



TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA ADVISORY BOARD

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JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, March 23, 2023

6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Jackpot Advisory Board was called to order by at 6:00 pm mountain standard time on March 23, 2023, in meeting room of the Jackpot Administration Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Teresa Hugill
 Bruce Ririe
 Monica Burt
 Monique Gollihar

Absent:

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Public Works Superintendent
 Brian Hugill, Jackpot Fire Chief
 Shelly Hester, Jackpot Ambulance
 Corey Rice, Elko County

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GALLERY:

Chairperson Teresa Hugill advised the public to step to the front of the room to identify themselves and to speak clearly for the record. She 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairperson Teresa Hugill led the pledge of allegiance.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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None

TOWN OF JACKPOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- A.** Discussion and consideration to review, advertise, or make a recommendation to fill the vacant position on the Town of Jackpot Advisory Board.

ACTION ITEM

Chairperson Teresa Hugill stated that Raymond called her and stated that he wouldn't be present at the meeting. She asked Jeff Young (Jackpot resident) to introduce himself.

Mr. Young stated that he has previously served as a board member for ten years and either four or five of those years he was chairman. He has experience and believes he can add his input to the board and be of help. Chairperson Hugill asked Mr. Young if he will have time. Mr. Young stated that he can make the time.

Chairperson Hugill and the board then proceeded to look over Raymond's application.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that she's looked over the applications for a while to see each individuals' talents and abilities in order to see who can offer a different opinion to the board. She liked that Raymond has military experience and has been in a few places. She also admires that Jeff has been a resident for over twenty years and he has love and dedication for this community. Both of the candidates have IT experience, one is a general manager and the other is an assistant manager. Mrs. Burt stated that she really likes that Mr. Young has been in the town for awhile and he probably has more background regarding the traditional values of Jackpot.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that he's talked to both individuals and his biggest concern is that when it comes to being involved people need to be involved. He knows that they can count on Jeff because he's been through this before. He thinks that Raymond could add a lot to the board, but he is leaning towards Jeff.

Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that she knows Mr. Young well and she doesn't really know Raymond. She knows that Jeff loves the town, and she wishes that Raymond could've been present so that she could've talked to him because she doesn't know him well enough, hence why she is inclined to choose Jeff.

Mrs. Burt asked Chairperson Hugill about her thoughts, and she stated that she feels that somebody should've been present, and she knows that Mr. Young has a lot going on, but she knows that she can depend on him to go to Elko if she needs that from him. She commented that she will be starting to depend more on the board to do things as the town grows. The board is working together, and things aren't like they used to be.

Mrs. Burt commented that she had a bit of concern because she isn't aware of Raymond's schedule or how it works. Chairperson Hugill agreed. Mr. Young mentioned that if their concern is regarding time, he has the flexibility to take the time off when needed. Chairperson Hugill commented that Mr. Young has done this before and knows how the commissioner's work. Mrs. Gollihar mentioned that it would be good to have somebody with experience being that she has little experience.

Motion: Bruce Ririe made a motion to appoint Jeff Young to the advisory board, seconded by Monique Gollihar. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Bruce Ririe
Teresa Hugill
Monica Burt
Monique Gollihar

Nay:
Absent:
Abstain

**B. Discussion and consideration to start enforcing the current ordinance regarding abandoned vehicles.
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Corey Rice (Elko County Surveyor and Senior Planner) stated that he provided the board with the ordinance that addresses derelict vehicles. There are a few ways to handle this, and this is a county wide problem that his division is moving forward in trying to clean this problem. There are some areas that are bad with people collecting derelict vehicles.

One way that can expedite the process is that the board can do the investigation and submit detailed photos of the situation, what the situation is, how many vehicles are there, and his department can do the first abatement letter. There is a process that they need to follow. There are two letters that will be sent out from his division and if there isn't a response after the second letter than it gets sent to the DA's office. Once in the DA's office there is another process to follow so that the abatement can be done by his department.

The other way that it can be done, and he wouldn't mind it, is if the advisory board would like to send out a letter to the particular resident asking for the issue to be rectified. If the issue isn't rectified the next step will be to send the issue to Mr. Rice's division and the county will than be involved. This is left at the discretion of the board and how they would like to handle this. He mentioned that he's got a new person on his staff Josh Brown (Elko County), and he's being trained on the letters and abatement nuisances. He will be a great benefit to his division.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill asked if the board needed to decide on how they would like to proceed, but Mr. Rice stated that they didn't have to and that they can proceed at their discretion based on the particular situation. He commented that Elko County Planning and Zoning is striving to help the community.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked about the timeframe between the two letters. The first and second letter are both thirty-day notice.

It won't go to the DA's office until after sixty days. Mrs. Burt asked if the vehicle would be repossessed. Mr. Rice stated that in the few situations he's dealt with in the past the residents responded quickly, and the vehicles were removed. He hopes that they were disposed of properly at a salvage yard. He mentioned that he knows that in Osino and Ryndon it may be more difficult, and people will be upset. Mrs. Burt asked about derelict mobile homes because there is a particular one on highway 93 and Mr. Rice commented that it falls under the same ordinance.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that at Cactus Petes they have a couple trailers whose owners have passed and family members don't care what is done with the trailer, so he would like to know how they should proceed. He asked Mr. Rice if a letter explaining the situation should be sent to him and Mr. Rice stated that Mr. Ririe should start a dialogue with him regarding these situations.

Mr. Rice commented that if the county has to spend money on removing vehicles the only recourse that the county has is to take that expense and add it to the property tax. This potentially can be problematic depending on the issue. This is something to be mindful about as a process is started.

Chairperson Hugill stated that there would be no action taken on this matter. This is already an ordinance. Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked who people would need to report this type of issue to, would it be the board members or Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent). Mr. Rice stated that this is something that they may want to look at on an individual basis. It may even be resolved through dialogue and not have to go to his department at all.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS NON ACTION ITEM

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1. Open Forum Discussion.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that she was thinking about the meetings being held on Thursdays. This day is busy for many people especially if they work at the casino since Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday are the busy days. She thinks that maybe having one of the meetings on a different day other people could attend.

Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) mentioned that most people do have Mondays and Tuesdays off. These days aren't too busy, and people may have more time. Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that Tuesday would work for him. Chairperson Teresa Hugill commented that the first meeting could be done on the second Thursday of the month and the second meeting can then be done on the last Tuesday of the month. The following meeting will be held on April 13, 2023, and the second meeting on April 25, 2023. She stated that she would like this as an action item for the next meeting.

Betty Marquez (Jackpot Admin) asked if the goal is to get everybody in one or the other meeting or is the goal to get a better day overall. This would be less confusing if all meetings were moved to the same day.

Chairperson Hugill stated that the goal is to have the meetings on different days of the week in order to allow people to attend either the Tuesday or Thursday meeting. Mr. Ririe mentioned that the second Tuesday of the month doesn't work for him, but the rest do.

Mrs. Gollihar stated that she went to Elko on Tuesday to continue with the process of buying her home. She stopped at the Department of Agriculture to talk to them about their rural development loans. She and her family weren't able to apply for those loans, but she thinks that many people in Jackpot could benefit from this. The ladies she was speaking to said they would love to set up a seminar in the town to give people applications and to tell them what they need. There are income limits, but she thinks that many people in Jackpot could benefit from these programs. She brought some flyers with the different program options. She would like to figure out a time and place where the seminar could be held and once she has those details then she needs to contact the ladies to set it up.

Mrs. Burt stated that this is a great idea and that the flyers could be advertised around the town, on the website, and on social media platforms. Mrs. Gollihar commented that the ladies from the Department of Agriculture want those flyers out in the town, so people are aware.

Chairperson Hugill stated that she would like the seminar to be held in the advisory board meeting room and that they would just need to figure out a date and time that would work for many people. Mr. Ririe commented that he also liked the idea of using the meeting room to get people used to it.

Corey Rice (Elko County Senior Surveyor and Planner) commented that he would like an invitation to the presentation in order to be involved also.

Mr. Ririe commented that there are state statues that prohibit people from feeding stray cats, stray dogs, and any other stray animal. Since it's springtime he would like to get some kind of control regarding these issues. There are cats tearing up the main vent lines in some mobile homes. They just replaced one and it cost them three hundred dollars.

He mentioned that they are also getting ready to have a discussion with the tenants regarding feeding strays along with those that are affected by it. He thinks that the statues as they stand, they allow for fines and law enforcement to get involved. He asked Mr. Rice if he's heard or seen anything regarding this in the rest of the county. Mr. Rice stated that not exactly, they only got an odd phone call a year ago from a resident wanting an ordinance to outlaw feral cats, but he's not sure how they would police that. He thinks that the best route to go with the current issue is to talk to Animal Control or the sheriff's office. Mr. Ririe stated that they had a discussion with Animal Control who said they would offer support, but it's a long way from Elko, so they talked about meeting them in Wells. Animal Control would provide the traps, but Cactus Petes would be responsible. Mr. Rice stated that this is moving in the right direction and that he would probably deal with this directly with animal control and they may refer them to an actual deputy. Mr. Ririe asked Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) how this can be monitored or enforced. If it can't be enforced people will continue to do it.

Mr. Burt stated that he thinks if anybody sees the person feeding strays they should go over and talk to them about not doing that anymore. If it happens again than dispatch should be called so a deputy can be sent over to deal with the issue. He mentioned that in the last two months the public works department has spent over seven thousand dollars just to put spikes inside the transfer station to keep the crows out and it's not even working they are straddling the spikes. They aren't roosting, but they are just in there.

He commented that animal control used to come to the town, and they would set up traps to catch the cats and since Mr. Ririe has been in communication with them and he has no problem sending the public works guys to Wells for the traps. The guys will also set them up. He mentioned that there is a person who collects the cats and takes them to get neutered, but than she brings them back and releases them. This can't be done, and he's talked to her many times, if somebody does catch her the deputies need to be called. This falls under abandonment of animals.

Chairperson Hugill commented that the bird issue is becoming a health hazard. Mr. Burt stated that Fish & Game comes to the town two or three times a year and they set up poison eggs all over the transfer station and sewer ponds, this dwindles the crows, but it doesn't solve the problem. Chairperson Hugill mentioned that she was talking about the trailer park where the birds are being fed. Mr. Ririe mentioned that they have some policy and procedures that will address these issues. Mr. Burt commented that the area by the laundry room where a gentleman feeds strays needs to be washed and dealt with. The deputies need to be involved if the issues continue. He believes that there is an ordinance regarding this.

Shelly Hester (Jackpot resident) asked if there could be a flyer that encompasses the entire town because they have neighbors feeding things and now the ravens and pigeons are tearing things up at her home. Chairperson Hugill stated that they could add what kind of diseases are associated with what people are doing. This has been a problem and it's just going to get worse. Mrs. Burt commented that bird feces accumulate and stacks making areas look nasty.

Mrs. Gollihar commented that there should be a St. Patrick's Day parade in the town for the following year. Chairperson Hugill stated that it would be fun to get the school involved.

JACKPOT SUPERINTENDENT

1. Jackpot Superintendent operations update.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that everything he is working on is in process and many things are moving forward. He mentioned that Corey Rice (Elko County Surveyor and Senior Planner) has worked hard on getting contractors for the property. Things are looking great and it's going to take a long time to get it complete, bit it's moving in the right direction. He was also in contact with a gentleman whose information was forwarded to Bruce Ririe at Cactus Petes. This gentleman has four modular man camps and that isn't what the town is looking for on the property. These may work for some people, but not families. Mr. Ririe mentioned that he checked and there are twenty-one empty lots.

Mr. Burt commented that at the Nevada Rural Water Conference they learned a lot. There will be many things happening from the state and federal government that the water and public works

department in the town will need to deal with. It's not an easy job.

He's worked on the budgets and Susan Paprocki (Elko Comptroller) wasn't able to make the meeting on Monday to go over preliminary things, so she has scheduled for April. This means that there is time for more requests. Some of the current requests he's gotten are high dollar things, but it's getting documented.

He mentioned that all the documentation regarding the airport has been submitted to the FAA and Armstrong Consulting. They are going to start the masterplan program; he and Amanda Osbourne (Elko County Manager) have approved all the final documentation. The masterplan will cost under six hundred thousand dollars and the FAA got the town a grant. The town's portion will be forty-five thousand dollars, which are already in the budget. The following month they will go out to bid for a contractor. They will refurbish the apron which is where planes tie down. It's dissolving bad. This will be this year's project. The airport is still good, and everything is good.

There was some flooding around town in the last few weeks, but nothing that hasn't happened before. It was bad, but there has been worse. He's glad that there weren't many complaints. He mentioned that Beth had a great swimming meet the previous week at the recreation center, and it was a great turnout.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT AND OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Discussion and consideration of received correspondence.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 – March 9, 2023

Next Meeting Date – April 13, 2023

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that neither he nor Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) would be absent for the following meeting.

Motion: Bruce Ririe made a motion to accept the minutes for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of March 9, 2023, and the next meeting date for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of April 13, 2023, seconded by Monica Burt. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Bruce Ririe
Teresa Hugill
Monica Burt
Monique Gollihar

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain

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ADJOURN

Motion: Bruce Ririe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Monique Gollihar passed.

VOTE: Aye: Bruce Ririe
 Teresa Hugill
 Monica Burt
 Monique Gollihar
 Nay:
 Absent:
 Abstain:

Chairperson Teresa Hugill thanked everybody and expressed her appreciation for everybody who attends the second meeting of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.