

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh**  
**Vol. No. 19/09-03**

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**Location of Meeting:** Andrew Firebaugh Community Center  
1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622

**Date/Time:** September 3, 2019/6:00 p.m.

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

**ROLL CALL** Mayor Marcia Sablan 6:03 pm  
Council Member Freddy Valdez  
Council Member Brady Jenkins  
Council Member Felipe Perez

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Elsa Lopez

**OTHERS:** City Attorney Jim Sanchez; City Manager/Acting Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy Clerk, Rita Lozano; Finance Director, Pio Martin; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Fire Chief, John Borboa; Linda Espinoza, Rudy Nunez, Wanda Breshears, & others.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Council Member Valdez led pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 3-0 vote.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Leticia Medina spoke on 2020 Census and stated how important the need to make sure everyone is counted, the population information gathered during the census, helps communities' with grant funding, public transportation, homes construction, marketing, recruit new businesses to be developed in a town by the statics gathered, to show the needs of each town.*

**PRESENTATION**

- Certificates for Cantaloupe Round-up went to Legend Produce and Del Bosque Farms with Westside Produce receiving the Best Testing Cantaloupe Contest.
- VFW Remodel Update, designs of the project were presented for view to the staff & public.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council Regular Meeting on August 19, 2019.**

*Motion to approve Minutes by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 4-0 vote.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUILDING A NEW FIRE STATION.**

*CDBG has grant funds available that could help the City build a new Fire Station, & it maybe the City's best opportunity to find funds to help build a new station, but CDBG has a new requirement that requires all applicants to have a shelf ready project before applying. The city will need about \$100,000 to pay an Architect to design station a design recommendation, is for the proposed station to hold four Fire trucks, design must be complete by December because the application is due January 2020.*

*Consensus of the Council is to proceed with hiring an Architect and applying for gran funding.*

**3. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INCREASE OF RENTAL FEE FOR CIRCUS.**

*Councils' recommendation to charge a flat rate and set a penalty fee for applicants that stay over their rental day.*

**4. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING CARNIVAL CONTRACT WITH PAUL MAURER SHOWS.**

Contract states Mr. Maurer will meet with Staff 60 days prior to the event to pick rides, there is an increase of ticket revenue paid to the city, which is 30% of gross pre-sale tickets, 30% of on-site ticket sales, \$200 each food booth & \$150 per game. Contract to be renewed is for three years, 2020, 2021 & 2022.

*Consensus of the Council is to proceed and sig to renew contract with Paul Maurer Shows.*

**5. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO REVIEW THE 2019 FIREBAUGH CANTALOUPE ROUNDUP FUND.**

*Compared from last year, Pre-sale tickets were \$96,798 (7% increase), Expenses were up \$7,974 (9% increase), all Revenue items were up, but salaries cost were down (-22% decrease), so City ended in budget by \$7,373 of the proposed \$19,633. There may still be some expenses and revenues that haven't be submitted, so total is subject to change.*

**STAFF REPORTS**

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – Nothing to report.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Nothing to report.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Nothing to report.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – For any Candidate Planning on running for office, there's a training at Fresno Co Elections Training room, September 19, 2019 between 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Fair Political Practices is having a training for Candidates & Treasurers October 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Fresno County Elections Facility. I will provide hotel reservation information to Council Members attending the League of Cities conference if you haven't received the information yet. Joint Meeting with the School District is scheduled for September 19, two of our Council Members & the City Manager will be attending a conference, "Does the Council want to reschedule or move forward with the meeting?" Council wished to reschedule.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – Received invoices from Toma Tek, received one submittal on possible street name for Greystone Estates. Meeting with Jose & Davis re: Boys & Girls Club, they can't move from Housing Authority or they will lose their funding, but we will discuss other projects that haven't been developed. City was awarded the 2.3 Million CDBG Grant to rehab water lines & streets at Zozaya. New requirements of CDBG projects is the must be shelve ready prior to applying for the Grant Funding.
- **Council Member Jenkins**– Introduced Lucy, she is looking to give back to the community. She is a former Firebaugh High School graduate. Lucy stated she left Firebaugh to move to Fresno after graduation, but now that she has kids, she wanted to come back to raise them here, "it's home, & since we're living here & my kids will grow up here,. I want to give back to my community, so whatever I can do to help."
- **Council Member Valdez** – Will be attending the ICSC conference September 16, 2019.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY**

**CLOSED SESSION/CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion adjourn by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by unanimous 4-0 vote at 7:26 p.m.*