**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting February 20, 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: 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 February 5, 2024, regular meeting was presented by Kim Harris. A Motion was made by Robbie Rose to accept the minutes as written with one correction made by Wayne Labbe. 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:** No report. Sara Day enquired about an opening date for ball season for the Selma Area Food Bank activity. Mayor Labbe stated that he would get more information and talk about it at the next meeting. Mayor Labbe gave details of the progress with ball registration as well as the Easter Egg Hunt. Bruce Hughes stated that the Easter banners looked great.

**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 4 calls so far this month. Wayne Labbe enquired about the sewer system and Boyd Pugh stated that he is waiting on the end of the month report.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Absent. Wayne Labbe updated the council with details of the new Dave’s Market building and discussion was made among the council regarding the progress.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Bubba Holley reported that the Easter Egg Hunt banners and flyers have been distributed throughout the city and drafts are scheduled for early next week and practices will follow the following week. Mayor Labbe and the Council discussed the details of the new storage building along with plans to add topsoil in time for the easter egg hunt. Discussion was made among the council and Bubba Holley regarding the details of the one night only can food drive in place of an entrance fee.

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 their Statement of Economic Interest is due on April 30, 2024.

**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 Resolution 2024-168 to accept the bid for the new 8-month lawn care maintenance bid from Thompson Lawn Care Services in the amount of $23,740.00 to begin on March 1, 2024. After further discussion among the council, Sara Day made the 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 2024-168 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-168**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR THE**

**LAWN MAINTENANCE**

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

**WHEREAS,** bids were opened on February 16, 2024 at 10:00am at Valley Grande City Hall with three (3) bids submitted; and

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

1. Alabama Teen Challenge $28,000.00
2. Thomas Lawn Service $32,360.00
3. Thompson Lawn Service $23,740.00

**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 Thompson Lawn Service is hereby accepted as low bidder; and
2. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a written agreement with Thompson Lawn Service for the amount set forth hereinabove, and in accordance with the terms of the corresponding bid documents.
3. The 8-month agreement will begin March 1, 2024 and end October 31, 2024.
4. This resolution to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Mayor and Council.

Adopted this 20th day of February 2024.

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Mayor Wayne Labbe

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Kim Harris

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that Bent Tree is working on the LED lights and the poles, he gave details of the progress and stated that it will save energy and light up the fields nicely.

Mayor Labbe reported that the new storage building should be complete by the end of the week, and he will have Sam Smitherman access all the lighting needs. The mayor and council discussed details of the new storage building.

Mayor Labbe reported that the new pole is up in the dark spot that is on County Road 16, and he will speak to Alabama Power about the poles on County Road 81.

Mayor Labbe reported that Paxton Reiss visited City Hall and the paperwork for the CDBG is done and the bid process is set to begin as soon as ALDOT sends the approval.

Mayor Labbe reported that the auditors from Jackson Thornton are scheduled to present the annual audit to the council at the second meeting in March.

Bruce Hughes requested Wayne Labbe to call the Alabama State Troopers to patrol the 18-wheeler trucks on Al Hwy 22 in front of Selma Funeral Home. The Mayor and Council discussed details of the hazardous conditions the parked trucks are causing.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk