**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting June 5, 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 Absent

Sara Day Present

Jane Harris Present

Bruce Hughes Present

Robbie Rose Present

Quorum was made with 5 council members present.

The minutes from the May 15, 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 Absent

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Kay Davidson / Business and Community Development:** Absent.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that she has contacted the company that is executing the fireworks show and stated that all permit applications have been signed and applied for. The 4th of July event will be held on July 3, 2023. Mayor Labbe stated that the 3rd of July is a council meeting night as well and suggested having the next council meeting on July 10, 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:** Robbie Rose reported that he spoke to Bubba Holley and the city has 4 teams for all stars, the boys will play in Dothan and the girls will play in Eufaula. Robbie Rose also stated that he picked up the backboard to the sign that he will be mounting on the gate at the walking trail by the end of the week. Bruce Hughes suggested advertising the date of activation of the gate in the newspaper and on the city’s social media page. The gate is set to become operational on July 14, 2023 and times will be posted on the gate. The council discussed that Mike Genard will be cutting the hayfield before the 4th of July event.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh / Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 2 calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that Dave’s market is still waiting for electrical and HVAC equipment to be delivered and that he received the electrical plans from David Oliver as well. Sam Smitherman also reported 2 new permits since the last meeting.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: No report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2023-153 to award the Lawn Care Maintenance bid to Fixit-Nix, Clifford Nix for $26,600.00. Sara Day made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Bruce Hughes made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe X

Kay Davidson Absent

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2023-153 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-153**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR THE**

**LAWN MAINTENANCE**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Valley Grande has solicited sealed bids as required under the Alabama bid law; and

**WHEREAS,** bids were opened on May 23, 2023 at 3:00 pm at Valley Grande City Hall with five (5) bids submitted; and

**WHEREAS,** said bid was as follows:

1. Fix It Nix $26,600.00
2. Snow’s Cleaning $29,000.20
3. Austin Rouse $29,645.00
4. Thompson’s Lawn $30,400.00
5. JGC Lawn $36,160.00

**WHEREAS,** the bids were transmitted to the council at the next meeting of the council following the bid openings,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA; AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The bid submitted by Clifford Nix, Fix It Nix is hereby accepted as low bidder; and
2. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a written agreement with Clifford Nix, Fix It Nix for the amount set forth hereinabove, and in accordance with the terms of the corresponding bid documents.
3. The one-year agreement will begin July 1, 2023 and end June 30, 2024.
4. This resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Mayor and Council.

Adopted this 5th day of June 2023.

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Mayor Wayne Labbe

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Kim Harris

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with a 1st reading to amend Ordinance 2016-66 section 2 to change the council meeting time from six o’clock to five o'clock. Jane Harris made the motion to move forward with the amendment as presented and establish a new ordinance to amend 2016-66 section 2 to be voted on for final passage at the next meeting. 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 Absent

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Labbe reported that Milton Ezelle came by city hall and stated that Alabama Hwy 22 program is being taken off the docket for making it a five lane. Mayor Labbe asked the council to fill out a STIP form for ALDOT and send it back requesting not to take the five-lane project off the docket, Mayor Labbe suggested making copies of the form and giving it to other residents to send it in as well. Mayor Labbe stated that the sidewalk project was on the schedule that was given to him by Mr. Ezelle.

**Public Comment:** Brian Williamson approached the council with a letter from Judge Nunn stating that Dogwood Lane was a county road until it ends at the last house on the left. Mayor Labbe stated that he has a meeting with Judge Nunn and Al Fails regarding the issue and will get back to the council and Mr. Williamson with more information concerning the matter. Mayor Labbe and Brian Williamson discussed some issues that Mr. Sam Looney had with accessing his property and suggested ways to resolve them. Brian Williamson questioned Darrin McGilberry’s subdivision and Mayor Labbe stated that any issues that the city has with Mr. McGilberry will be discussed with him personally.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe reported that the City is currently waiting on the sidewalk project contract to be signed by Smitherman Brothers and afterwards we will have a preconstruction meeting. Mayor Labbe stated that he will inform the council of the meeting when he gets a confirmed date and time.

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 6:36 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk