

# MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 14/05-18

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622  
**Date/Time:** May 18, 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 Felipe Perez

**ABSENT** Council Member Brady Jenkins  
Council Member Marcia Sablan

**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 and others.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Perez led pledge of Allegiance.

## PRESENTATION

- *Presentation from Mid Valley regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Commercial Site Visit, Pizza Factory received the Recycler of the year award.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on May 4, 2015.**
2. **WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting April 1, and ending on April 30, 2015.**

April 2015	General Warrants	#31890 - #32002	\$ 320,371.59
	Payroll Warrants	#65455 - #65557	\$ <u>188,688.56</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 509,060.15</b>

*Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Valdez, seconded by Council Member Perez; motion passes by 3-0 vote.*

**NEW BUSINESS****3. RESOLUTION NO. 15-11 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH DIRECTING THE FILING OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH.**

*Motion to approve Resolution no 15-11 by Council Member Valdez, seconded by Council Member Perez; motion passes by 3-0 vote.*

**4. APPROVE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE FOR AERATION SYSTEM.**

Public Works Director Gallegos informed Council that the City consistently unable meet our dissolved oxygen permit requirements imposed by our permit with the State Water Resource Control Board, therefore our existing aeration system is in need of an upgrade. This upgrade will allow the city to save approximately \$25,000 annually on power cost alone. The current year budget has available an amount of \$300,000 to purchase the vacuum truck replacement and sewer line repairs but staff is requesting to reallocated those funds to upgrade the aeration system. PG&E is willing to pay for half of the project; they will bring their own engineer to analysis, which is the same consultant the City of Firebaugh regarding this matter. Legal Counsel provided three different options on how to proceed is this matter. City Manager will prepare an RFP for additional quotes.

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 15-12 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH EXPRESSING STATUS ON THE MATTER OF THE 2015 DROUGHT CONDITIONS.**

*Motion to approve Resolution no 15-12 by Council Member Valdez, seconded by Council Member Perez; motion passes by 3-0 vote.*

**6. CONSIDERATION OF INVOCATIONS AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

*Motion to direct legal counsel to draft a policy by Council Member Valdez, seconded by Council Member Perez; motion passes by 3-0 vote.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS****7. Administrative Report – FY 2015/16 ENTERPRISE FUNDS BUDGETS – Preliminary Presentation.**

Finance Director Pio Martin listed the following important changes of the budget.

- Residents will have an increase in Water rates
- Well project most likely will not finish & will have to carry over to the next budget due to project delays because of backordered parts.
- Increase in salaries due to MOU negotiations
- Residents will have an increase in Street Sweeping fees
- Budgeted for a hire of a new employee to be funded by Water/Sewer/Solid Waste funds.
- Back Truck is still scheduled budgeted to be purchased

Street Budget to be presented at the next council meeting. Mayor asked about available funding for paving alleys. Staff advised it is very difficult to fund.

**STAFF REPORTS**

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – Attended a meeting in Kerman, starting October 1, 2015, a Mental Health Professional will be available our the Police Department Office for 16 hours per week, the City is required to provide an office and desk for their services. Individuals will be referred. Council Member Valdez recognized Police Chief Raygoza for his act of kindness for buying food for a family in need.

- **Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos** – Public Works Department will be losing one employee, so the City will start the advertisement to replace that position.
- **City Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Working on the budget and with Madera County on delinquent sewer bills, and will be an annual process.

***\*Motion to enter into closed session by Council Member Valdez, seconded by Council Member Perez motion passes by 3-0 vote at 6:32 p.m.***

**CLOSED SESSION**

**8. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 – One Case.

**9. Government Code Section 54957.6**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: ALL REPRESENTED AND UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES:

Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager

Employee Organizations: Firebaugh Miscellaneous Employees Association (FMEA); and Firebaugh Police Officer Association (FPOA)

Unrepresented Employees: Account Technician II/Build. Clerk; Account Technician III; Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk; Police Lieutenant; Public Works Director; Police Chief; Finance Director; and Senior Center/Recreation Coordinator.

***\* Motion to enter into open session; motion passes by 3-0 vote at 7:02 p.m.***

**ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:            *No Action taken.***

**ADJOURNMENT - *Motion to adjourn by Council Member Valdez, seconded by Council Member Perez; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 7:03 p.m.***