

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh

Vol. No.18/11-19

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

Date/Time: November 19, 2018/6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL Mayor Felipe Pérez
Mayor Pro Tem Marcia Sablan
Council Member Elsa Lopez
Council Member Brady Jenkins

ABSENT Council Member Freddy Valdez

OTHERS: City Attorney, Meggin Boranian; City Manager/Acting Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Salvador Raygoza; Tuckfield & Associates, Clayton Tuckfield, Albert Puche & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Marcia Sablan led Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on November 5, 2018.**

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

2. **WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting October 1 and ending on October 31, 2018.**

October 2018	General Warrants #37305 – 37454 - \$814,252.42
	Payroll Warrants #70133 – 70234 - \$232,087.40

Motion to accept warrant register by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Lopez; motion by unanimous 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

3. **REVIEW AND CONSIDER A WATER/WASTEWATER RATE STUDY COMPLETED BY TUCKFIELD & ASSOCIATES**

Discussed new water and sewer rates;

Motion to continue until next Council meeting on December 3, 2018 by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Sablan; motion by unanimous 4-0 vote.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-56 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCESS STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL SUMMARY CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYMENT, VOLUNTEERS, AND CONTRACTORS, LICENSING OR CERTIFICATION PURPOSES.**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 18-56 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion by unanimous 4-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief Salvador Raygoza- Police officers have been busy with accident reports/collisions in the county; Grant for DUI is over; OT for officers for DUI enforcement during the holidays. A few officers and dispatch attended active shooting training. Chief explained new First Net cellphone service for public safety and government employees.

Finance Director, Pio Martin- Auditors still working on audit, they have not been in office for a couple weeks now. Regarding new hire, interviewed 10 candidates. Invited three people each from City of Kerman, Mendota and Livingston. They chose their top 5 candidates who will continue with second interview with Ben, Isabel and Pio.

City Manager, Benjamin Gallegos- Short on staff at city hall and thanked staff for helping out. Health department passed new Senior Center kitchen. Pio has taken over some of Rita's duties for now. Purchase of Whitehurst property completed. Highway 33 has been repaved by Caltrans. Ben has been receiving complaints regarding no mail delivery on "Q" Street and Thatcher, but it is out of city control. Ben has reached out to Post Master and she has not returned his call. Meggin volunteered to contact someone from post office to have issue resolved. Water board sent out letter to residents at Las Deltas regarding no board at the moment at Las Deltas Water District. Hopefully a company will want to continue the water district board.

City Attorney, Meggin Boranian- Transfer of Whitehurst closing went smoothly. Met with Ben/Sal regarding final lease for Court House. Meggin has been trying to get meeting going with Bureau of Cannabis control. Meggin was directed to hold off on meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY: NONE

CLOSED SESSION

Pending Litigation: One (1) Case (Cal. Government Code Sec. 54956.9 (a))

Public Employee Employment: City Attorney (Cal Government Code Section 54957)

Motion to enter closed session by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Sablan; motion by unanimous 4-0 vote.

Time Enter to Close Session at 7:35p.m.

Time Enter to Open Session at 8:19p.m.

Motion to enter to open session by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Sablan; motion by unanimous 4-0 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION: Council announced Lozano Smith, LLP Attorneys at Law as new contract as of January 2019. Council directed City Manager Ben to notify Meggin Boranian, Attorney at Law.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion by unanimous 4-0 vote.

Time of adjournment: 8:20p.m.