**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA**

***Regular Meeting June 17, 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 Absent

Robbie Rose Present

A quorum was made with 5 council members present.

The minutes from the June 3, 2024, regular meeting was presented by Wanda Champion. 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 Absent

Robbie Rose X

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

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

**Sara Day / Walking Trail and Community Events:** No report.

**Jane Harris / Zoning, Annexation, Beautification and Education:** No report.

**Bruce Hughes / Sewer System and Public Safety:** Absent.

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

**Reports of Officers:**

Boyd Pugh / Public Safety Director: Boyd Pugh reported 2 fire calls this month.

Sam Smitherman / Building Inspector: Sam Smitherman stated that inspections were average so far this month. He gave an update on Dave’s Market, Generator is in Pensacola, pad to be redone, lots of hookups still to do. Wayne Labbe stated that Dave’s Market had requested a letter from the city to release the placement of inground tanks.

Bubba Holley / Parks & Recreation: Absent. Mayor Wayne Labbe presented a schedule of the All-stars games.

Kim Harris / City Clerk-Treasurer: Mayor Wayne Labbe 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, due to a brief lapse in the City Clerk position.

**Old Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe reported to the council that Smitherman Brothers Construction has completed work on the manhole in the Overlook Hills subdivision on Hillandale Dr. and waiting on Invoice.

Mayor Wayne Labbe reported that the city is waiting on a packet from Ralph Hobbs regarding the Valley Grande Community Center and stated that he gave permission to the members to sell items out of the building for their expenses. The council discussed details of how the property will be sold.

**New Business:** Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the Council with Resolution 2024-172 to appoint Wanda Champion as City Clerk/Treasurer, to run concurrently with the Mayor and Council. Jane Harris made the motion to accept Resolution 2024-172 as presented. Sara Day 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 Absent

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Labbe declared Resolution 2024-172 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**Resolution #2024-172**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

For a term to run concurrent with the current Mayor, Wanda Champion is hereby appointed as City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Valley Grande upon the basis of compensation heretofore existing and may hereafter be altered.

Section 2.

Each and every provision of this resolution is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid shall affect any other provision hereof, and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this resolution would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid.

Section 3.

This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 17th DAY OF JUNE 2024.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wanda Champion, City Clerk

Mayor Wayne Labbe presented the Council with Resolution 2024-173 to authorize Wanda Champion, City Clerk/Treasurer to become an authorized signer on all open bank accounts. And remove Melisa Kim Harris from the same accounts. Jane Harris made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-173 as presented. Kay Davidson 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 Absent

Robbie Rose X

Mayor Wayne Labbe declared Resolution 2024-173 adopted as attached to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION 2024-173**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY GRANDE, ALABAMA hereby authorizes Wanda Champion, City Clerk to become an authorized signer on all open bank accounts and remove Melisa Kim Harris from same accounts.

This resolution shall become effective June 17, 2024.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th day of June 2024.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Labbe, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wanda Champion, City Clerk

Mayor Wayne Labbe recommended to the council to hire Stacy Smitherman to replace the Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer position and administer Business License, Permits, etc. Mayor Labbe recommended the salary start at Step 1, Level 3. Jane Harris made the motion to accept the recommendation as presented and 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 Absent

Robbie Rose X

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Wayne Labbe updated the Council with details regarding the Lawsuit against the City. The attorney has contacted the Insurance Company on the City’s behalf.

Mayor Labbe gave details of the pre-construction meeting that was held this morning on June 17th at 10am. The details included the process and the start date of July 8th, 2024.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16PM.

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

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

Wanda Champion, City Clerk