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 reminded the council that the Statement of Economic Interest is due on April 30, 2023.

**Old Business:** Sara Day questioned the council about the 15–18-year-old teams that Bubba Holley had mentioned at the last council meeting. Mayor Labbe stated that Bubba Holley is putting out flyers to see if there will be enough participation to make up the teams they will need. Sara Day stated that she is seeing a lot of interest and would like to see it happen.

Bruce Hughes stated that the driveway at the Whitaker’s house has been fixed but not to a satisfactory level. Bruce Hughes gave details of the problems and the Mayor and Council agreed to contact the County to have the issues repaired.

**New Business:** Vivian Black w/ Calvary Missionary Church for the Mental Health Workshop, that was listed on the agenda, did not attend the meeting.

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with a flyer from Alabama Teen Challenge requesting a donation for their annual walk. Bruce Hughes made a motion to give $500.00. Kay Davidson 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 an update from David Oliver on the new Dave’s Market construction and gave details of the progress. Mayor Labbe stated that David Oliver has requested to continue the 3% sales tax break on the construction materials for the building and stated that the council will need to address that at the next meeting.

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that the ads for the bids on the sidewalk project have been published in several newspapers such as Selma Times Journal, Tuscaloosa News, and the Prattville Newspaper. Bids will be opened on May 9, 2023

Mayor Labbe reported that the contract with Alabama Power for the lighting has been signed and the monthly amount was reduced to 671.00 per month with 25 lights. Mayor Labbe stated that Alabama Power is working on a start date at this time.

Mayor Labbe also gave details of the CD with Marion Bank that was renewed for 15 months at 4.36%.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Hughes, Robbie Rose made the second. Motion 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