

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 20/02-03

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

Date/Time: February 3, 2020/6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL Mayor Elsa Lopez
Mayor Pro Tem Freddy Valdez
Council Member Felipe Pérez
Council Member Marcia Sablan

ABSENT: Council Member Brady Jenkins

OTHERS: City Attorney Jim Sanchez; City Manager/Acting Public Works Director, Ben Gallegos; Deputy Clerk, Rita Lozano; Police Chief, Sal Raygoza; Fire Chief, John Borboa; City Engineer, Mario Gouveia, Wanda Breshears, Linda Espinoza, Hector & others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Valdez led pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Isidro Vasquez, asked if the City could help by constructing the sidewalk, curb & gutter on 14th Street, between the O Street and the alley towards HWY 33, since he read City of Sacramento is responsible for their sidewalks, and believes the City should also be responsible here. City Manager Gallegos replied, due to the construction that is being done to the house at the location, the city will wait until their work is complete, to void any heavy equipment that may be entering the property & possibly destroying the curb & gutter, if it is constructed first. Mr. Gallegos added the sidewalk can be removed now, since its ADA compliance and has to be removed anyways.

Introduction of the new Reserve Officer Seferino Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez, introduced himself, gave a briefing of his past work experience and thanked City Council, Police Chief Raygoza, staff & the public for having the opportunity to work with the City, he is very excited and is looking forward to participate and get to the community and its residents.

PRESENTATION None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council Joint meeting with School District on December 9, 2019.**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on January 6, 2020.**
- 3. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting December 1, and ending on December 31, 2019.**

December 2019	General Warrants	#39105 - #39238	\$ 810,738.23
	Payroll Warrants	#71179 - #71197	\$ 236,502.72
TOTAL			\$ 1,047,240.95

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH SUPPORTING AB1012 A STATE LAW TO SECURE THE EFFICIENCY OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTING A TIMELY USE OF THE FEDERAL/STATE FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT FOR THE PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE 2019 CALL FOR PROJECTS.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 20-03, by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-04 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF RABE STREET, DIAZ STREET, AND REV. KANTOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH FRESNO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT OF RETENTION MONIES TO AJ EXCAVATION, INC.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 20-04, by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONNEL RULES OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH – ADOPTING A LACTATION POLICY.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 20-05, by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH REVISING DEPOSIT FEE, ADDING SPECIAL EVENT & PENALTY FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE USE OF CITY FACILITIES – PARKS & COMMUNITY CENTER.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 20-06, by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-07 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2019-2020 FUNDING YEAR OF THE STATE CDBG PROGRAM.**

Motion to approve Res. No. 20-07, by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

9. **PLANNING COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT.**

Motion to appoint Nicole Molina as Planning Commissioner, by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

10. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO DISCUSS & CONSIDER PD FACEBOOK.**

Police Chief Raygoza to work with City Attorney Sanchez Policy for the Facebook and other social media websites, Police to be presented at next city council meeting for approval. Deputy Clerk Lozano, mentioned the city needs to work with our IT services to create a back-up system for all city business or related social media website to keep records and meet the Public Records Act.

Informational Item only

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief Sal Raygoza** – Officer Monay gave an update about the K-9, she's already nearing about 120 hours of Training and canine successfully identified incidents of individuals carry drugs, since being on duty this past two months. He's a very friendly dog & will be awesome with kids, so the Chief plans to have them attend schools for outreach & promote the importance of not using or getting involved in drugs. The joint grant with the School District was approved for a paid three year term School Resource Officer. Chief Raygoza will be working with the School District to implement the

program and determine the use of the funds and the placement of the Resource Officer. They don't want the Officer to be an enforcement role, but be more of an educational roll. The Resource Officer will be a full-time Position. The crime rate was low for months of Dec & Jan, usually it's been higher with people traveling out of town, staff did a great job, & due to the efforts of everybody in the Police Department. I'm working on the annual report, just waiting for the stats from 2019.

- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – March 17, the High School Sophomore, Junior, Senior cadets will attend Applied Tech School in Clovis, to train in Fire Tech at the Clovis Fire Training Center. & compete against other Fresno County Schools. It will be the first time, they have ever done anything like that, so they are little nervous.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – Form 700 are due, for all Council Members and Department heads, they can be completed online, if you need to reset your password, please let me know or you can contact FPPC. Individuals that served on COG Boards will be required to fill out a Form 700 for each board you served on. If you complete online, make sure you select all of the boxes to avoid a fine for not complying. Our new Municipal Code System is available to use on our City website, the City should be receiving the hard copies in the next few weeks. I've been working on gathering information for Public Request Acts and grant applications.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – February 25, KSEE 24 will be at Giant Burger by 5:00 am to ask the Public, City Council and Others about their input to show case our community & air it during their news report. The Airport sign recognizing the Lorenzetti family is finally up. Last week, Mayor Lopez & I attended a meeting, it is always very helpful & looks good when a Council helps in representing our community at these meetings. It shows the support to individuals that are interested in our town. February 7, 2020, West Hills College will hold their Ground breaking ceremony. I will be attending a meeting on February 12th, which is a Holiday for us, so I will take my day off on Friday in exchange. The next Council Meeting is on a holiday (Presidents Day), but if West Hills College submits the need information to vacate 9th Street, I told their team, we would have a Special Meeting if needed to avoid holding up their project. Otherwise, it will be on the first meeting of March. Solar Project is in progress at this time. The CDBG grant application for the Fire Station is due February 7th. VFW is on schedule, the Veterans have been taking things out of the building, so they were asked not to that. The Building belongs to the City, so they shouldn't be removing anything, but important, "I don't want anyone to get hurt." The gentlemen that previously did a presentation about providing to residents in living in the City, has contacted me, they have started the program in Parlier, but more research is required, since the City will be responsible for collecting all fees, even when the property owners that participates can't make their payments. Interviews for the Senior Center Coordinator, will be held February 1, from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. The City re-advertised for a Full-time Mechanic position, staff discovered Mr. Frisbee did retire, we reached out to him for confirmation but we haven't received a response.
- **Council Member Valdez** – Freddy & Bray will be attending Census meeting on February 13th, Deputy Clerk added, Mayor Lopez will also be attending. Mayor Pro Temp Valdez will be attending the West Hills College event on February 7th and would like to attend Fire Chief Borboa's training event to show support.
- **Mayor Lopez** – Attended the League of Cities New Mayors' Conference, learned of new laws being implemented this year. Firebaugh Cheerleaders placed at the competition in Vegas and would like to recognize them at the Council Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

Motion to enter Close Session @ 6:57 pm, by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

CLOSED SESSION

11. Government Code Section 54957.6

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: ALL REPRESENTED AND UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

City Negotiator: Ben Gallegos

Employee Organizations: Police & Public Works bargaining units and all unrepresented positions

Motion to enter Open Session @ 7:37 pm, by the consensus of the Council; motion pass by 5-0 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT

No Action to Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion adjourn by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Jenkins; motion pass by 5-0 vote at 7:38 p.m.