**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting October 16, 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 October 2, 2023, regular meeting was presented by Kim Harris. A Motion was made by Sara Day 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 thanked everyone for their participation and help with the annual fall festival as well as her concerns for the vendors. The council complimented Sara Day on her hard work and dedication and for a job well done. The Council gave details of the great response they received from the event as well as the great feedback they have received regarding the sidewalk. Sara Day stated that the next event would be Christmas in the Park.

**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 3 calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Absent.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Bubba Holley reported that he has 5 men’s teams and 2 women’s teams for the adult league this season. Bubba Holley gave details of the league and stated that games will begin on Monday Oct. 23, 2023.

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. Kim Harris also reported that the annual audit began today Oct. 16, 2023.

**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 Labbe gave details of the delays, and he hopes to hear something this coming week.

Mayor Labbe inquired about the lawn maintenance issues the city is having, and Jane Harris stated that she spoke to the company, Fix It Nix, regarding the issues. Fix It Nix apologized for the problem and reassured everyone that he would get it corrected and it would not happen again. Jane Harris stated that she went around to all the locations today and everything looked great. Jane Harris had questions regarding the chemical around the sewer and the mayor gave details regarding her concerns.

**New Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2023-161 to award the bid for the fencing around the pavilion to Selma Fence for $15,685.00. After further discussion among the council regarding the reasons for the fencing. Bruce Hughes made a motion to accept the bid as presented. Jane Harris 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 2023-161 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-161**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR THE**

**PAVILION FENCE**

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

**WHEREAS,** bids were opened on October 13, 2023 at 10:00 am at Valley Grande City Hall with one (1) bid submitted; and

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

1. Selma Fence $15,685.00

**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 Selma Fence is hereby accepted as low bidder; and
2. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a written agreement with Selma Fence for the amount set forth hereinabove, and in accordance with the terms of the corresponding bid documents.
3. This resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Mayor and Council.

Adopted this 16th day of October 2023.

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Mayor Wayne Labbe

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Kim Harris

Mayor Wayne Labbe stated that the city has received the 1st check from the insurance proceeds from the storm damage at the Sports Complex, after completion of the repair work, the insurance company will issue the remaining funds. The mayor stated that the job for the ballfield lighting will have to be bid out due to the amount it will take to repair them. Bruce Hughes made a motion to bid the ballfield lighting out beginning Oct. 17, 2023 for two weeks and open bids on Oct. 30 ,2023 at 10:00am. 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 and Bruce Hughes suggested the city get quotes for the storage building/pole barn. The council discussed the details of what is needed and will bring it back before the council at the next meeting.

Mayor Labbe instructed Bubba Holley to begin ordering the other small equipment to replace what was damaged in the storm that was under the price required for bid.

**Public Comment:**  None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that he will speak to Alabama Power regarding the issue of no lighting on the sidewalk project near the school. Mayor Labbe gave details of the company Yellow Hammer, that will be at the next council meeting.

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