**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting August 7, 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 July 17, 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

The minutes from the July 17, 2023 public hearing 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 restitution of $5,500.00 for the vandalism at the walking trail during Christmas in the Park in 2020 will begin this month, although it was less than the council agreed to settle for, Sara gave details to the council of the settlement in writing to keep it on file as well as details of the new decorations.

Sara Day reported that registration for vendors wanting to participate in the fall festival will begin Monday 08/14/23.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** Jane Harris reported that she inspected the city property to make sure the job was being properly done by the new lawn care maintenance company as requested by the mayor. Jane Harris stated that Fix It Nix is doing a great job.

**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.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Absent.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Bubba Holley reported that the 10 & Under girls’ softball placed 6th place out of 10 in the World Series and won the sportsmanship award.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: No report.

**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.

**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 $412.83. 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

The Central Alabama Crime Stoppers presented the council with a request for a donation of $5,000.00 towards the planning of their annual operational budget. Executive Director Tony Garrett, Director of Law Enforcement Relations Ray Wagner, and Asst. Chief Deputy Jonathan Cole with the Dallas County Sheriff’s Dept. gave details of their missions, goals, and purpose of the organization to the council. After further discussion, Jane Harris made a motion to donate $5,000.00 to the Central Alabama Crime Stoppers 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

Jane Harris mentioned having recycle bins in Valley Grande, after further discussion among the council, Wayne Labbe stated that it was a business for individuals seeking that industry.

**Public Comment:**  None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that the sidewalk and lighting is progressing and gave details of the cleanliness as they finish in sections. Citizens that attended the meeting disagreed and complained of the trash that was left by the workers and they had to be asked/told to pick up water bottles. A Citizen questioned why the sidewalk is going around the pole instead of recessing the pole, as well as the guidewire and the safety of the children riding bikes. The mayor explained that discussion is being made with the power company about removing the guidewire to make it safer for the public. A Citizen questioned the notices about the sidewalk project and the mayor and council explained that it was posted in three different places and was also in the newspaper. All requirements were made by the engineering company that posted the bid as well. Sara Day stated that the grant that was received was strictly for a sidewalk project, not potholes or anything otherwise. A Citizen questioned where the placement of the sidewalk would be from highway 22 to the park. Mayor Labbe explained that it would be between the road and the trees and gave details of the construction. Mayor Labbe also explained that the upkeep of the sidewalk project will be included in the next lawn care maintenance bid. Mayor Labbe gave details of the Overlook Hills paving grant that the City of Valley Grande applied for through the Alabama Tombigbee. A Citizens questioned the minutes of the July 17 meeting. Discussion about the minutes was made among the clerk and the citizen. A Citizen also questioned if the shed that was damaged by the storm was covered under insurance. The mayor gave details of possibly building a pole barn in place of the shed and getting quotes for lights at the ballfield for the insurance company. A citizen questioned the financial reports and the ability to receive them. The mayor, council and city clerk explained the process for receiving the reports.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55PM.

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

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

 Kim Harris, City Clerk