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JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, July 11, 2024

6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Jackpot Advisory Board was called to order by Chairperson Monica Burt at 6:30 pm mountain standard time on July 11, 2024, in the meeting room of the Jackpot Administration Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Monica Burt
 Larry Lineberry (Via Zoom)
 Jeff Young
 Monique Gollihar

Absent: Teresa Hugill

Others Present: Gustavo Estrada, Public Works Lead
 Brian Hugill, Jackpot Fire Department
 Laura Cortez, Jackpot Recreation Center
 Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Tourism
 Dusty Higbee, Brother Speed

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GALLERY:

Chairperson Jeff Young advised the public to step to the front of the room to identify themselves and to speak clearly for the record. He stated that they should try and not speak out of turn or among themselves. If anybody has a cell phone it should be muted and if a call needs to be answered, it must be taken outside. He commented that everybody needs to wait their turn to speak, and the speaker needs to step-up to the podium to state his/her name. There shouldn't be side conversations or comments, and he thanked everybody for their cooperation.

PROCEDURE

Time Limits: Public comments are welcome during the Public Comment periods at the beginning of the meeting, the end of the meeting, and during specific agenda items.

Comments made during the Public Comment periods at the beginning and end of the meeting are limited to **7 minutes** per person. Persons with presentations or comments longer than **7 minutes**

should contact the County Administrative Offices to have the item placed on the agenda for discussion. Additionally, the Chair of the Board may limit public comment during a specific agenda item. If the Chair of the Board decides to limit public comment during a specific agenda item, the Chair shall announce, prior to taking any public comments on that specific agenda item, that the Public Comments on that specific agenda item are limited to **7 minutes** per person.

Chairperson Jeff Young stated that the public would be limited to 7 minutes per person, but not those making the presentation. Those interested in presenting anything would need to go to the administration office in order to have them add their items to the following agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Jeff Young led the pledge of allegiance.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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Paul Fisher (New property owner in Jackpot) stated that he bought property on Four Aces Ct. He won't be subdividing it especially after seeing the view on the Southwest corner and he plans on building a lodge there. He has purchased two Quonset huts and if it's okay with the board he would like to place them on his property. He showed the board a map of the location where he wants them set and he's aware of the seven and a half easements along some sides which he would be respecting. Co-Chair Monica Burt commented that if the board needed to vote on an action item it would need to be included on the following agenda. Mr. Fischer commented that the two Quonset huts will be in the town in August, so if he doesn't have permission to have them on his lot, he will have to put them in storage. Co-Chair Burt commented that the board would be meeting in two weeks and Chairperson Jeff Young asked that the clerk include the item on the agenda for the following meeting. Co-Chair Burt asked that Mr. Fisher give a copy to the clerk so that Shawn Burt (Jackpot Superintendent) could look at it too. Co-Chair Burt asked if the road going up to that place is fine since the road ends right there? Mr. Fisher said that he has already talked to Fire Chief Hugill, that he is interested in putting in a cul-de-sac, so the big fire-engine can get in to him if needed. Mr. Fisher said that the cul-de-sac would be about 100 feet in diameter, Chief Hugill said the fire-engine is only 22 feet. It would be a bigger expense for him but worth it. Mr. Fisher said that he is thinking about putting in a fire plug/fire hydrant. Co-Chair Burt mentioned that she lived out that way and there is a hydrant right near there. Chairperson Young said that if he is putting the Quonset hut back there then another 100 feet of fire hose would be nice.

Brad Hester Fire...works, Mr. Hester said they did have a fire, but the fireworks shells were nice. Mr. Hester said the crowd of spectators was great. He also mentioned that the fireworks started exactly on time at 10:20PM not 10:15ish. The show went off without any mishaps. Mr. Hester said they missed one shell, but they did that one at the end after the finale. Mr. Hester said the finale lasted longer than it has ever been. It was the same shells he and his team just tied them together differently and slowed it down instead of 22 seconds it was a minute and a half. Mr. Hester said things went great and finished saying "lets order Christmas".

