

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 20/11-02

**PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 11 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20,
EXECUTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA ON MARCH 12, 2020**

City Council Meeting held via teleconferencing

***Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (b) (2), all action taken during this teleconferenced meeting shall be by roll call vote.**

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

Date/Time: November 2, 2020/6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL Mayor Elsa Lopez
Mayor Pro Tem Freddy Valdez
Council Member Marcia Sablan
Council Member Brady Jenkins 6:12 pm
Council Member Felipe Pérez

ABSENT:

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; City Engineer, Mario Gouveia, Albert Peché & Don Carr.

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 Sablan; motion passed by 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on October 19, 2020.

Motion to approve minutes by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

**Council Member Jenkins joined the meeting at 6:12 PM.*

NEW BUSINESS

2. RESOLUTION NO. 20-47 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH DIRECTING STAFF TO PROCEED WITH PLANNING FOR A RATE ADJUSTMENT TRANSACTION RELATING TO THE CITY'S WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2013 AND APPOINTING A FINANCING TEAM IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Motion to accept Res. No. 20-47 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

3. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE 2020 ELECTRIC PARADE.

Motion to approve gift giving Raffle for Christmas, staff to decide the guidelines/process, by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – VFW is ahead of schedule, working with Marion because we have a lot of projects going. Working on a budget for the CARES Grant Funds, City bought canopies for restaurants & we are giving masks at City hall as a distribution center, but not all business are taking advantage of the program.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – nothing to report.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – nothing to report.
- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** – Business as usual, Crime is low, had a fire at the trailer park, officers checked on residents because they saw smoke, One of the Officer s tried to put the fire out with a hose & the other Officers did CPR on a resident that was COVID positive, but resident need first and possibly exposing himself, PD gave about 600 bags out for the Halloween event.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – the new fire truck is the largest single purchase the department has made, purchased from Illinois, & we should be bringing it this week.
- **City Attorney James Sanchez** – nothing to report.
- **City Engineer, Mario Gouveia** – pre-bid meeting is this week for the sewer rehab project on 8th St.
- **Council Member Valdez** – county drive was good, thanked PAL for trying to make Halloween memorable for kids.
- **Council Member Sablan** – Asked for an update on the four Code Enforcement cases. Ben spoke with one resident, whom will get a reduction of fines/fees, another asked for a Dec. 1st extension deadline & it was granted. Staff will mail reminders to the other cases, cases will be presented to Council before being submitted to Fresno County to be placed on tax rolls.
- **Council Member Perez** – nothing to report.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

**Motion to enter Close Session @ 6:30 pm; motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

CLOSED SESSION

4. Government Code Section 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION: City Manager.

**Motion to enter Open Session @ 6:57 pm, motion pass by 5-0 vote.*

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

No Action taken

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan; motion passed by 5-0 vote at 7:00 p.m.