

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 14/05-04

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: May 4, 2015 / 6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Mayor Craig Knight
Mayor Pro Tem Freddy Valdez
Council Member Brady Jenkins
Council Member Marcia Sablan
Council Member Felipe Perez

ABSENT:

OTHERS: City Attorney Gary Bell; City Manager, Kenneth McDonald; Police Chief Sal Raygoza; Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Fire Chief John Borboa; City Engineer, Mario Gouveia, *Maria de Jesus Aguayo*, *Roxanne Gonzalez*, *Fernando Campa*, *David & Mary Van Pelt*, *Sue Ellen Cooke* and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Valdez led pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

- *Greg Farley from Department of Water Resources provided a presentation regarding the Firebaugh Levee Project.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maria de Jesus Aguayo of Proteus provide information regarding a job fair in San Joaquin at the Community Center on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 between 5-7 p.m. for a Tranquillity Solar Project.

Carla Delgado of the Firebaugh Business Association announced an event to be held on May 5, 2015 at the Maldonado Park, Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos and City Manager Ken McDonald have worked hard with this organization to help put it together, the fees will vary with discounts through pre-sale tickets and it will cost more at the door.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on April 20, 2015.

Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- Police Chief Sal Raygoza – PAL will hold a firework show on July 3, testing Friday, May 8, 2015 for the Sergeant Position and deadline to submit Officer Recruitment application is Monday, May 11.

- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – At the end of the month members of the Fire Department will attend training in Auberry.
- **Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos** – Working with the Finance Director on the Water/Sewer Budget and will present at the next meeting, the city will receiving funding for a new electric gate at the pump station for extra security. Council Member Valdez inquired about a new vacuum truck for the Public Works Department.
- **City Manager Ken McDonald** – City staff and a representative from RSG attended a meet and confer meeting with the Department of Finance (DOF) regarding a letter received on April 12, 2015, from the (DOF) stating that we had “\$382,785 available in Other Funds” and they are requiring us to use the funds by withholding the (ROPS) tax increment. We are not sure if it is an accounting error on their part or if they are trying to take bond proceeds, but we will report back when we are certain and if the bond proceeds are safe, available and when we can resume with our expenditure plans for bond proceed funds.

COUNCIL MEMBERS STAFF REPORTS

- **Council Member Jenkins** – Asked if there were any complaints regarding the destruction derby. Police Chief Raygoza replied that his department is collecting decibels data from the past events and will provide that stats at the next meeting for council to review.

**Motion to enter into closed session by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Sablan motion passes by 5-0 vote at 6:29 p.m.*

CLOSED SESSION

2. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (Deciding Whether to Initiate Litigation): - One Case

** Motion to enter into open session; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 6:47 p.m.*

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION: *No Action taken.*

ADJOURNMENT - *Motion to adjourn by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Valdez; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 6:48 p.m.*