**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting July 10, 2023***

Call to order by Wayne Labbe, Mayor at 5:00 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 June 19, 2023 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. A Motion was made by Robbie Rose to accept the minutes as written. 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

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Kay Davidson / Business and Community Development:** No report. Kay Davidson stated that she spoke to Susan Youngblood, former Selma City Council member, while volunteering at the Art Camp and Ms. Youngblood stated that she would be glad to assist the Valley Grande Council if ever needed.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that the 4th of July event went great even with the late start due to last minute residents coming in and cell phone issues and that blocking off the road on County Road 16 was a good idea. Sara Day stated that the concession and snow cone stand sold out.

Sara Day reported that the Fall Festival is in the planning stages and recommended the 1st Saturday in Oct. as the date from 9:00 – 1:00 with registration beginning Aug. 14, 2023. Jane Harris made a motion to set the date for the Valley Grande Fall Festival this year on Oct. 7, from 9:00 – 1:00 as presented. Bruce Hughes 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

Sara Day reported that she will be purchasing pumpkins for the fall festival from a locally grown pumpkin farmer Officer Smiley.

Sara Day also reported that the DA’s office contacted the city regarding restitution for the Christmas vandalism and requested she get figures on the damages that were caused.

**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 1 call so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman gave an update on the progress that he saw at Dave’s new shopping center and discussion was made among the council regarding the details.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Bubba Holley reported that both teams were beaten out at the all-star tournament, but they played hard. Bubba Holley gave details of the games and stated that the 10 & under girls’ team will be going to the World Series on July 27, 2023, in Alexander, LA for 6 days.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: No report.

**Old Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with a complaint that Fix It Nix, the lawn care maintenance company that won the bid for this upcoming year, is not holding up the bid contract as agreed. Mayor Wayne Labbe and Bubba Holley gave details of the work that had not been done and after further discussion among the council, Bruce Hughes recommended that the mayor call him into a meeting with a written reprimand and discuss the matter further.

**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 $865.76. Bruce Hughes 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 presented the council with the problem with the manhole for the sewer system in Overlook Hills and gave details of the issues. Mayor Labbe stated that he would be getting quotes to see if the repairs will need to be bid out.

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Labbe reported that a survey is being done in the office by Wanda Champion for the Overlook Hills CDBG to get information on the requirements needed to apply for the grant to repave the road, this is the first step in the process and Mayor Labbe gave details on the requirements and steps to be done for the completion. Mayor Labbe stated that Tombigbee sent a Public Hearing notice that was posted today for this grant and is set to start at 4:45 on July 17, 2023 before the regular scheduled council meeting at 5:00pm.

Mayor Labbe reported that he is receiving quotes for the 2 sheds and the small building that was damaged in the storm a few weeks ago. The quotes for the 2 sheds total $7,253.00 each and the small building totals $3,294.50. Mayor Labbe stated that he is still waiting on Bent Tree to give a quote on the lights that were damaged. The mayor stated that he is expecting rates to increase for next year. Discussion was made between the mayor and council about the future of the flight field and what type of building to put back in that area.

Mayor Labbe reported that he received the quarterly statement from the CD at Marion Bank and the interest this quarter was $2,423.24 for three months.

Mayor Labbe stated that the city has another lighting project going on, he was contacted by an engineer from Clanton that is responsible for the kind of lighting in the park, and after his assessment, being able to bring those 9 lights fixture up to date and only put 7 in the park with LED’s and cover more light footage which will be cheaper per month for the city. Mayor Labbe requested a quote and will sign the contract on the project.

Bruce Hughes questioned when the gate at the walking trail will be activated, and the council and mayor discussed the date that was put in place in a previous meeting for the activation on July 14.

Kay Davidson inquired about the current problems around the pavilion at the walking trail. Discussion was made between the council and Jane Harris suggested removing the picnic tables to prevent the residents from leaving the pavilion area unclean. Mayor Labbe suggested possibly putting the picnic tables at the ballfield.

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 5:41 PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk