

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh**  
**Vol. No. 19/02-19**

**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
 1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622  
**Date/Time:** February 19, 2019/6:00 p.m.

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

**ROLL CALL PRESENT:** Mayor Marcia Sablan  
 Mayor Pro Tem Elsa Lopez  
 Council Member Freddy Valdez  
 Council Member Brady Jenkins  
 Council Member Felipe Perez

**ABSENT:**

**OTHERS:** City Attorney J. Sanchez; 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, Ryan Jolley, & others.

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

*Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ashley Chanthaphuang of the United Health Centers of the San Joaquin Valley, introduced herself and provide information on the services they offer in Mendota: Dental, Medical, 7 days a week urgent care, behavior/mental health, Optometry, Chiropractic, Cardiology, Tele-Dermatology, pharmacy, x-rays, lab services, WIC, transportation to & from appointments at United Health Centers. All insurances accepted, will treat individual with no insurance, no one is rejected. Location in Mendota is 121 Barboza Street.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council Regular Meeting on February 4, 2019.**
2. **WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting December 1, and ending on January 31, 2019.**

January 2019	General Warrants	#37708 - #37828	\$ 490,130.90
	Payroll Warrants	#70435 - #70580	\$ 314,024.72
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 804,155.62</b>

*Motion to accept consent calendar by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 19-01 - 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 – SECOND READING.**

*Public Hearing Opened at 6:02 pm –no comment - Public Hearing Closed at 6:04 pm.*

*Motion to approve Ord. No. 19-01 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

## NEW BUSINESS

4. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR USE OF ANDREW FIREBAUGH COMMUNITY CENTER AND RODEO GROUNDS BY RIVER PARKWAY TRUST FOR CAMPING EVENT, AND WAIVER OF RENTAL FEES.**

*Motion to waive all fees and approve the use for the river camp event by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

5. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RENEWING CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH CLAUDIA SOLIS-ALCALA FOR SOCIAL MEDIA AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES.**

*Motion to discuss at the end of the agenda approved by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

6. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW CITY'S WATER SCHEDULE – WATER CONSERVATION.**

*Motion to approve the following changes to the City of Firebaugh Water Scheduled: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday for odd addresses, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday for even addresses, no watering on Monday. Winter water schedule (November 1 – March 1) Odd addresses water on Saturday, Even addresses water on Sunday, watering hours remain the same, by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

7. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW THE ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.**

*Informational Item only.*

8. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER COMMUNITY GARDEN FENCE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH A CONTRACTOR AND THE HEALTH COUNCIL.**

New watering schedule will be applied to the community garden regulations. City Attorney Sanchez recommendation, is for a fund to be created in the amount of \$20,000 fund, similar to a trust, which is being provided by Regional Health via grant, for installment of the fence and other expenses that will only be used for the community garden & authorizing the City Manager or Finance Director access to such funds for expenditures.

5. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RENEWING CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH CLAUDIA SOLIS-ALCALA FOR SOCIAL MEDIA AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES.**

Claudia Solis-Alcala provided a new proposal at the meeting, the listed services add up to \$900 for the first six months, which is the same rate as the previous contract with the request of additional compensation for special events of \$100 per day for a minimum of four hours per day. Special Events include two days at Cantaloupe Round up & one day at Firebaugh Christmas Celebration & Parade.

*Motion to accept Claudia Solis-Alcala's proposal but not to exceed \$2100.00 & review contract in one year motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote.*

## STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – Excited to receive keys to the courthouse, will ask one Council Members to join Council Member Lopez and others staff to serve on a committee to help design the facility. Meeting will be on Monday or Tuesday afternoon. Council Member Valdez will serve, with Council Member Jenkins as alternate.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – A Special on Channel 30 – advised that EMS for Fresno County created an ambulance “no-fly list” to save millions of dollars. Meaning they will not pick up some people who call for an ambulance that have been identified as “regulars” who abuse the ambulance system. Some individuals have abused the system, calling 911 for an ambulance ride they don't need to a hospital that can't help them, but are using the ride it to get to the other side of town instead. The no-fly list allows the ambulance to deny taking individuals that don't have an emergency, which has led to these changes because of the abuse.

- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Audit is over, will push to work on the budget, hope to present the final budget by the first meeting in June, so I can go on vacation. Phone system was updated to service provider AT&T should see about a 50% saving cost. Working on day to day operational duties.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – Susan email agenda items for joint meeting with the school board; New location for future school site, vacancy of City Facilities, Exploring opportunities for Joint use of facilities, if Council has any other items please email to me. City Manager added Water Schedule. Council provided the following: Shared Park & Rec space, joint use of the greenspace, Impact fees, pesticide policy, consider holding regular joint meetings between the city and school. Karl mentioned holding a Planning meeting March 11 but the joint meeting with the school district is being held at that time. City received award notification for CDBG HOME Grant, Ben will provided details. Worked on updating Home Loans, 744 Lowe Court was resolved; however, discovered not all RDA home loans were reported on the original list created when the dissolution of the RDA asked for home loans city provided. I provided an updated list to Tara of RSG, to check if it will cost a problem or if a correction is needed. Recently, there has been several Public Request Acts on various matters, extremely higher volume than usual. Attended a meeting with Ben, Pio and RSG to discuss monitoring the RDA Home loans, with the turnovers in management in the past years, City hasn't really did good record keeping on the loans, city has received some money but we are not sure if we lost funding & if so, how much. Airport Proclamation, City Attorney has completed the resolution to rename the runway; however, I've reached out to Mrs. Lorenzetti about the Proclamation and she has been busy & is not to proceed at this time. The two City Council Meeting for March will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at our Community Center.
- **City Attorney James Sanchez** – Provide a handbook copy of the Brown Act that Lozano Smith have available, if city members would like other handbooks Lozano Smith have such as Public Records Act they too are available along with 15 minute POD Cast as available resources to clients.
- **City Manager Ben Gallegos** – City was awarded the CDBG HOME Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> time home buyers and rehab funding for home owners. A meeting on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm with new Toma-Tek management, Isabel & Ben will be attending and will address the open permits that have not been final for a while; as well as discuss the 21 year contract the City has had with them. Met with Fresno County Supervisor Brian Pacheco to discuss interested business owners that can't find building within the city limits of Firebaugh & want to locate in the area but would be Fresno County property. Business owner is in escrow to purchase Perez Packing site & want to work together. League of Cities Legislative Action Day is April 24, 2019, anyone interested in attending email your request for registration. Council Member Lopez, stated she didn't receive an email from Ben. Need two council members to serve on the cannabis committee to review applications from interested business owners, one company score 80 and want to move forward fast. The City is receiving a lot calls from business owners that interested in operating in Firebaugh. Committee will meet at City Hall about 1:30 pm Tuesday Feb. 26, HDL will participate in the meeting. Council Members Elsa Lopez and Freddy Valdez will serve on the committee. City Manager & Council Member Lopez will meet with business owners to educate them on programs that provide free training for employers & employees, & tax incentives available to them, Wednesday, March 20, 2019 between 8 AM – 10 PM. Olga Flores will send out flyers. A lot of retailers has should interest in starting a business in Firebaugh, but are having trouble finding available building, many property owners are not interested in renting or selling the building. Update on VFW, City has a 1985 contract; however, Mr. Conklin provided a different contract from 1991 through 1996. Hoping the demo work will begin in the winter, working on bid proposal for architect. Mario Gouveia is working on design for the sewer & water lines on Zozaya Street & other streets in that area.
- **Council Member Lopez** – Inquired about an update on the proposed Urgent Care. No update was available.
- **Council Member Sablan** – Read in the Fresno Bee, Dos Palos didn't meet the requirements of their Housing Element, will that help the City with School district?

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY****CLOSED SESSION****ANNOUNCEMENT:****ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion adjourn by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Valdez; motion pass by unanimous 5-0 vote at 8:10 p.m.***