Shelly Hester stated that she has lived here for a very long time, over the last several years she noticed things going downhill. Mrs. Hester said that several years ago her trees started getting sick. She figured out what it was and started treating them. Mrs. Hester said that she told the Golf Club and Cactus Petes what is wrong with the pine trees and what to do for them. She stated that she was able to save hers, the disease reappeared last year, she is in the process of treating them again. Mrs. Hester stated that if you look around town it is infested with caterpillars so all the trees that are brown are most likely going to die. It has infested everything in town now. Mrs. Hester said that when she is walking down Keno in the morning that the caterpillars are everywhere. Mrs. Hester continued that the green sawdust looking stuff on the sidewalk is what is left of the pine needles that they have been eating. The brown needles don't come back on coniferous trees, if they are savable trees they will have to be from new growth. Mrs. Hester asked if there is something we can do about this, if we don't, we won't have a tree left in town? Co-Chair Burt said she can talk to Bruce Ririe at Cactus Petes to see what if anything they are doing about this. Chairperson Young asked Gus Estrada from Public Works if there anything the town can do? Mr. Estrada answered that the problem is that most of these trees are not on the town's properties. Theresa Dimmitt from tourism stated that she had received a couple of calls regarding this matter and that she spoke with Superintendent Shawn Burt, he said that they can not go on private property, that it is up to the property owner to take care of the issue on their properties. Mrs. Dimmitt asked Mrs. Hester if she could give her the name of the product, she is using on her tree so she could pass that information on to other residents having issues? Co-Chair Burt asked Gus Estrada if the Golf Club was having issues with their trees. Mr. Estrada responded that he had not heard anything. Co-Chair Burt asked Chairperson Young if they have been having issues at Barton's Cub 93? Chairperson Young said yes, a couple of trees died last year. Co-Chair Burt mentioned that dead trees and ground are a fire hazard, Mrs. Hester said and besides it looks bad for people driving through town, and who wants to come to town where everything is dead? Chairperson Young asked if we could put the information for what to use on the Town App so others can use it too, Mrs. Hester said she didn't know if the residents would have the ability to reach the top of the trees where it is really needed. She agreed to get the information so it can be posted on the Town App. Chairperson Young asked Maria Salas Town Clerk to put this topic on the next agenda, not as an action item but as a discussion. Co-Chair Burt suggested that they could talk to homeowners, and business to see what they are doing, and talk to the tree service Cactus Petes uses.

TOWN OF JACKPOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

E1. Discussion and consideration to approve an RFQ for community development project for the fifty-three acres.

ACTION ITEM

Chairman Young asked Mr. Estrada if this was the same acreage at Jack Rabbit Hill? Mr. Estrada confirmed that yes, it is the same property. Mr. Estrada said that there are three companies interested in the property, so it needs to go to open bid for thirty days. Mr. Estrada said that means in the newspaper, online so the general public are aware. Chairman Young asked to bid to do what? Mr. Estrada said to build the housing development. Chairman Young asked if this is to put in the roads and infrastructure? Mr. Estrada said yes, it is and to ensure they won't be sitting on it for a long time. Co-Chair Burt asked if we are voting to approve it going up for open bid. Mr. Estrada said yes.

Motion: Co-chair Burt made a motion to approve an RFQ for community development project for the fifty-three acres, seconded by Monique Gollihar. Motion passed.

VOTE: Aye: Larry Lineberry
Jeff Young

Nay:
Absent: Teresa Hugill
Abstain:

RAFT RIVER RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Raft River Electric update.

Mike Christensen (Raft River Electric) Said that he is aware of 2 bumps, one on June 30th that was on Raft Rivers side of the system, and again on July 5th, on Idaho's side of the system. Mr. Christensen asked if anyone here has seen any more than that? Monique Gollihar (Advisory Board Member) said no that she didn't hear of any others. Mr. Christensen said that there was an outage down at the Morning Star Ranch due to a lightning storm, overall Serco has been reliable, and they hope to keep it that way.

Mr. Christensen said Raft River has a couple of things coming up, every year they do a safety meeting in July where they go out to places like Jackpot or Mountain City, to make sure their guys really know where to go so they can access the system better, they are doing that here in Jackpot on July 23rd. Mr. Christensen said that he has talked to Chief Hugill about possibly doing a safety demonstration for the first responders, somebody from safety will be reaching out to Chief Hugill.

Mr. Christensen said the other thing they have going on is the ICUA in Boise. He said there is even a student from Jackpot High School joining this year with other students from Malta High School.

NEVADA HEALTH CENTER

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Nevada Health Center update.

No representative present.

JACKPOT COMBINED SCHOOL

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Jackpot Combined School update.

No representative present.

JACKPOT GOLF COURSE

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Golf Course operations update.

No representative present.

JACKPOT TOURISM & SENIOR CENTER NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Jackpot Tourism updates.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Tourism) shared a picture of what she called “Swag Tag” the image she will be using for the swag merchandise she will be giving out at the Twin Falls Fair this year. She explained she is calling it “Swag Tag” as it is not changing the Town Logo. It is only what will be used for the Swag given away at events. Monique Gollihar (Board Member) said it was cute. Mrs. Dimmitt said that some items will also have the tag line Creating New Adventures for the Whole Family.

