

MEETING MINUTES

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 20/11-16

**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
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, Paul Ashby & Don Carr.

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 Sablan; motion passed by 5-0 vote.

PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council regular meeting on November 2, 2020.

2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period starting October 1, and ending on October 30, 2020.

October 2020	General Warrants	#40280 - #40401	\$ 929,675.85
	Payroll Warrants	#71374 - #71390	\$ 127,494.48
	TOTAL		\$ 1,057,174.33

Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

3. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH TO CONSIDER & DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES ALONG WASHOE AVE.**

Motion to approve instruct city staff to investigate how to annex the parcels and bring the item back to council for approval by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-48 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 13-62 OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 21, 2013 IN CONNECTION WITH A RATE ADJUSTMENT TRANSACTION RELATING TO THE CITY’S WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2013 AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS.**

Motion to accept Res. No. 20-48 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-49 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SERVICES WITH ADAMS ASHBY GROUP.**

Motion to accept Res. No. 20-49 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Sablan, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-50 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDED CONTRACT TO ROLFE CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR CDBG SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO. 17-CDBG-12016 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.**

Motion to accept Res. No. 20-50 by Council Member Valdez, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-51 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR BENJAMIN GALLEGOS.**

Motion to accept Res. No. 20-51 by Council Member Sablan, second by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Police Chief, Sal Raygoza** – Governor moved the County to a purple tier, so Code Enforcement will out, no more indoor dining will be allowed. City has had 408 COVID-19 cases overall, with an increase of over 20 cases since Halloween, so I think it was family gathering the some likely took place, I believe the same will happen with Thanksgiving. Firebaugh has had nine people died from COVID-19, some of the residents could be from out of the city limits but live in the 93622 area code. Code Enforcement & Officers are trying to make sure everyone is following guidelines. There has been three stolen vehicles in town, some arrest has been made but not sure if any of the individuals are responsible.
- **Fire Chief, John Borboa** – Haven’t stopped yet with fire call outs, not sure why? Held our fund raiser, 350 ribs were sold, plan to have another one on Superbowl weekend to restore volunteer account.
- **Finance Director, Pio Martin** – iPad have been purchased, but we need to set up. Working with Bryant Jolley on Audit and working on Great Plates invoice for submittal. City received \$90,000 in CARES funding, from state, but we need to make sure to report expenditures. Council Member Sablan asked if the staff could put information about Thanksgiving on the Electric sign.

- **City Attorney James Sanchez** – Update info on Hiller Air case, it may go to trial the first week of December. The City Manager evaluation was circulated, I need a response from each Councilmember for his personnel file.
- **Deputy City Clerk, Rita Lozano** – An officer & dispatcher were sworn in to office last week, I'm waiting for the official count from Fresno County elections, once I receive their certification, Council will approve it & we will re-organize Council.
- **City Engineer, Mario Gouveia** – provided sewer line rehab update.
- **City Manager, Ben Gallegos** – Working on a lot of projects, I have a list three pages long. Working on wish list for future projects. VFW is ahead of schedule, working on a budget for the CARES Grant Funds. We lost Tomas to Merced, we advertised for a Water Operator & a Maintenance Worker I, but we are only hiring for one position. Recycling money, and working with Del Rio Resident working on bring cost down re Code Enforcement.
- **Council Member Lopez** – Congratulated, us on our election win, offered Condolences to Councilmember Valdez for the loss us his Grandmother.
- **Council Member Valdez** – Congratulations to Elsa & Brady, I appreciate your hard work other the past few years & look forward to the future.
- **Council Member Sablan** – Congratulations to the three of you.
- **Council Member Perez** – Congratulations to the three of you.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – Thank you, & congratulations to the both of you too.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Jenkins, second by Council Member Perez; motion passed by 5-0 vote at 7:04 p.m.