**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting May 1, 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 April 17, 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.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that she has checked with the court system on the case of vandalism at Christmas in the Park that happened a little over a year ago to get an update. Sara Day gave details on the progress and stated that the case is still pending, and they would reach out to her as a point of contact on the case with any developments.

**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: Boyd Pugh reported no calls so far this month and 5 calls last month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported three new house permits which is about average from last month.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: Kim Harris presented the council with a packet sent to them from Vivian Black regarding the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Mental Health and Grief Forum.

**Old Business:** Robbie Rose presented the council with the finished sign that was made for the gate at the walking trail with the opening and closing times on it for the council to review before installing it. The council and Mayor agreed to have it placed and the mayor requested that Robbie contact Bubba Holley to find the proper place to display it. The mayor also stated that he will contact Jimmy Morrow and several others to set up a time to get instructions to start up the operation of the gate.

**New Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with a request from David Oliver to continue the 3% sales tax reimbursements on the material used in the construction of the new Dave’s Market building. The council discussed details of the progress of the construction and Jane Harris expressed her concerns and disagreements with the reimbursements. After further discussion, Bruce Hughes made a motion to approve the 3% sales tax reimbursement for a six-month period with this period being the limit on reimbursement. Robbie Rose made the second. Motion carried by majority 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 Labbe presented the council with the request to bid out the lawn care maintenance. The mayor and council agreed to post the bid on May 2, 2023, for three weeks until bidding is open on May 23, 2023 at 3:00pm.

Sara Day enquired about the baseball league for the older group and suggested starting a sign up to see how many people will participate. Mayor Labbe stated that Bubba Holley is working on the details of trying to form the league.

Jane Harris enquired about the hayfield to see if anyone had inquired about maintaining it. Mayor Labbe stated that he is in the process of working on trying to find someone at this time.

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that bids for the sidewalk project will be opened on May 9, 2023, at 10:00 am and the council will vote at the next meeting to award the winning bid.

Mayor Labbe gave details of the gate entry fees that have been collected over the last few games.

Mayor Labbe also informed the council that Wanda Champion will be having an upcoming surgery and asked that the council keep her in their prayers.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Jane Harris, Bruce Hughes 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