**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting November 6, 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 Absent

A quorum was made with 5 council members present.

The minutes from the October 16, 2023, regular meeting was presented by Kim Harris. A Motion was made by Sara Day 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 Absent

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Kay Davidson / Business and Community Development:** Kay Davidson reported that she spoke to Johnathan Brown, the Pastor at Elkdale Baptist Church, and he is interested in starting the process of having Tennis Courts in Valley Grande. Kay Davidson gave details of possible grants that could help and stated that Johnathan Brown would like to get on the agenda and present the council with more details.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported she spoke to Tammy Troha about having Santa and Friends again this year for Christmas in the Park on Dec. 10, 2023 from 2:00– 4:00 pm. Sara Day gave details of some of the decorations and stated that Tammy Troha is in the process of decorating the park for the upcoming event.

**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:** Absent.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh / Public Safety Director: Absent.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Absent, Mayor Wayne Labbe stated that Sam reported to him that Dave’s Market is waiting several pieces of equipment to be installed such as generators and amp panels.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent.

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

**New Business:** George Henry with Yellow Hammer Networks presented the council with details of a request for a right of way for a digital infrastructure to operate an end-to-end fiber network. After questions and discussion among the council, an ordinance will be presented at the next council meeting for the members to vote on. The council requested that Mr. George Henry forward a footprint of the map to the council for their review.

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2023-162 to authorize One Stop 90 to pursue an off-premises retail beer and table wine license. Bruce Hughes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-162 as presented. Kay Davidson 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 Absent

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2023-162 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION #2023-162**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Valley Grande that Falcon Group LLC - DBA One Stop 90 located at 3037 Citizens Parkway, Valley Grande, AL 36701, inside Valley Grande corporate limits, be authorized to pursue the issuance of a license for an off-premise retail beer and wine license.

Adopted on this 6th day of November 2023.

Approved\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attest:

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Kim Harris, City Clerk

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2023-163 to authorize Valley Package Store to pursue a lounge retail liquor class 2 package license. Bruce Hughes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-163 as presented. Sara Day 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 Absent

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2023-163 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION #2023-163**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Valley Grande that Falcon Group LLC - DBA Valley Package Store located at 3037 A Citizens Parkway, Valley Grande, AL 36701, inside Valley Grande corporate limits, be authorized to pursue the issuance of a license for a lounge retail liquor – class 2 package license.

Adopted on this 6th day of November 2023.

Approved\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attest:

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Kim Harris, City Clerk

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with Resolution 2023-164 to award the bid for the ballfield lighting to Bent Tree Electric for $86,040.00. After further discussion among the council. Jane Harris made a motion to accept the bid as presented. Sara Day 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 Absent

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2023-164 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-164**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR THE**

**BALLFIELD LIGHTNING**

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

**WHEREAS,** bids were opened on October 31, 2023 at 10:00 am at Valley Grande City Hall with one (1) bid submitted; and

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

1. Bent Tree Electric $86,040.00

**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 Bent Tree Electric is hereby accepted as low bidder; and
2. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a written agreement with Bent Tree Electric 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 on this 6th day of November 2023.

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Mayor Wayne Labbe

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk, Kim Harris

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 $144.07 Bruce Hughes made a motion to accept the reimbursement 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 Absent

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with printouts for a new playground at the ballfields for the council to consider. Mayor Labbe gave details of the project and hopes the council would consider in a future meeting.

Mayor Labbe reported that Bubba Holley is still working on getting quotes to replace the storage buildings that we destroyed in the recent storm.

Mayor Labbe presented the council with plans for a new concession stand that includes restrooms. Mayor Labbe gave details of the construction of the building and would like for the council to consider in a future meeting.

**Public Comment:**  None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Wayne Labbe reported details of the sidewalk project and stated that once everything is completed, he will have an inspection of the project with Paxton Reiss. Bruce Hughes suggested spreading rye grass and a bale of hay at the west entrance of the walking trail.

Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that he received a text message stating that the city was approved for the resurfacing grant for the Overlook Hills Subdivision. Mayor Labbe stated that he would try to reach out for clarification regarding the grant.

Mayor Wayne Labbe gave details of the CD at Marion Bank.

Mayor Wayne Labbe requested that Jane Harris reach out to the lawn maintenance company regarding some issues and the lawn care they are providing to the city.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk