**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting January 2, 2024***

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

A quorum was made with all council members present.

The minutes from the December 18, 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:** No report.

**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 14 fire calls last month and 1 fire call so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Absent.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Bubba Holley reported that he spoke to Bent Tree about taking the lights down on the poles as well as the new tree, and they are looking at doing that possibly next week. Sara Day inquired about the spools for the decorative lights for the walking trail. Wayne Labbe stated that some of the stuff in the shed could be discarded. Bubba Holley also reported that he spoke to the company that maintains the fields and they are supposed to check this week to see if any more dirt needs to be added to the fields.

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:** Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with a discussion regarding the concession bid. Mayor Labbe explained that since ball season has been moved up to January, the contract will need to be revised to include the wording summer and fall ball season 2024 and amend the wording for pricing in the concession or allow food to be brought in. Mayor Labbe stated that he would send the revised contract to the council through email and once reviewed, it can go out for bid at the next council meeting.

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with a discussion regarding the lawn care maintenance bid. Mayor Labbe explained that the bid will need to be revised to include the maintenance for the new sidewalk project as well as changing the contract to begin on March 1, 2024 for only 6 months with Bubba Holley picking up the lawn care from Sept. 1 through February and purchasing new equipment. After further discussion among the council regarding the details of the work, disciplinary actions, and aerial shots to be included in the new contract, Mayor Labbe stated that he would revise the bid for the council to review. Mayor Labbe also stated that he would speak to the current company maintaining the lawn care and he will have a chance to rebid.

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with the pavilion fees and guidelines form to recommend and decide on new fees for the rental of the pavilion at the walking trail. After further discussion among the council regarding fees being cheaper for the residents of Valley Grande vs. nonresidents of Valley Grande. Sara Day recommended the following:

Residents ½ day 50.00 full day 100.00 / Nonresidents ½ 75.00 full day 150.00

Including a $100.00 cleaning fee for both, which will be refunded if the pavilion is cleaned. No refunds will be administered unless canceled up to two weeks in advance of the reserved date.

Kay Davidson made a motion to accept the recommendation of the fees 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

**Public Comment:** Lillian Dixon, a resident of County Road 986, presented the council with a request to help repair the county road due to her inability to receive help from any other agency. The Mayor and Council explained that it was a private road and funds could only be used on public roads. Ms. Dixon also asked the council if they would consider a senior citizen program in the area.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that he spoke to Joey at APCO regarding the lights and guide wires on the sidewalk project and he is still working on the issues.

Mayor Labbe also reported that Paxton Reiss is working with Brandy Wilkerson on the CDBG and once he is at the point of process, we will be setting up a checking account for the grant funds.

Mayor Labbe reported that we are waiting for the pole barn bid which will be opened on the 12th of January at 10:00am.

Mayor Labbe reported that the preliminary audit has come in and the auditors will set up a date to go over details of the audit.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM.

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

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

 Kim Harris, City Clerk