

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh Vol. No. 17/05-01

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

Date/Time: May 1, 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
Council Member Marcia Sablan

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, Wanda Breshears & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Valdez led pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Math Teacher of FHS Maria Gonzalez, request the use of the Community Center at a lower rental fee on May 5th, to hold a four hour Spanish dance event for students. Acting City Manager Gallegos stated he met with Mrs. Gonzalez, offered a reduced rental rate and advised the insurance could not be waived per RMA requirements. Staff will have an event at the center during the day and there is an event on Saturday, so the janitor will be called back to work before midnight to make sure the center is cleaned for the next event. Council asked, if this is a school dance for the student, why is it not being held at a school facility? Police Department inquired about the security for this event, and suggested school staff members verify the attendees are FHS students by checking ASB cards, and police department will patrol the event by making random visits. City Attorney Boranian informed this is not an action item listed on the agenda, so council direct Acting City Manager to proceed and move forward with his recommendation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on April 17, 2017.**

Motion approve minutes by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO APPOINT PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:**

Motion to approve and appoint the current Planning Commissioners Mark Fickett (2021), Jack Minnite (2020) and Ivan Garcia (2020) with their staggered terms by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

Motion to appoint new Planning Commissioner via lottery system, first two names picked to serve on the vacant Planning Commissioners positions & the second picked names to serve as alternates by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Lopez; motion passes by 5-0 vote.

Motion to accept selection results of the lottery system and appointing Matt Diedrich and Dennis Vasquez to serve as Planning Commissioners, with Silvia Renteria and Pat Ward to serve as alternates by Council Member Sablan, second Council Member Valdez; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3. **Administrative Report – FY 2017/18 Enterprise Fund Budgets – Preliminary Presentation.**

Finance Director Pio Martin provided a preliminary presentation of the Enterprise Fund Budgets.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY: None

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** – There has been some auto thefts recently, thanked Ben & staff for helping in preparing the softball field, teams from Mendota will play against our teams. Code enforcement have issued notices & violations, so Council may receive complaints, the fine is \$100 each. Followed up on the Fire damage (Rebecchi's), they are hoping to have it clean-up within these next two weeks, the holdup was with PG&E on service lines (gas & electric). Police Department has been receiving presentation request but we have been having trouble scheduling dates. Cameras are being fixed regarding the antennas, but IT is still working on the locations of the cameras and we are still seeking grant funding to purchase more cameras and updating others.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Very busy with fires all weekend. May 6th is the Fireman's Dinner Dance, plan to purchase the new Fire truck will discuss during budget presentation on funding.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Looking into getting credit card services at City Hall, the biggest question is who will pay the additional cost? Will the City pay for it or will it be past to the customers. The machine purchase is about \$250, but the transaction fee is about 2% of the transaction amount. Attorney recommends the customer pay the additional charges to avoid gifting of city funds.
- **Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos** – Zoning Ordinance received an award. Met at Senator Canellas' office is Sacramento regarding courthouse along with reps from Parlier and Huron. Been receiving a lot of calls regarding cannabis grow, not dispensaries, just cultivation, proposed business could employ about 200 people to create products for cars, perfume, pills, among other items and a bid was offered in an industrial area. Rita & Isabel are working on a package to present at the Vegas trip, hoping to setup appointments, if there is interest, we may stay another day. Clean-up event was successful, a lot of participation from residents, Proteus workers wouldn't keep up. There is a new food recycling program required by law, which will be implemented, along with new recycling mattress program. Pio will add information on the website. Working on the Senior Center Rehab & with Dollar General. Staff Appreciation Day May 5th, City Hall will be closed at noon. New sink hole in a resident's backyard, a contractor on site completed a temporary emergency repair but will be back.
- **City Attorney, Meggin Boranian** – The Police Chief & I will meet with county staff regarding the courthouse on May 20th at 9:00 am.
- **Council Member Lopez** – Inquired about Attorney's billing process & if the City is considering RFP for the CPA.
- **Council Member Valdez** – Attending Recreation summit May 11th. Brady, Freddy & Ben attended Legislation Day and will attend Las Vegas event May 21-23 to recruit businesses.
- **Council Member Sablan** - Asked for update on bleachers at Baseball field. Material was received & project to finish soon.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – COG changed procedure, so any Council Member can attend, but you must submit Form 700 to COG for the committees you serve there. Meeting with Senator Vidak, he no longer represents us but is still willing to speak on our behalf. West Hills will place portable classrooms before re-building the campus.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

Motion to enter closed session at 7:44 pm, by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion pass by 5-0 vote.

CLOSED SESSION

4. REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section #54956.8.

Re: APN # 007-062-19 Designative Rep. City Negotiator: Ben Gallegos

Motion to enter closed session at 8:06 pm, by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion pass by 5-0 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION: *No Action Taken*

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Valdez, second by Councilmember Sablan; motion passes by 5-0 vote at 8:07 p.m.