

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 17/06-05

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622

Date/Time: June 5, 2017/6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Jenkins at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Brady Jenkins
Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Perez 6:05 pm
Council Member Elsa Lopez
Council Member Freddy Valdez

ABSENT: Council Member Marcia Sablan

OTHERS: City Attorney Meggin Boranian; Acting City Manager/Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Sadie Navarro, Gilbert Coelho, Matt Diedrich, Doug Britton, John Anderson, Representative of Senator Cannella Office & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Finance Director Martin led pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Doug Britton reported he heard there may be a marijuana business coming to Firebaugh, and expressed his concerns against the facility. Mr. Britton is a local business owner and is not in support of the drug facility in this area, and asked council to vote against the project, if it is proposed.

Mr. Matt Diedrich spoke and expressed he is in agreement with Mr. Britton and does not want a facility that may bring more problems to the city.

Mr. John Anderson, a representative from Senator Cannella's office informed Council that a budget letter was submitted requesting funding of \$740,000 from their office, on behalf of the City of Firebaugh, to help with the purchase and relocation of the Police Department to the Courthouse.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on May 5, 2017.**

Motion approve minutes by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by 4-0 vote.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 17-21 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AND MADERA COUNTY FOR AUTOMATIC/MUTUAL AID.**

Motion approve Res. No. 17-21 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by 4-0 vote.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 17-22 - A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO ORDER ASSESSMENTS DISTRICT NO. 1 (Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972).**

Motion approve Res. No. 17-22 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Lopez; motion pass by 4-0 vote.

4. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AND BUXTON COMPANY.

Council agrees not to renew agreement with Buxton Company by Consensus vote.

PRESENTATION

Sheriff Margaret Mims presented an update and information on Proposition 64, the California Marijuana Legalization Initiative and asked the City Council not to allow any sales in city limits. Sheriff Mims emphasized her recommendation to Firebaugh Council to join Fresno County and most of the 15 cities within the county, to ban commercial, medical and recreational sales of marijuana. The temptation for cities to allow sales of marijuana has been due to potential revenue but most cities of Colorado and Denver that have allowed sales in the communities have seen increases in the following areas: emergency room and poison centers visits because of related use of marijuana, crime rate, traffic accidents, robber/thefts, stolen vehicles, sexual assaults, and homicides.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

5. Administrative Report – FY 2017/18 Grants Fund Budget – Preliminary Presentation.

Finance Director Pio Martin presented the preliminary Grant Fund Budget, currently, the City has four grants totaling over \$3.8 million dollars. Grant projects are highway beautifications, new infrastructures, pedestrian trails, code enforcement and senior center rehab. Revenue is \$3,817, 279, Salaries are 23,670 and Operational expenses total 3,817,279.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** – Crime is down, lost one dispatcher who worked seven years for the City to Madera, City of Selma asked another dispatcher to considered taking a job with them, a part-time dispatcher has been hired.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Have been working on MOU's, Policy handbook and Budget.
- **Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos** – Dollar General started demolition, Rebecchi's Clean-up is almost done; they are hoping to be completed by Friday. Oversight Board approved the resolution regarding the sale of the last parcel, the resolution will be sent to Department of Finance for final approval. A meeting at Dunkle Park will be tomorrow at 4:00 to discuss the completion of the bleachers. Unions for PD and PW approved the proposed MOU's, it went smoothly both side were happy. The electric board is still not working, new radios were ordered and they were not working properly, so they will be returned and replaced.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – Inquired about the sign in front of the VFW Hall. Staff replied, "It should be replaced."
- **City Attorney Boranian** – Received a call from Chris Campbell on behalf of the City of Mendota, regarding a wastewater treatment plant. Staff added a private company wants to purchase wastewater from Firebaugh to supply to Mendota, have it treated, and then sell to farmers. Update on Firebaugh Courthouse, contacted Fresno County regarding the letter they were going to submit, stating their support of selling to the City, but did not get a response.
- **Council Member Perez** – Thanked everyone, Pio, Sal, Isabel, Rita and all staff for doing a great job.
- **Council Member Valdez** – Vegas conference was successful, it was helpful to give away the slide show on the USBs.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Valdez, second by Councilmember Perez; motion passes by 4-0 vote at 6:48 p.m.