

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 14/03-17

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

Date/Time: March 17, 2014/ 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Chris DeFrancesco at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Chris DeFrancesco
Mayor Pro Tem Craig Knight
Council Member Brady Jenkins
Council Member Freddy Valdez
Council Member Marcia Sablan

ABSENT:

OTHERS: City Attorney Laurie Avedisian; City Manager, Kenneth McDonald; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief Elsa Lopez; Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Fire Chief, John Borboa; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Sadie Navarro, Gilbert Coelho and others.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins, motion passes by 5-0 vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor DeFrancesco reported on the upcoming Water Rally to be held March 18, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., everyone will be meeting the Andrew Firebaugh Community Center.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on February 24, 2014.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on February 26, 2014.

Motion to approve February 24th & 26th minutes by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

3. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting February 1, and ending on February 28, 2014.

February, 2014	General Warrants	#30153- #30281	\$ 236,913.54
	Payroll Warrants	#63849- #63953	\$ 241,143.24
TOTAL			\$ 478,056.78

Motion to approve warrants by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Sablan; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

4. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES.

Motion to approve the IT RFP by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

5. CITY BUILDING RENTAL REQUEST AT 1468 11TH STREET

Motion to approve a month to month agreement and directed staff to provide a copy of the agreement for Council's review and approval by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

6. PROPERTY LEASE DISCUSSION FOR A PROPOSED SOLAR PROJECT.

City Manager McDonald stated he received a request from a company that develops small scale solar fields (under 5MW) and the city owns the 30 acre parcel south of Davis Dryer and on the north side of the Poso Canal which is a portion of a Storm detention basin serving the airport. It is zone 8 in the storm drainage system, since they are looking to develop a small system and would only need a small portion of the 30 acre site, it will allow the continued use of the airport storm basin. Mr. McDonald requested Council's direction before continuing the discussion to the proposed solar project.

Informational Item only.

STAFF REPORTS

- Elsa Lopez, Police Chief – Will be out of the office until Friday for training.
- Ben Gallegos, Public Works Director – Wells are low, dropped to 40 ft., so a new staff report was presented to Council today inquiring on the actions to be taken during the drought, staff recommends enforcing the water conservation schedule and may consider reducing watering days to twice a week instead of three days if needed. Odd addresses water Tues-Thurs-Sat, even addresses water Mon-Wed-Friday, no water on Sundays.
- John Borboa, Fire Chief – We've been assisting in Mendota with an arsonist, who set a police car on fire at the Police Dept. parking lot. Pyro Spectacular agreed to set fireworks off the water tower for the centennial.
- Pio Martin, Finance Director – Bond payments was made, currently working on the budget for next FY.

COUNCIL ITEMS

- Marcia Sablan - Inquired on the disposal of the RDA properties. City Manager reported that RSG is preparing the process and it should be in front of Council for review at the April 21st Council Meeting.

**Motion to enter into closed session by Council Member Knight, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 7:32 p.m.*

CLOSED SESSION**7. Government Code Section 54957.6**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: ALL REPRESENTED AND UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES:
City Negotiator: City Manager
Employee Organizations: Fire, Police & Public Works bargaining units and all unrepresented positions

**Motion to enter into open session, motion passes by 5-0 vote at 8:23 p.m.*

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn, passes by 5-0 vote, meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.