

Meeting Minutes

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh
Vol. No. 25 / 09-15

Location of Meeting **Andrew Firebaugh community Center**
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA. 93622
Date / Time **September 15, 2025 / 5:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Mayor Freddy Valdez
Mayor Pro-Tem Silvia Renteria
Council Member Felipe Perez
Council Member Brady Jenkins
Council Member Elsa Lopez

Others

City Manager Ben Gallegos, City Attorney Christina Smith, Interim Police Chief Magda Martinez, Finance Director Pio Martin, Fire Chief Battalion Hector Marin, City Engineering Mario Gouveia, Acting City Clerk Olga Flores.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *Led by Mayor Freddy Valdez*

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Perez, motion passed by 5-0 vote.

PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The City Council Regular meeting on August 08, 2025

2. WARRANT REGISTER – Period Starting August 01, 2025 ending August 31, 2025

August 2025	General Warrants	#48104 - #48235	\$ 1,471,057.51
	Payroll Warrants	#72611 - #72631	\$ 153,641.20
	TOTAL WARRANTS		\$ 1,624,698.71

3. RESOLUTION NO. 25-29 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING COMPLETION OF THE HIGHWAY 33 BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH FRESNO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT OF RETENTION MONIES TO AVISON CONSTRUCTION, INC.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 25-30 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING COMPLETION OF THE P STREET ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 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 UNITED PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE, INC.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 25-31 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH ACCEPTING COMPLETION OF THE FIREBAUGH ALLEY PAVING 2020 FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. CML-5224(026), AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH FRESNO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT OF RETENTION MONIES TO TERRA WEST CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Motion to approve consent calendar by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Perez, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. ORDINANCE NO. 25-04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 16.5 OF THE FIREBAUGH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PUBLIC NUISANCE ABATEMENT.

*Motion to **table** Ordinance No. 25-04 by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Perez, the motion passed by 5-0 vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

7. RESOLUTION NO. 25-32 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH APPROVING THE TRANSPORTATION ART AGREEMENT FIREBAUGH SR 33 CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PROJECT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACTING THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, REFERRED TO AS CALTRANS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 25-32 by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Perez, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

8. CITY OF FIREBAUGH DISCUSS CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Council Consensus: Move forward with the purchase of Christmas Decorations.

9. STATUS UPDATE OF NEW STARBUCKS AND RELATED PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ISSUES.

Council Consensus: Council gave direction to the City Attorney to research different avenues and bring it back for further discussion.

10. ANIMAL SHELTER PROJECT UPDATE

Council Consensus: Council gave direction to the City Manager to reach out to the building donor and notify him that the city does not have it in the budget to come up with an extra \$66,000 to meet his demands and let him make the decision if he would like to move forward with the donation.

STAFF REPORTS

- **City Manager Ben Gallegos** – Habitat for Humanity Luncheon will be held on Oct. 1st that may be show casing our project. Projects on Q an 15th Street should be paved however, there is a high-pressured line running on Q St. and we must have someone there from PG & E standing by, until then we can not pave it until after the carnival.
- **Finance Director Pio Martin** – Nothing to report.

- **City Attorney Christina Smith** – Nothing to report.
- **Acting City Deputy Clerk, Olga Flores** – Nothing to add to the written report
- **Interim Police Chief Magda Martinez** – Nothing to add to the written report
- **City Engineer Mario Gouveia** – Nothing to report

COUNCIL MEMEBERS AGENDA ITEMS

- **Mayor Valdez** – Council appreciates all the hard work the staff is doing and will take a look at the lights with Council Member Jenkins at Maldonado Park.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Renteria** – Would like an update on the snack bar and restrooms at Dunkle. Also would like to set up a time with Ben to drive around the city to address the semi-trucks. Commended Interim Police Chief Martinez on a thorough report and police presence in the city and also thanked Acting City Deputy Clerk Flores for her report and training.
- **Council Member Lopez** – None
- **Council Member Perez** – Asked Ben to have someone review the sidewalks around the Senior Center and other places.
- **Council Member Jenkins** – Would like an update on Maldonado Park lighting and water leaks that need to be fixed. And a report on the Senior Center 8-hour employee. Council Member Jenkins also commended the officers on making a big impact in the community and recommends they keep pushing forward.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. by Council Member Jenkins, seconded by Council Member Perez, motion passed by a 5-0 vote.