

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 18/10-15

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: October 15, 2018/6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Mayor Felipe Pérez
Mayor Pro Tem Marcia Sablan
Council Member Elsa Lopez
Council Member Freddy Valdez

ABSENT: Council Member Brady Jenkins

OTHERS: City Attorney Boranian; City Manager/Acting Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Fire Chief, John Borboa, City Engineer Mario Gouveia, Wanda Breshears, Natalia Carranza, Frances Saeed & others.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Craig Smith of Gill Ranch Storage provide an update, they capacity to provide approximately 20 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of underground natural gas storage. The local site offers a unique opportunity to access five interconnects and was developed in a joint agreement by Gill Ranch Storage, LLC, a subsidiary of NW Natural, and PG&E. Gill Ranch holds two trainings with safety responders, every four years PG& E requires the company ask the community to complete a questioner every 4 years to check on how Gill Ranch is doing as part of their outreach program.

Council Member Sablan ask for a moment of silence for Ex-Council Member Clem Borboa, whom recently passed away. Council Member Lopez recommend the City Honor Mr. Borboa' s with a Proclamation to his family for his years of service to Firebaugh

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on October 1, 2018.**
- 2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting September 1, and ending on September 30, 2018.**

September 2018	General Warrants	#37197 - #37304	\$ 463,382.16
	Payroll Warrants	#70033 - #70132	\$ 225,389.53
TOTAL			\$ 688,771.69

Motion to accept minutes by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – There has been increase in traffic accidents, both in & out of town, five accidents in this past week.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – The new fire truck is in service, which is good because the first, second & third has been in & out, so equipment has just been swapped back and forth. Had an arson fire around 4:00 am at 600 P Street apartments.

- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Working with the auditor and Clayton on the water/sewer rate study. Working with AT&T to switch service and help save money, currently we are with Tele Pacific, offices that will change service is City Hall, Water Department & Senior Center. There will be a transition, Margaret Camacho is retiring, Friday is her last day, she was asked to attend council meeting but was unable today. City advertised in the Journal and Dos Palos newspaper for the open position, since Nancy will moved to Margaret’s position. Expecting the rate study to be presented at the first meeting in November for Council’s review, so changes may take effect in March on 2019. Rates could increase or decrease based on the results of the study.
 - **City Engineer, Mario Gouveia** – Fresno COG awarded \$35,000 of RSTP funding to assist in funding 8th Street project. Will hold a pre-construction meeting for Q St project, hoping to begin construction by the end of the month or early November, it coordinate with the CDBG project & future projects.
 - **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – Working on Liability Claim, agendas for Council meeting, looking for the grant agreement, attend training, advertised for open position and other general office operations.
 - **City Attorney Meggin Boranian** – attended training & meet, Sabrina Ashjian, she works in Sacramento with the cannabis control appeals panel, asked her if she would attend a council meeting to provide information to council.
 - **City Manager Ben Gallegos** – attended ICSC was able to talk a vendor that was our number one anchor & now if they come, other businesses will be more interested to follow. Owner of the Burger King is also interested in bring more businesses, since he owns various franchises. EDC was a vital source, with them having a booth at the conference they assisted the city a lot. PAL was awarded \$3000 grant, which will help them with their soccer league. Toured the courthouse, it has multiple rooms that we were unaware of & negotiating with Fresno County on purchasing it. The Senior Center scheduled to be on the next agenda, all Council Members have toured the facility. Engie agreement will be on the next agenda too.
 - **Council Member Valdez** – Attended our 3rd ICSC, schedule was filled with meeting & had other meeting not scheduled, getting new businesses in town will help the general fund that generally funds our Police & Fire (Public Safety). The store interested in coming will provided about 80% of the community’s needs, so it was a great success.
 - **Council Member Sablan** - with Ben & Freddy, attended a workforce meeting, they will provided HR services & training for businesses in town, they will hold a meeting sometime in January or February as outreach of services the can offer to the local businesses.
- ***Motion to enter closed session at 6:29 pm. by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote.***

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

CLOSED SESSION

3. Government Code Section 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT: City Attorney.

Motion to enter open session at 7:13 pm. by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT

No Action to report

ADJOURNMENT

Motion adjourn by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote at 7:14 p.m.