

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 16/10-03

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

Date/Time: October 3, 2016/6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Mayor Freddy Valdez
Mayor Pro Tem Brady Jenkins
Council Member Felipe Perez
Council Member Marcia Sablan
Council Member Craig Knight

ABSENT:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Knight led pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PRESENTATION: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on September 19, 2016.**

Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Knight, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion pass by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 16-05 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH REPEALING THE EXISTING ZONING ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 25 OF THE FIREBAUGH MUNICIPAL CODE) AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE – SECOND READING.**

Open Public Hearing at 6:00 pm – No Public Comment given - Close Public Hearing at 6:01 pm.

Motion to continue Ordinance No 16-05 until amendments can be made and added, regarding downtown parking by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion pass by 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 16-38 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH PROCLAIMING OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 57.**

Motion to approve Resolution No 16-38 by Council Member Knight, second by Council Member Jenkins, motion pass by 5-0 vote.

4. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RENTAL FEES FOR SCOUT BUILDING AT DUNKLE PARK.**

Council asked for actual cost to rent the room, which was provided but after review Council recommended and directed Finance Director to create a three tier fee schedule and present at the next meeting in Resolution form for Council's vote.

5. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RENTAL FEES FOR PLOTS AND WATER USAGE RATES AT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN.

Acting City Manager reported there are 27 plots, use of rules and policy approved by the city shall be followed. The water will be turned off from November through February, and water scheduled will be enforced. Participants must volunteer 24 hours and attend mandatory meeting February 15th, The next meeting will be held November 16th at 5 pm. Staff reported the water meter usage was over 2 million gallons, an average of 271,000 gallons per month, to offset cost and cover base pay, staff recommends a fee of \$25 per plot. (16 lots are need to be rented to cover cost).

6. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE PURCHASE AND POLICY OF TABLETS.

Staff stated concerns: this is not a budgeted item, a policy/procedure of use must be approved, and staff inquired on what type of tablets council prefers.

Council requested the Finance Director to research cost and place policy on the agenda at the next meeting for Council's review and vote.

7. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REVIEW OF RESOLUTION NO 08-27 REGARDING POLICE SERVICES FEES AND RESOLUTION NO 13-49 SALARY SCALE OF POLICE SERVICES.

Informational Item only.

8. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REVIEW OF RESOLUTION NO 12-59 REGARDING HEALTH INSURANCE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Per approved Resolution No 12-59, there must be a surplus in the budget before offering Council Members health benefits, which cannot be determined at this time. Determination is pending the refinancing of the water and sewer bonds, mid-year review of the budget, pay back of a \$753,000 payment to the enterprise funds for the borrowed funds for payment to Toma-Tek for excess Utility Users Tax (3 yrs.) payments above the annual \$500 CAP and \$80,000 for City Hall remold and relocate.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos** – Charging Station is installed at the city hall parking lot. A couple of residents have complained about concerns on their properties lines conflicting with one of the project sites. Tara of RSG discussed concern that the County miss calculated ROPS payments to the City of about \$90,000; we may request a meeting to discuss the matter and seek reimbursement. Still working to seek future developments to the city. The proposed housing project is at a standstill, the developer is communicating with the landowner but they have be able to reach a purchase settlement, so not sure what the result will be. Students from USC came to review the city and complete a study of Mendota & Firebaugh.
- **City Attorney, Meggin Boranian**– Spoke with Albert Peche, we are moving forward with and suggested the City may have an A rating, a conference call is scheduled for future discussion.
- **City Engineer, Mario Gouveia** – Working on projects all over the town.
- **Finance Director Pio Martin** –Working with Albert Peche and learned how important the approved water/sewer rates are to be followed because of the impact it has on refinancing of bonds and the impact it has if changed. Working on the Water Study, which includes Las Deltas Water District, but the recommend rates will only take effect, if Las Deltas is annexed into the city. Currently, Las Deltas is considered a wholesale customer as usual during this refi process.
- **Police Chief Raygoza** – Provided update on the breakfast for Senator Canella for helping in the process of writing a bill to the Governor to assist in getting the courthouse for the future new PD location. The new patrol is in Tracy getting all the emergency equipment installed. We picked up the electric vehicle from San Joaquin Air Pollution funded through a grant. Insurance agreed to purchase an SUV to replace the wrecked K9 vehicle. There was a school break-in, an arrest was made, and recovered most of the property with the exception of a few notebook. There was one injured in the car vs bus accident. Juvenile records audit was completed, we passed and they will revisit for the next audit in about two to three years.

CLOSED SESSION/ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION: *None*

ADJOURNMENT - *Motion to adjourn by Council Member Knight, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 8:35 p.m.*