

# MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh  
Vol. No. 14/04-20

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622  
**Date/Time:** April 20, 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  
*ABSENT:* Council Member Felipe Perez

*OTHERS:* City Attorney Gary Bell; City Manager, Kenneth McDonald; Police Chief Sal Raygoza; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano; Fire Chief John Borboa; City Engineer, Mario Gouveia and others.

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

## PRESENTATION

- *The Fresno Housing Authority received a proclamation from the City, in honor of their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*
- *Fresno Housing Authority provided information an overview of Fresno Housing services to the rural communities and introduced several members of their staff. The Housing Authority was created by the county between 1940 & 1945; they are applying for a grant to fund the proposed Gateway Project for Firebaugh that would fund 30 senior housing units.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council meeting on April 6, 2015.
2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting March 1, and ending on March 31, 2015.

March 2015	General Warrants	#31785 - #31889	\$ 270,415.00
	Payroll Warrants	#65292 - #65454	<u>\$ 345,052.12</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 615,467.12</b>

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

## NEW BUSINESS

3. RESOLUTION NO. 15-10 - A RESOLUTION FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT

*Motion to approve Res. No. 15-10 by Council Member Sablan, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion asses by 5-0 vote.*

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### 4. Administrative Report – FY 2015/16 General Fund Budgets – Preliminary Presentation.

Finance Director Pio Martin reported the presented budget is a draft and required amendments will be made before final approval. The proposed budget is similar to last year's budget.

- **General Fund** - The salaries have increased due to union negotiation, we are looking to make repairs to the PAL Building with an estimated cost of about \$20,000, so not sure how to fund it or if we should demo it. Public Works Director added the roof is the most important repair needed his department can remove the current roof and prep it for another company to reroof it. Council Member Jenkins stated he would like to tear the building down and put new restrooms. Council Member Sablan stated she would like to keep the Building and reroof it.
- a. Council Member Knight inquired on the Utility User Tax (UUT) and the effects of business that installed solar. Council Members Valdez and Sablan inquired about the UUT for cell phones. City Manager replied it failed at the last election due to a lack of two-thirds vote, but it could be placed on the next general election.
- b. Council Member Knight stated there has been an increase in Attorney fees.
- c. Council Member Valdez inquired about the Lieutenant position approved at the last budget. Finance Director replied we are considering not filling the lieutenant and replacing that position with an in-house promotion of a Corporal, Sergeant and hiring an additional new officer.
- **Facility Rental – Fund 004-3568** – Is just the enclosed area only; other facilities will be in different funds.
- **Community Center - Fund 086-3568** – There is an expected increase with the new installation of the air conditioning unit, staff will monitor the electric bill to see what additional expense will total, and rental fee may be required to increase.
- **Fund 006-4130-5035** – Police Department budgeted to purchase two new “used” cars, the department needs to retire two of their current vehicles. Council Member Sablan inquired about the grant for the hybrid vehicle. Police Chief informed council, that grant only covers \$20,000 and seeking other grants to pay for the additional \$12,000 or more, so the application has not been submitted at this time.
- **COPS Grant** about \$106,230 proposed for fiscal year 2015-2016, that funds one officer's wages, benefits and other operational expense, with the exception of the uniform.
- Council Member Valdez asked what the savings would be if the city contracted out the maintenance for city parks. Public Works answered that it would not be much of a savings and it would cause an issue with the union because of the settled negotiations per MOU.

## STAFF REPORTS

- Council Member Sablan – Staff report will be included in next month's agenda.
- John Borboa – With the drought and dry brush, we will have a busy fire season.
- Ben Gallegos – Will provide a staff report at the next meeting and include a water monitoring report of the wells. Council Valdez inquired on the recommended 25% reduction in water usage by the Governor and if the City has a water plan. City Manager advised there is no way of monitoring Las Deltas. Public Works Director replied the Commercial users used more water last year and residential users used less water than previous years but the City does have a drought plan and the city can enforce it, if needed. We reduced watering the parks to only 3 times a week, so you will see a difference.

## CLOSED SESSION

## ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

**ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Council Member Valdez, seconded by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 7:06 p.m.**