

## MEETING MINUTES

### The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 17/08-21

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622  
**Date/Time:** August 21, 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  
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; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza, Amanda Bosland of Fresno EDC, & others.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *Craig Knight led pledge of Allegiance.*

**INVOCATION** Bill Magnusson

**PRESENTATION** *None*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** *None*

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on August 7, 2017.
2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting July 1, and ending on July 31, 2017.

July 2017	General Warrants	#35309 - #35463	\$ 190,278.01
	Payroll Warrants	#68431 - #68541	\$ 453,898.16
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 644,176.66</b>

*Motion to accept consent calendar by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by unanimous vote.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

3. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CITY REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS (ICSC) CONVENTION IN LOS ANGELES, CA, OCTOBER 2 THRU 4, 2017.

*Motion to attend with the three members to Los Angeles October 2-4, 2017 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by unanimous vote.*

**4. WORKSHOP ON CALIFORNIA'S APPROVAL OF PROP 64 – MARIJUANA (CANNABIS) LEGALIZATION INITIATIVE, WHICH ALLOWS RECREATIONAL USE (ADULTS AGE 21 & UP), ALLOWS COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL CULTIVATION AND SALES WITH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PLACE REGULATIONS BY JANUARY 1, 2017.**

Mayor Jenkins stated he is not in support of dispensaries, but in support of cultivation for medical purposes to distribute or for commercial sales to other businesses not local. Council Member Valdez agreed. Police Chief Raygoza inquired how will City the receive income without taxing. Staff replied, through fees from permit charged per square footage of area for cultivation, business license and income from the employed individuals. Recommended an annual review be completed before a renewal of permit and include a contribution to a non-profit or community event/organization be required. Acting City Manager Gallegos reported some companies pay \$25 hour with benefits to employees. Council Member Lopez supported Commercial (transportation, cultivation and other medical purposes) but no dispensaries. City Attorney Boranian advised of two paths to take: 1) Medical (regulator processing allowed, 2) Recreational (must go to the voters for approval). Retired Fresno County Sheriff Ramiro Rodriguez served on the Special Unit and advised, one plant can grow 2 pounds, and indoor plants has a higher THC. If the City is going to allow cultivation, consider the tax based on the plant growth. If the City does not allow dispensaries, there will be home grow. Staff reported that a facility they visited, measures the growth of every plant and Police Department is allowed to enter the facility to monitor whenever they would like (24/7) with no restrictions. Craig Knight stated his support of jobs/employment but city needs strong enforcement and suggested the use of fees to improve the community, hire a cop or use to rehab more streets.

**STAFF REPORTS**

- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** – Crime is low, other cities are having gang wars, Kerman has stated they have seen MS13 members in town. Therefore, cops are on the lookout. The jail will be releasing individuals due to Prop 57.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Providing information to auditor.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – Nothing to report.
- **Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos** – Roads on the south side of town are being paved. Eight-unit project at Landucci Drive and Saipan has received 50 applications. Paving at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Q Street. Having an issue with 1185 N Street property, the contaminated soil is estimated at \$16,000 to clean up. Will received bids for the Senior Center Rehab. Working on MOU with Fresno County to annex property and the plan to assist in the Del Rio area. Tony Chavarria will be leaving to Livingston, his last day is Aug. 31, 2017, and there is a plan in place to replacement.
- **City Attorney, Meggin Boranian** – Working on the relationship between the school and city on strategies to access funding (grants).
- **Council Member Valdez** – Inquired about the completion of the bleachers at the Dunkle Park.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – Would like to honor Clyde Fannon.

**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 unanimous vote at 7:09 p.m.**