Mrs. Dimmitt announced that the Bonneville Off Road Races are happening Saturday, July 13th and they need volunteers to assist in checking people in and recording times, she continued to ask if anyone is available to volunteer to please let her know.

Mrs. Dimmitt shared that the Photos for the Southern Idaho Livability Magazine are do. She is looking for three photos, one of the Jackpot Golf Club, one of Charlie’s Park and an aerial shot of the town. Once the proof is ready it will be presented to the Advisory Board for approval.

2. Senior Center updates.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Senior Center) stated that the senior center is having more participants, the Poker Club is going strong with the most consistent participants and that the Bingo group is getting larger each week.

Mrs. Dimmitt said that she has been getting inquiries from transitional care units in Twin Falls asking about Meals on Wheels and when it will be up and running for patients being sent home. Mrs. Dimmitt said that is still a goal that she has for the community.

JACKPOT EVENTS NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Event operations update.

No representative present.

Larry Lineberry (Board Member) commented that the concert went great and that there were people there all day. Mr. Lineberry said that people really liked the music he played during the fireworks. He thinks it went well and he was \$173.00 under budget. Mr. Lineberry said if anyone has any ideas or thoughts for next year, please let him know so arrangements can be made early. Mr. Lineberry said thank you, that there were so many people that helped Chief Hugill’s team, the Town staff from every department he said everyone just pitched in it was a team effort and it went well. Chairperson Young said there was a great turnout.

Brian Hugill (Fire Chief) commented that there are a lot of events coming up. Chief Hugill asked Dustin from Brother Speed to come up and speak about his event. Dustin said that the Brother Speed event is coming up on August 16 and 17. People will be arriving on the 17th to sign the waivers, racing will start on the 17th. Dustin explained that he is working with M.A.S.S.V who will be setting up the lights for the races. Dustin concluded by asking if anyone had questions for him. Chairperson Young said that he is excited that they will be racing here again.

Chief Hugill, shared other events happening the weekend of July 13th. Bonneville Off Road Races, at the same time Haydon Horn's crew M.M.A.S.V Racing will be at the Airport racing. Chief Hugill said they have all the permits for the Sand Races coming next month, and on the 10th of August we have a Car Show coming, it will be at Charlie's Park. Chairperson Young asked who was doing the Car Show, is it Haydon Horn's Crew? Chief Hugill replied no, it is a group called the Straight Racers out of Twin Falls. He said they will be doing the Burnouts like Timmy B did.

JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Recreation Center Department operations update.

Laura Cortes (Jackpot Recreation Center Lead Lifeguard) stated that the Free Swim for Father's Day had to be postponed to the 29th of June, due to an incident at the pool. Ms. Cortes said they will be starting Swim Lessons starting the end of July and going 2 weeks into August? Ms. Cortes reported that there were 194 people who used the gym, 25 used the pool and 238 people for a total of 457 people using the facility. The deposit for June was \$436.00

JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Public Works water, sewer, landfill, streets, and operations update.

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works lead) stated that they did dirt work from the end of the road up to the shooting range adding culverts. Mr. Estrada said, the public works team have been getting ready for the 4th of July by doing some cleanup around town, repainting and repairing the bathrooms. He said they brought in some diamond dust to the ball field, so it is more of a reddish color now. Mr. Estrada said they have been doing a lot of Tree Trimming, so they aren't hanging so low over the sidewalks. Co-Chair Burt asked if there are a lot of Pine Trees on Town property. Mr. Estrada said no, only the one at the Dog Park, all the other trees are Willows and other types. He confirmed that those trees are not affected by the caterpillar infestations like the pine trees.

JACKPOT FIRE/AMBULANCE/SAFETY

1. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) stated that Brad Hester and the guys did a really good job with the fireworks and keeping that fire from getting close to the Mountain View Apartments. Chief Hugill said that he wanted to give Jeff Bloom (Public Works) "props" because he helped him put in the protection barriers to keep it from spreading. Chief Hugill said as it was it was over four acres.

Chief Hugill reported that they had eleven calls, one assist, three accidents and 6 wildland fires. He said it is really dry out there, they had a big fire in Jarbidge one in Willow Creek and a vehicle fire. Chief Hugill said that the foundation is in for the renovation of the Fire Station, that was \$30,000 the building will be arriving soon. The project total will be \$93,000. Chief Hugill said he needed to get with Mike Christensen from Raft River to work out the electrical for the renovation.

Chief Hugill announced that they hired Stacy Martinez as a full-time firefighter, he said she is a local girl raised here in Jackpot her start date is the 29th of July.

Chief Hugill, said that this will be a bad year for fires, and the forecast doesn't look like it is going to give them a break. He said there is some dry lightning expected this weekend, so along with the races they will be covering possible fires due to the lightning. Protecting the Town is their number one priority. Monique Gollihar (Board Member) Thanked Chief Hugill for all he and the Fire Department do for the town.

2. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.

Shelly Hester (Jackpot Ambulance Serco) Mrs. Hester reported that in the month of June they had 29 ambulance calls of the 29 calls 10 were transports, 2 others were transported by Air. Mrs. Hester said that they responded to 3 calls to Idaho where they had multiple patience and assisted Magic Valley Paramedics in transporting them to the hospital. She said they also assisted with another accident in Idaho. Mrs. Hester said they were very busy.

3. Elko County Sheriff's operations update.

No representative present.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT AND OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Discussion and consideration of received correspondence.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEM

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the commission with one action without extensive discussion. Any member of the commission or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda, discussed, and acted upon separately during this meeting.

Approval of Minutes – DRAFT Jackpot Advisory Board July 11, 2024
(This material is available upon request.)

Next Meeting Date – August 8th, 2024

Motion: Co-Chair Burt moved to approve the minutes and the next meeting date of August 8, 2024, seconded by Monique Gollihar. Motion passed.

VOTE:
Aye: Jeff Young
Larry Lineberry
Nay:
Absent: Teresa Hugill
Abstain:

**ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS:
NON-ACTION ITEM**

This time is devoted to comments by Advisory Board Members and/or Staff for general information or update purposes. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

Monique Gollihar (Board Member) said that her and Shawn Burt (Town superintendent) talked to the lady regarding the fitness equipment for the fitness trail. Mrs. Gollihar said with the grants it sounds like a “really good” thing, and that she and Mr. Burt will talk more about it when he returns. Mrs. Gollihar said she is expecting an email with the presentation and when she receives it, she will forward it to the other Board Members. She also said this sounds like a great thing for Jackpot.

Chairperson Young asked Gustavo Estrada (Public Works) if the roof on the bathrooms could be extended to cover the concrete pad at Charlie’s Park, where the bands and/ or food is set up for town events. He said the board had talked about this in the past, and wanted to know if this is something that can be done? Mr. Estrada said yes, he didn’t think it would be an issue. Chairperson Young said it would be another shaded area. Co-Chair Burt asked if we would like this on the next agenda? Mr. Young agreed that would be a good idea.

Chairperson Young mentioned that years ago he and Superintendent Burt talked about adding more shade structures like the Gazebo that is currently there only smaller like 12X12. Just to add more shade structures. Co-Chair Burt said she likes that idea, Chairperson Young said that these structures wouldn’t be cheap. Co-Chair Burt said that if the Arco Funds need to be allocated before the deadline this would be a good option. Board member Gollihar agreed this would be a good investment for Jackpot.

Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism) Thanked Brad Hester for the amazing fireworks show, the Public Works guys for all the work they did, they brought out all the equipment for the community barbeque, and the evening event as well. Mrs. Dimmitt said that nobody knows just how much these guys do behind the scenes. It is because of all the work they do along with so many others that these events come together.

Mrs. Dimmitt said that Chief Hugill is having her do some event training and that it is required that vendors have fire extinguishers at their booth. She asked because there is a grill at the park should a fire extinguisher be available near that grill. Chief Hugill said no, only vendors bringing in their equipment need to have one. Mrs. Dimmitt concluded stating that 4th of July was a great event because all departments worked together helping each other set things up and if we needed something there were people who stepped up to assist.

Co-Chair Burt said she was happy with the 4th of July that the fire crews got the fires out that the fires were contained, they didn’t spread, and it gives her confidence in our fire department. Chairperson Young said it was one of the best “fire shows” in years. Mrs. Gollihar said it looked amazing from up on the hill.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

NON-ACTION ITEM

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Bill Dimmitt, asked about the Recreation Center hours they are currently 10-6 if they could be extended so those working from 9:30-6:00 could use the facility? Laura Cortes said she would ask Betty Marquez Recreation manager. Co-Chair Burt said the problem is limited staff.

Dustin (Brother Speed) said last time he was here he asked about the excessive law enforcement presence and wanted to know if this was something to be expected again this year? The Board said they would ask about it, and he wanted to know what if anything was decided. Co-Chair Burt asked Deputy Pace if he heard anything? Deputy Pace said he didn't know that we would need to ask Lieutenant Fisher he handles Jackpot's events.

ADJOURN

ACTION ITEM

Motion: Monique Gollihar moved to adjourn, seconded by Monica Burt. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Larry Lineberry
Jeff Young

Nay:

Absent: Teresa Hugill

Abstain:

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.