

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 18/09-17

Location of Meeting: Andrew Firebaugh Community Center
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622
Date/Time: September 17, 2018/6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Marcia Sablan
Council Member Elsa Lopez
Council Member Freddy Valdez
Council Member Brady Jenkin

ABSENT: Mayor Felipe Pérez

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, Fabiana Frias, John Anderson, Chris Olague, Gracie Olague, Wanda Breshears & others.

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

- Motion to amend agenda (per Government Code 54956.5, determined by a two-thirds vote of the legislative body present at the meeting that a need for immediate action & need for action came to the attention after the agenda being posted), a new item Resolution No. 18-51 will be added as item #5 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Lopez; motion passed by 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. John Anderson working with Senator A. Cannella who will be terming out, Mr. Anderson wanted to thank everyone for working them and expressed how important it is to have a local representative serve as the 12th district in California. If another candidate that is not from the Valley is may be more difficult to have support for valley issues at the State. Mr. Anderson introduced our local candidate Mr. Rob Poythress. Mr. Poythress introduce himself, a local business owner, has served as a Madera Councilmember from 2004 to 2012 when he became the first elected Mayor and served 3 terms, but is currently a Madera County Supervisor. Mr. Poythress Thanked the City of Firebaugh for the services provided to Eastside Acres (Madera County), and advised if the city should need to discuss any issues or concerns please feel free to reach out.

- Police Chief Raygoza, introduced Anthony Frias a Reserve Officer that was Sworn-in as a Full-time Police Officer.

PRESENTATION

Solar Companies Johnson Controls and Engie Company, each provided a 15 minute presentations on their analysis from various city sites & recommended which facilities and energy saving modifications could be completed to save the City money.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council special meeting on September 5, 2018.**
2. **WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting August 1, and ending on August 31, 2018.**

August 2018	General Warrants	#37030 - #37196	\$ 797,847.10
	Payroll Warrants	#69927 - #70032	\$ 238,390.64
TOTAL			\$ 1,036,237.74

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

PUBLIC HEARING**3. ORDINANCE NO. 18-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 359, OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE ZONE OF PARTICULAR PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY – FIRST READING.**

Public Hearing Opened at 6:58 pm – Nick Kirby of WW Enterprise spoke about the project and offered to answer any questions the Council may have. City Manager provided a summary of the project and stated the only complaint received at the planning was from a resident stating concern about parking in the area, but the duplex provides more than enough parking. Mr. Kirby added it is more of a code enforcement issue regarding other neighbors. – Public Hearing Closed at 7:01pm.

Motion to waive first reading of Ord. 18-03 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS**4. RESOLUTION NO. 18-50 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO AJ EXCAVATION, INC. FOR Q STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS.**

Motion to accept Res. No. 18-50 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 18-51 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE FROM THE WHITEHURST FAMILY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT.

Motion to accept Res. No. 18-51 by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – Staff is doing a good job, crime is low. Officer Frias starts September 22, 2018, two dispatchers are in training, will have an Officer go to training to ride the motorcycle, applying for a grant to purchase a new electric vehicle which will replace the truck. Received positive comments regarding the officer at the school, will apply for grant to pay for the officer to continue the services and to enforce juvenile smoke prevention, if a juvenile is caught they may be cited. Code Enforcement is making a difference, community looks safer. Council Member Valdez inquired what are we doing as far as educating the youth and preventing them from smoking instead of citing them and have them get a record.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Auditor started the audit today, they will be in & out of the office. Learned a little bit at the Conference I attended, some of the disappointing information is City really can't change contracts, among other things and will have to look at other ways to fund CalPERS. There will be some changes in the office in the future.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – Working on Workers Comp claim, Liability Claim, Assisted consultants with various items and issues. Worked on agenda for Council meeting, Planning meeting agenda, minutes for both, published public hearing notices and notified residents within three hundred feet of each project. Worked on grants and review RFP's, working on DMV records, we still receive records on employees that have retired, left or even been deceased, so trying to clean-up the records. Worked on HR items for new employees, responded to Public Records Act request. We were short staff this past week so helped cover the finance department with the front desk duties, payments, calls, as well as assist Public Works Department with reports on water bills for customers inquiring about their water usage. Any Council Members, who plan on attending the Fresno Fair, the City of Firebaugh's Day of the Race is Sunday, October 7, 2018 I must RSVP by September 26 with names and titles of the staff member that are attending, post time is 1:15 pm, so report by 12:30 p.m. I have been researching easements, it's a difficult task and will take time to find records, and I will research how to re-name the airport per council's request.

- **Council Member Sablan** – look at Ethics training dates, it may be expiring soon. We are pretty much doing everything that we should be doing, City of LA just passed a tax on cannabis.
- **City Attorney Meggin Boranian** – working on purchase/sales agreement for the courthouse, asked Deputy Clerk to research and report date of last training.
- **City Manager Ben Gallegos** – City Manager added the County inquired about the courthouse agreement. The 15-CDBG grant is to be terminated on the 30th of September so the Senior Center must be completed, Paul Ashby is working with the contractor to meet the deadline. Purchased 150 recycling containers from Lowe's, some will go to the school. Thursday, September 10th will be a press conference regarding Friant Da. Council Member Sablan asked City Manager to give an update on the lobby meeting at the conference. Lobby services were offered for a cost of \$4,500, by the services are not needed. Goal is to be on the award given at conference next year.
- **Council Member Valdez** – Echoed the same, City Council and staff have been doing the services ourselves. Other training at League of Cities were positive in the social media and will contact Claudia to discuss, cannabis, bargaining negotiations, improving outreach to all groups in our community and I would like to implement some things.
- **Council Member Lopez** – Some of the sidewalks are being obstructed but trees and bushes in several areas throughout town and blocking view of traffic, can staff cut them back to clear those areas.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – Keep the roads painted, can we paint in front of the schools or add crosswalks? City Manager replied City just can't paint a crosswalk, it would also require a curb and ADA ramp to be installed at each crosswalk. Police Chief has place an Officer at the Bailey site and it helps but parents revert back to their bad habits if no officer is present.
- ***Motion to enter closed session at 7:30 pm. by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote.***

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

CLOSED SESSION

6. Government Code Section 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT: City Attorney.

- ***Motion to enter open session at 8:55 pm. by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote.***

ANNOUNCEMENT

No action to report

ADJOURNMENT

Motion adjourn by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote at 8:56 p.m.