**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting August 21, 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: Mayor Wayne Labbe

In Attendance:

Wayne Labbe, Mayor Present

Kay Davidson Present

Sara Day Present

Jane Harris Present

Bruce Hughes Present

Robbie Rose Present

A quorum was made with all council members present.

The minutes from the August 7, 2023 regular meeting were presented by Kim Harris. A Motion was made by Robbie Rose to accept the minutes as written. 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

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Kay Davidson / Business and Community Development:** No report.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that preparations for the fall festival on Oct 7, 2023, from 9am-1pm were underway, and vendor registration has begun with over 10 people signed up so far. Sara Day stated that she wanted to get approval from the council to have the hayride, barrel train, a rock wall and bounce house for the festival, and the council agreed to the activities. Sara Day also stated that she will be getting the pumpkins from Mr. Smiley for the festival.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** Jane Harris reported that she inspected all the city property and found that the new lawn care maintenance team were still doing a great job. The mayor stated that there was a spot around the buildings at the west side of the walking trail area that was being missed but everything else looked good.

**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 5 calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported 12 active permits and no updates from Dave’s market. Sam Smitherman stated that they were waiting for transformers to be set and generators to come in.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: No report.

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.

**New Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2023-157 to adopt the annual transportation plan for the RAA. After further discussion among the council, Bruce Hughes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-157 as presented. Robbie Rose 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 X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2023-157 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION 2023-157**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

**PURSUANT TO THE REBUILD ALABAMA ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Legislature in Act No. 2019-2 adopted the Rebuild Alabama Act;

**WHEREAS,** the Rebuild Alabama Act provides for an allocation among themunicipalities of the state on the basis of the ratio of population of each municipality to the total population of all municipalities of the state a portion of the additional taxes levied under the Act to be used for transportation infrastructure, improvement, preservation and maintenance;

**WHEREAS,** the Act provides the municipal governing body of the City of Valley Grande shall adopt an annual Transportation Plan no later than August 31 which shall provide a detailed list of projects for which expenditures are intended to be made in the next fiscal year and shall be based upon an estimate of the revenues anticipated from the fund in which the additional revenue is deposited during the next fiscal year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City Council of the City of Valley Grande as follows:

1. The City Council of the City of Valley Grande hereby passes this Resolution as the Transportation Plan submitted in compliance with the Rebuild Act, Act No. 2019-2.
2. Pursuant to the Act the City Council of the City of Valley Grande estimates that its anticipated allocation for the Rebuild Alabama Act fund for fiscal year October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024 will be approximately $40,847.44, with increasing allocations for each fiscal year thereafter.
3. Pursuant to the Act the City Council of The City of Valley Grande anticipate expending funds received pursuant to the Act, in part or in whole, to contract with the Dallas County Commission, to find any of the following list of projects within the municipal limits of the City of Valley Grande:
   1. Pothole repair and maintenance City wide
   2. Repair and maintenance and a start improvement of streets, and bridges as designated by the City.
4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to post a copy of this Resolution as its Transportation Plan in a conspicuous place at the City Hall and on the website of the City of Valley Grande.

This resolution shall become effective August 21, 2023.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 21st day of August 2023.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attest:

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Kim Harris, City Clerk

Mayor Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2023-159 to authorize the mayor and city clerk to open a CD account at First Cahawba Bank and transfer one million dollars from the operating account to accrue interest 5.05% for 7 months. Jane Harris made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-159 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 X

Sara Day X

Jane Harris X

Bruce Hughes X

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2023-159 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION 2023-159**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA hereby authorizes the city clerk/treasurer and mayor to open a CD account with First Cahawba Bank, and transfer one million dollars from the operating account into the CD account on behalf of the City.

This resolution shall become effective August 21, 2023.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 21st day of August, 2023.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attest:

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Kim Harris, City Clerk

Sheriff Michael Grantham and Chief John Hatfield with the Dallas County Sheriff's Office attended the council meeting. Sheriff Grantham thanked the council for their donation and support to the Central Alabama Crimestoppers and gave details of how the program operates from the tips they receive. Chief John Hatfield presented the council with details of the agreement between the city and the sheriff’s department for business detail and extra patrol for Valley Grande. John Hatfield stated that due to the increase in salaries for the officers, he is requesting an increase from $25.00 & $28.00 per hour to a $32.00 flat rate across the board for the business detail and extra patrol just to cover the cost of the salary increase, with the sheriff’s department furnishing the car, gas, and liability insurance. This agreement would be set to begin on Oct. 1, 2023. Chief John Hatfield gave details of the three major crimes in Valley Grande that have been solved. John Hatfield also stated that the Sheriff’s Dept. will be on traffic duty two days a week and will be issuing tickets in the Valley Grande area. After further discussion among the council, Mayor Labbe requested a schedule for the business detail and extra patrol be sent with the invoices. Jane Harris made a motion to accept the increase 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 Labbe presented the council with a request from Pepsi to sponsor a hole for $100.00 or a team for $240.00 for the Golf Tournament to benefit breast cancer awareness. Jane Harris made a motion to sponsor a team for $240.00 as presented. Kay Davidson 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:** Mayor Wayne Labbe updated the council on the sidewalk project stating that Smitherman Brothers should finish up next week on County Road 81 and begin working on County Road 16. Mayor Labbe reported that the city has made one payment so far and is waiting for the 80% reimbursement.

Mayor Labbe stated that he met with Alabama Power regarding the guidewires across the sidewalk and gave details of the assessment.

Mayor Labbe stated that the insurance company is about to close on the claim for the storm damage to the ballfield and walking trail.

Mayor Labbe reported that the annual audit will begin on Oct. 16, 2023.

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 5:58PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk