**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting June 3, 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 May 20, 2024, regular meeting was presented by Kim Harris. A Motion was made by Kay Davidson 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. Wayne Labbe stated that the hay will be cut in time for the 4th of July event.

**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 15 fire calls last month. Jane Harris gave details of a recent wreck that involved a Valley Grande resident.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Absent.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent. Wayne Labbe stated that this was the last week of regular ball season before the all-stars begin.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: No report.

**Old Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe reported to the council that Smitherman Brothers Construction is currently working on the manhole in the Overlook Hills subdivision on Hillandale Dr. and should be finishing up this week. Mayor Labbe stated that a pre-construction meeting with Paxton Reiss and for the CDBG will be on June 18, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that he spoke to Ralph Hobbs regarding the Valley Grande Community Center and stated that the organization was having money issues, and he gave them permission to move forward to keep from holding up the process.

Bruce Hughes mentioned the meeting with the LEPC and stated that the trucks are still parking on the right of way across from the Selma Funeral Home.

Jane Harris suggested the city try to obtain keys to the Valley Grande Storm Shelter.

**New Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the Council with a resignation letter from Kim Harris, the current City Clerk/Treasurer and read it aloud in the public meeting.

Jane Harris made a motion to accept the resignation letter and request Wanda Champion be appointed City Clerk/Treasurer by resolution at the next council meeting. 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

Bruce Hughes made a motion to post the position of Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer for 7 days beginning June 4 – June 11, 2024. Jane Harris 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 gave details of a new consulting contract between the City of Valley Grande and Kim Harris to begin on June 17, 2024, until no later than Aug. 1, 2024.

**Public Comment:** David Williams, Kimberly Crowe, and Trey Day addressed the Mayor and Council with issues regarding the operation and hours of the ballpark with not being able to practice due to the gates being locked. The Mayor and Council discussed several issues that have been presented to them throughout the community and plan to resolve these problems before the next regular ball season.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that the hay will be cut before the 4th of July event.

Mayor Labbe reported on the pre-construction meeting for the CDBG.

Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that the city is being sued along with Alabama Power Co and after speaking with an affiliate of Alabama Power Co, the lawsuit is being filed for dismissal. Mayor Labbe gave details of the suit and stated that the city did not have any record of dealings with the defendant.

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 5:39PM.

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

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

Kim Harris, City Clerk