**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting April 1, 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 March 18, 2024, regular meeting was presented by Kim Harris. A Motion was made by Robbie Rose 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 X

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Kay Davidson / Business and Community Development:** No report.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that the Easter Egg Hunt went great with beautiful weather and approximately 9,000 eggs were found in around 6 minutes. Sara Day gave details of the church events as well as the Easter Bunny’s visit.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** No report. However, Jane Harris gave details of the wreck that happened at the park entrance as she was in route to the council meeting.

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** No report. However, Bruce Hughes gave details of a current episode at the walking trail where people are having to leave the park due to language etc.

**Robbie Rose / Parks and Recreation, Sports Complex:** No report.

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh / Public Safety Director: Absent, out on fire call.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that March was slow, and 2 inspections so far this month. No update on Dave’s market, still waiting for generators. Mayor Labbe inquired about the electrical materials for the new building and Sam Smitherman stated that the materials were already in the new building ready to be installed and then inspected.

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.

Mayor Wayne Labbe informed the council of issues with a sewer line that collapsed Friday under the street in Overlook Hills. Mayor Labbe stated that Boyd Pugh was working with the plumbing company to replace the lines since the problems was on the city’s side of the sewer system. Bruce Hughes suggested that the city apply for possible grant money to replace the lines. Mayor Labbe stated that the city did receive a grant when he was mayor before and gave details of the project.

**New Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with several companies that responded to the request for playground equipment and gave details with several options to choose from. After further discussion among the council, the mayor and council agreed to send two companies a bid invitation to allow them to send a sealed bid to the clerk’s office. The council and mayor will choose from the bids at the next meeting. Kay Davidson made a motion to bid out the playground equipment as presented. 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

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Wayne Labbe gave details regarding the progress the city is having with a new company that is reimagining the current website.

Mayor Labbe informed the council that the new pavilion gate was broken into the Saturday before the council meeting which was captured on video surveillance. Mayor Labbe gave details of the incident and stated that the sheriff's office was called, and a report was signed to move forward with a warrant to prosecute.

Mayor Labbe also reported that he will be checking with ALDOT regarding the no parking and tow away signs this week.

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 5:32PM.

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

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Kim Harris, City Clerk