

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 19/10-07

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

Date/Time: October 7, 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
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, Chris Gutierrez, Susan Ramirez, Maurine Parker, Carol Coelho, Jose Acosta, Wanda Breshears, & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Jenkins led pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Ramirez, 40 year resident wanted to let Council, Public & everyone, of the wonderful job the emergency and medical team did & thanked them for informing the school of the incident that was occurring even though it was after school hours. It was greatly appreciated and helpful, it helps everyone to feel safe and secure in the community, and they often aren't told "thank you or how greatly appreciated they are for the service they provide". Chris Gutierrez, also stated he received a text inform him of the incident and wanted to let the public know he agrees with Mrs. Ramirez's statements, they are doing a great job & thanked them for their services they provided. Maurine Parker also wanted to reinstate and show her appreciation to Police Department and Fire Department for their assistance in this matter & expressed they are the reason this community is a safe place.. Mr. Gutierrez, collected the signatures of all the residents on Rabe Street to petition for speed bumps to be added to their street, when the street improvements are being done, paperwork was provide to the Deputy City Clerk. The cars that pass through that street are going too fast and residents would like to make it safer for the children that live there. However, speed bumps make it difficult for emergency vehicles to go through the street or tend to the individuals that live on the street because the speed bumps slow down or may damage the emergency vehicles. Council Member Valdez, suggested the residents create a neighborhood watch to report speeding vehicles to the police department to citation violations.

PRESENTATION

- The Fresno County Tobacco Free Coalition awarded the City of Firebaugh for being the first City to adopt a non-smoking (Smoke Free) Multi-family complex Ordinance. Google and Facebook will run ads, advertising the new City Law in Firebaugh and signs will be placed in the City to inform residents.
- Senator Anna Caballero's 2019 Young Legislators Program Overview. The program was held June 22, 2019 through July 18, 2019 at the City of Greenland & the City of Atwater, 14 students participated for the Central Valley which included students from Firebaugh High School. The learned about Federal, Local & State Government, Legislative cycle, Census 2020, Higher Education, took a tour of the Capitol and held a mock committee hearing. They met California speakers from District 16th Costa's office, Senator Harris office and Regional 6 Program Manager in Fresno for Census 2020. Senator Anna Caballero hopes to continue the program and is looking for City's interested in hosting the event. Council Valdez stated he would like Firebaugh to host and be considered.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council Special Meeting on September 3, 2019.
2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting August 1, and ending on August 31, 2019.

August 2019	General Warrants	#38571 - #38718	\$ 704,329.53
	Payroll Warrants	#71095 - #71126	\$ 223,525.28
TOTAL			\$ 927,854.81

Motion to approve Consent Calendar by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. ORDINANCE NO. 19-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AMENDING SECTION 2-2.10 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE FIREBAUGH MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO COUNCIL SALARIES – FIRST READING.

City Attorney stated the two changes: 1) pay is per month, instead of per meeting & 2) a 5% increase (\$15) will be added to Council's salary, a change in compensation does not apply to a council member during their term of office.

Motion to waive the 1st Reading by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

4. RESOLUTION NO. 19-52 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTING THE FRESNO COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND CITY OF FIREBAUGH LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN ANNEX.

Motion to approve Res. No. 19-52 by Council Member Lopez, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 19-53 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDED CONTRACT TO AJ EXCAVATION, INC. FOR RABE STREET, DIAZ STREET, AND REV. KANTOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Motion to approve Res. No. 19-53 by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

6. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS THE STREET NAMES FOR GREYSTONE ESTATES - NEW SUBDIVISION.

City Council received public comments & approves the following street names: Ledford, Eppler, Gonzalez & Don Julian, by consensus vote.

7. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AND THE FIREBAUGH-LAS DELTAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR DECEMBER 9, 2019 OR JANUARY 13, 2020 (A PLANNING MEETING DAY).

Motion to approve December 9, 2019 by Consensus vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – There was a few burglaries’ in town, individuals were from Merced, one arrest made. Update on Officer R. Tabares on his recovery was provided. Dr.’s want to release him by the Middle of the month, but Workers Comp is recommended his release at the end of the month.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Recently there has been several car accidents, most of them are outside city limits. The worst accident was on Firebaugh Blvd. Most of the accidents have been alcohol related. Reedley has the largest fire station in the central valley, they’re having an open house October 11, 2019. Molina will be taking a Firebaugh Fire Truck.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – Auditors will be coming to City Hall this week or next week to start the Audit.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – For the Council Members attending the League of Cities Conference, let me know if you received confirmation & hotel reservation information. The Day of the Races at the Fresno Fair for the City of Firebaugh is October 13, 2019, it will be shared with the City of Mendota, please be at the Grandstand by 12:30 pm or you may miss the race & photo in the winners’ circle with the winning horse. I will be on vacation beginning Thursday & will return on Wednesday, so please get all agenda items in early.
- **City Attorney, James Sanchez** – advised and provide an update of jurisdiction cases. Mayor Sablan inquired about information about decisions Council makes that are not listed on the agenda. (Example; if three street were listed on the agenda but four street names were selected), or (If a credit card increase was made without Council’s approval or agenized for approval) is it not allowed or a violation of the Brown Act. Attorney stated there is some leeway to amend or approve certain items without listing them, an avoid Brown Act violations.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – New lights have been installed at Maldonado Park, but no one has used them yet. Had a meeting with Will of EDC, there is a lot of funding available for infrastructure right now, so staff is looking to apply. We have seen new business show interest in developing in town but we need land or property to be available. VFW is on tract and schedule for construction. CAL Fire in Mendota is helping us by providing blueprints or plans of their station to help us save time & money by not having to drafting new plans for our proposed new fire station.
- **Council Member Jenkins**– Requested paving the alley behind Don Pepe’s and at Pacifica Pizza, and asked staff to request a quote. City Manager Gallegos replied, he will request a quote but estimate will be over \$100,000. Public Works has place gravel or base rock at Don Pepe’s alley every year, but seems to disappear or ware away.
- **Council Member Valdez** – Attended the ICSC conference September 16, 2019, attending members have done everything possible to recruit new business to town but the biggest problem has been, owners aren’t willing to sell or rent to the interested parties, so at this point there isn’t much more we can do. So it’s the wishes of the Council, if they want the team to still go to the ICSC conference or just send only one person, but until there is some availability no progress can be made. Fire Chief Borboa asked, if eminent domain is an option.
- **Council Member Lopez** – Attend a COG meeting, they stated there Railroad funding available, not sure if the City could use any funding but wanted to inform. City Manager Gallegos stated he doesn’t think the City would qualify. Attending a meeting with City Manager and Wonderful, they are going to paint certain areas in town, it’s great, what they are doing for our community. Every year they have staff donate time to make improvements or help clean to our community, as well as making donations for certain events or improvements.

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 5-0 vote at 7:23 p.m.