**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting April 15, 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 April 1, 2024, regular meeting was presented by Kim Harris. A Motion was made by Jane Harris to accept the minutes as written. 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 X

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Kay Davidson / Business and Community Development:** Kay Davidson updated the council with a memorandum with details from Johnathan Brown regarding the Selma Area Tennis Association membership to be recognized by the USTA as well as the steps for the grant process.

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** Sara Day reported that Selma Area Food bank will be setting up at the ballpark around 5:15 this evening to open the gates for the food can admission.

**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 10 fire calls so far this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman gave details to the council regarding the progress on the new Dave’s Market building. Sam Smitherman stated that he has a few jobs to finish up and will soon get started on the service at the new building.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent. Wayne Labbe stated that the ballpark looks great and updated the council on the work that has been done.

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.

**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 2024-169 to accept the bid for the new playground equipment from Playground Boss in the amount of $49,840.00 with a promotional offer for a park bench for $1.00, a warranty, two weeks for delivery and installation and the primary colors of yellow and blue. After further discussion among the council, Bruce Hughes made a motion to accept the bid as presented. Robbie Rose 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 Wayne Labbe presented the council with details on an opportunity that was presented by the Valley Grande Community Center’s members Patsy Moore and Judy Harris, gifting the City of Valley Grande the Valley Grande Community Center including buildings and the acreages of land. After further discussion among the council including the plans and opportunities, Jane Harris made a motion to receive the Valley Grande Community Center as a gift to the City of Valley Grande 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 reported that the no parking signs are up on the side of the highway across from the cemetery and gave details of the trucks that have been parked there.

Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that the Overlook Hills grant project is still at ALDOT, Wayne Labbe and Jane Harris discussed details regarding the project. Mayor Labbe stated that Kim Harris is still working with the new website company and hopes to be up working soon. Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that the City had issues with a sewer repair that ended with Spire Energy boring through the sewer lines and with Boyd Pugh and Kim Harris’ quick response to the issues, Spire Energy is reimbursing the city on the claim that was filed for approximately $7,000.00 - $8,000.00.

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the council with sealed envelopes for the employee salary adjustments to be voted on at the next meeting.

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 5:33PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk