

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

Regular Meeting

May 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:

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| 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 6, 2024, regular meeting was presented by Kim Harris. A Motion was made by Sara Day 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.

| <u>SHOW OF HANDS VOTE</u> | <u>YEA</u> | <u>NAY</u> |
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| 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 she contacted Vivian Rogers regarding the "No Parking" signs on County Road 16 at the ballfield and the signs have been installed.

Sara Day stated that she spoke to Bubba Holley and the Fireworks Company regarding the area to have the 4th of July event and after further discussion among the council everyone agreed that the area would be good to have the event. Wayne Labbe stated that he would contact someone about cutting the hay.

Sara Day also inquired about the purchasing of the picnic tables, after further discussion among the council, Bruce Hughes suggested maybe placing them at the ballfields.

Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education: Jane Harris applauded the City of Selma for putting up flags throughout the city and would like the City of Valley Grande to look into doing the same.

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 last month. Wayne Labbe stated that 5 of those calls were to Martin Middle School due to a detection of water flow which cost the city \$1,300.00 in false alarms since the city pays the Volunteer Fireman for each call. Mayor Labbe stated that he spoke to the principal about getting the issue resolved.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman reported that Dave's Market will be finally receiving the big panels tomorrow and still no date as to when the generator will be in. Sam Smitherman also reported two new building permits have been issued.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent. Wayne Labbe stated there will be two more weeks of ball season before the all-stars begin.

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 to the council that Smitherman Brothers Construction is currently working on the manhole in the Overlook Hills subdivision on Hillandale Dr. and gave details of the issues at hand and reported that if they have to repair one pipe it will cost approximately \$4,500.00 and both pipes will be \$8,000.00, Mayor Labbe stated that the work needed to be done before the construction of the new grant on the paving starts and gave Smitherman Brothers the notice to proceed with the repairs.

Mayor Wayne Labbe reported no new updates with the Valley Grande Community Center, but that Patsy Moore and Judy Harris are working with an attorney to proceed with the paperwork. Jane Harris and Wayne Labbe discussed details of things inside the building being sold due to having funds to pay for the attorney fees. Jane Harris re-addressed and changed her opinion regarding filling in the pool due to liabilities. Vivian Rogers inquired about closing one end of the road that the community center/pool is on. The Mayor and Council gave details of the possibility of closing it. Vivian Rogers introduced the new Dallas County Engineer, Anthony Crear.

New Business: Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the Council with the Employee Compensation request to increase the full-time and part-time employees' salaries that was tabled at the last council meeting. Bruce Hughes made a motion to un-table and accept the employees' salaries as

presented. Sara Day made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present by a show of hands vote.

| <u>SHOW OF HANDS VOTE</u> | <u>YEA</u> | <u>NAY</u> |
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| Wayne Labbe | X | |
| Kay Davidson | X | |
| Sara Day | X | |
| Jane Harris | X | |
| Bruce Hughes | X | |
| Robbie Rose | X | |

Mayor Labbe presented the Council with Resolution 2024-171 to award the CDBG Project No. LR-CM-PF-23-008 Street Improvements for the Overlook Hills Subdivision to Mitchell Contracting Service, Inc. in the amount of \$428,500.00 as presented by Civil Southeast Engineering contingent upon ADECA’s review and approval. After a detailed discussion among the council, Jane Harris made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-171 as presented. Bruce Hughes made the second. Motion carried by unanimous consent of the council members present by a roll call vote.

| <u>ROLL CALL VOTE</u> | <u>YEA</u> | <u>NAY</u> |
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| Wayne Labbe | X | |
| Kay Davidson | X | |
| Sara Day | X | |
| Jane Harris | X | |
| Bruce Hughes | X | |
| Robbie Rose | X | |

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2024-171 adopted as attached to these minutes.

RESOLUTION 2024-171

A RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR THE CDBG PROJECT NO. LR-CM-PF-23-008 OVERLOOK HILLS STREET IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Valley Grande plans to proceed with CDBG Project No. LR-CM-PF-23-008, Street Improvements and;

WHEREAS, the City of Valley Grande did legally advertise the bid opening date of Thursday, May 16, 2024, in accordance with Alabama State Law, and on that date opened all bids in public and read them aloud, and;

WHEREAS, the Engineers have subsequently checked all bids received, and have recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the contract for the, CDBG Project No. LR-CM-PF-23-008, Street Improvements be awarded to the low bidder as follows, contingent upon ADECA’S approval:

Mitchell Contracting Service, Inc.
Base Bid: \$428,500.00

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2024, by the City of Valley Grande.

Kim Harris
City Clerk

Wayne Labbe
Mayor

Public Comment: Arnold Garrett addressed the Mayor and Council with the safety concerns surrounding the entrance of Heritage Park coming off the hill at Dollar General and suggested getting a caution light. The Mayor and Council agreed but stated that the City has already reached out with concerns of safety at that spot, which resulted in a speed sign that was placed right before the intersection of County Road 81. Jane Harris suggested he contact ALDOT and Mayor Labbe stated that he would contact ALDOT as well for a sign to possibly be installed in that area.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that the "No Parking" sign has been installed at the state right of way across from the cemetery and gave details of the issues.

Mayor Labbe informed the Council of a LEPC, Local Emergency Planning Commission meeting coming up.

Mayor Labbe gave details of the fire alarm issues at Martin Middle School that the VGFD was having. Mayor Labbe stated that the city will need to purchase safety chips for the new playground equipment and gave details of the plan.

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the Council with prints for the new concession, restrooms and announcing booths for the ballfield and gave details of the plans.

Vivan Rogers stated that she is waiting on Mr. Cosby to give a date to have a ribbon cutting on County Road 49 and would like to see the Mayor and Council at the event and gave details of the progress.

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 5:43PM.

Approved: Wayne Labbe
Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attested: Kim Harris
Kim Harris, City Clerk