**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting July 17, 2023***

Call to order by Wayne Labbe, Mayor at 5:10 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 July 10, 2023 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. A 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 that the District Attorney contacted her to get a settlement amount and documentation on letterhead regarding the vandalism of the park. Sara Day gave details of the decorations that were damaged and the cost to replace the decorations and the Christmas Tree. After further discussion among the council, such as settling for ½ the cost of a new tree and the cost to replace the other decorations. Jane Harris suggested the settlement be $6,500.00 and Bruce Hughes suggested there be a no trespassing order for 5 years given on all city property.

**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 2 calls so far this month. Mayor Labbe and Council discussed details of the wreck that happened in front of the cemetery of Highway 22 which VGVFD did not receive a call on.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that he is receiving a lot of generator inspections as well as gas inspections since the recent storms.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent. Wayne Labbe stated that we are still waiting for quotes to repair the lights at the park from the storm.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: Kim Harris presented the council with a Profit and Loss including a Budget vs Actual spending report and Balance Sheet for this fiscal year for the council to review.

**Old Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that there are no quotes at this time for the repairs to the manhole at the sewer system, but they are still working on the quotes.

Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that he received an email from Paxton Reiss and stated that Smitherman Brothers has started on the sidewalk project as of today and that lights are up on County Road 16.

Mayor Wayne Labbe requested that Jane Harris and Sara Day inspect the City’s property to make sure that the maintenance is being done. Mayor Labbe stated that he had a meeting with Clifford Nix, with Fix It Nix, and gave details of the issues that the city is having with the maintenance not being done properly.

Mayor Labbe stated that the gate was activated as of today 07/17/23, instead of the 14th due to it being on a weekend.

**New Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2023-156 to apply for $500,000.00 in CDBG funds and committing to $50,300.00 in matching funds for a total project of $550,300.00. Sara Day made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Robbie Rose made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present by a show of hands vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA NAY

Wayne Labbe X

Kay Davidson X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2023-156 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**Resolution #2023-156**

**Resolution of the CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE**

whereas, the City of Valley Grande is applying for a Community Development Block Grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to resurface Merrifield Drive, Overlook Drive, and Hillandale Drive; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Valley Grande recognizes the need for these improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valley Grande wishes to apply for $500,000.00 in CDBG funds and commits to providing $50,300.00 cash match for a total project of $550,300.00;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the City of Valley Grande, adopts this resolution committing to $50,300.00 in matching funds and authorizes the Mayor to sign and submit the application and all pertinent paperwork.

ADOPTED, this the 17th day of July 2023.

ATTEST:

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Kim Harris, City Clerk Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Sara Day presented the Council with a request to start the process of purchasing a new Christmas Tree and settle with the District Attorney’s office for $6,500.00 and site a 5 year No-Trespassing order for the vandalism at the park. Bruce Hughes made a motion to accept the request as presented. 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

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with a request for permission to transfer $1,000,000.00 in funds from the operating account to a 7-month CD @ 5.05% to generate an increase of revenue of approximately $50,500.00 for the city. The mayor gave details of the balance in the operating account and stated that there would be enough funds left in the operating account to operate the city. Jane Harris made a motion to accept the request and give permission to the mayor to move forward. 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

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** No report.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Jane Harris, Robbie Rose made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk