**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting December 18, 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 December 4, 2023, regular meeting was 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:** Kay Davidson reported that she, Kim Harris, and Johnathan Brown had a conference call with Tim McCullum with the USTA on Dec. 8, 2023 to discuss the process for a grant application for tennis courts in Valley Grande. Kay Davidson gave details of the call and stated that we are waiting to see if Dallas County is still a member of CTA which will play a big part in starting the application process as well as an approval.

**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 5 fire calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that 8 service inspections so far this month. Sam Smitherman also reported that the generators have not come in yet for Dave’s Market at this time. Discussion was made among the council about the details of the progress made at Dave’s Market so far.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Bubba Holley reported that after the Christmas holidays, he will be putting up banners throughout Valley Grande for ball season as well as going around to the schools giving out flyers for sign-up to begin Jan. 18-20, 2024. Bruce Hughes questioned when the infield dirt would be installed, and Bubba Holley stated that it will be sometime in December. Discussion was made among the council regarding possible LED lights at the ballfield in the future.

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 reminded the council that the next two meeting will be on Tuesdays due to the holidays.

**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 quote for a pole barn to replace the sheds that were damaged by the storm. Wayne Labbe gave details of the quote and plans for the buildings such as storage for the one that we have now, and equipment use for the new building that will need to be bid out. After further discussion among the council, Sara Day made a motion to post a bid with specifications for a pole barn. 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 Wayne Labbe presented the council with a proposal to refer to when making decisions regarding the pavilion fees and guidelines. Mayor Labbe asked the council to review it and make recommendations at the next meeting. Mayor Labbe and the Council discussed the details of the fencing at the pavilion such as installing a wheelchair ramp. Jane Harris suggested to wait on renting the pavilion out until the repairs are made and wheelchair ramp is installed.

**Public Comment:**  None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that he had a walk through on the sidewalk project with ALDOT, Smitherman Brothers and Civil Southeast Engineers and everyone was pleased with the results. Mayor Labbe stated he is still working with Alabama Power on the lighting that was damaged in a backhoe accident resulting in two poles being knocked down because lines were hanging too low.

Mayor Wayne Labbe spoke to Paxton Reiss regarding the CDBG, and they are still working with Tombigbee at this time. Mayor Labbe wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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 5:27PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk