



TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA ADVISORY BOARD

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JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, April 8, 2021

6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Jackpot Advisory Board was called to order by Chairwoman Teresa Hugill at 6:00 pm mountain standard time on April 8, 2021 in meeting room of the Jackpot Senior Center Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Teresa Hugill
Shawn Mathis
Monica Burt
Alex Torrero

Absent: Bruce Ririe

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Public Works Superintendent
Heath Higley, Raft River Electric
Brian Hugill, Jackpot Fire
Bill Dimmitt, Senior Center Head Volunteer
Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Food Bank
Aitor Narvaiza, Elko County Sheriffs

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GALLERY:

Chairwoman Teresa Hugill 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairwoman Hugill led the pledge of allegiance.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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No Comments.

TOWN OF JACKPOT

- a. Raft River Electric Company update of the electrical service provided to the town of Jackpot.

Heath Higley (Raft River Electric) stated that he visited with Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) and they are waiting for some transformers to get the rest of the streetlights working. The transformers were supposed to arrive on the fifth but didn't so as soon as they arrive Raft River will be returning to the town to install them.

He commented that they would be looking into the power bumps that the town has been experiencing. He reminded everybody that Raft River will be having their annual meeting again virtually on May 11, 2021. The elections will be held on the tenth of May. The mail in ballots should be arriving in the mail. He stated that if anybody had questions, they could look on the website or Facebook page.

He mentioned that if there are trees in the way those could cause power bumps and to inform him of any so they could trim them.

Vice-Chairman Shawn Mathis stated that the power bumps were different from others in the past because it's only in sections. Mr. Higley stated that they would look into this to see if what they could find.

- b. Nevada Health Center update.

No representatives present.

1. Golf Course operations update.
NON ACTION ITEM

Brent Fleshman (Jackpot Golf Club) stated that the golf course is open, and the water has been turned on. There haven't been too many leaks and its starting to get green. The weekends have been nice, and the weekdays have been rough. There have been a few golfers.

He has most of the employees returning and has taken all the seventy-two golf carts out and they are all operating nicely. He's working with Cactus Petes to get all their tournaments and joint events prepared because they missed many of them last year.

JACKPOT TOURISM NON ACTION ITEM

1. Tourism's operations update.

Coral Roe (Tourism President) stated that she's been absent the past month for personal reasons. She stated that she wanted the board's approval on the air fresheners, whether the board wanted the flag colors or just the black and white colors. The price is the same for both.

She mentioned that most people like the color option. The board stated that they all liked that option too. Mrs. Roe commented that she would be meeting with Tom O'Conner (Cactus Petes) because many of the guests ask about Town of Jackpot t-shirts or items at the gift shop. She will be working with Cactus Petes and Barton's Club 93 to see if Town of Jackpot merchandise could be placed in their gift shop. She will be meeting with Mr. O'Conner on Tuesday and on Thursday she will meet with Bobbi Lineberry (Bartons) to go over revenue and how it will work.

JACKPOT EVENTS

1. Event operations update.

No Representative present.

JACKPOT SENIOR CENTER

2. Senior Center operations update.

Bill Dimmitt (Jackpot Senior Center) stated that he and John have both been trained in CPR and how to use an AED. It was very informative. He acknowledged Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) and the fire department for their time.

He mentioned that he's talked to Jeanine Saltas about having a senior discount haircut day. Chairwoman Theresa Hugill asked if Mrs. Saltas would be doing this at the senior center. Mr. Dimmitt stated that yes. He commented that he didn't know if there would be any insurance problems.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot's Helping Hands/Food Pantry) stated that it would be covered under the Helping Hands insurance.

Mr. Dimmitt mentioned that he and John have talked about extending the hours of the senior center now that the warmer weather is starting. They could open at a later time and close later. He commented that he's also mentioned wellness checks to Mr. Hugill. He would like to go to senior citizen homes and see how they are doing, make sure everything is okay, and take their blood pressure.

Chairwoman Hugill asked how many seniors attended the center. Mr. Dimmitt stated that three at the most. Chairwoman Hugill commented that if he was sure he wanted to extend the hours. Mr. Dimmitt stated that he wouldn't be spending twelve hours there, he would open at a later time and close later.

He acknowledged Brad Hester (Jackpot Town member) and Larry Coulter (Jackpot Town member) for donating books to the senior center.

JACKPOT FOOD BANK

3. (FISH) Helping Hands Food bank update.
NON ACTION ITEM

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot's Helping Hands/Food Pantry) stated that the food pantry continues to have food and it's being handed out. She thanked the town leaders, fire department, Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent), the public work technicians, and the clerk because without them this wouldn't be possible.

She's currently working on a grant to get the food pantry a building. She has a meeting at the Elko County Commissioners meeting on April 21, 2021 where she will present the Helping Hands plan. It will be half food bank/pantry storage area and an office to do reports and register people. She commented that a non-profit needs to file IRS forms, she has postcards that she needs to file for tourism and the non-profit. She is currently working on this, the building information, and finishing the grant.

JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER

- A. Recreation Department operations update.
NON ACTION ITEM

Beth Lamb (Jackpot Aquatic Center) stated that everything is going well.

Vice-chairman Shawn Mathis asked if she had adjusted the hours.

Ms. Lamb stated that on Friday the facility is open from ten to one and on Saturday it's open from one to four.

JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS

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

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works) stated that they have doing a lot of maintenance on their equipment. The sweeper is operating, and they have started sweeping the streets, they will be sweeping the southside of the town on Glen Doren and Piersanti.

They have switched the wells to number five, which is the one at the park. It will be on for six months. They plan to get the sprinklers working in a few weeks when the weather starts warming up to start having the green grass.

He commented that they have worked on the lights to get that project finished. Things are going pretty well.

Vice-chairman Shawn Mathis asked when the company who sprays the weeds will be in the town.

Mr. Estrada stated that it could be in the next couple of months.

Vice-chairman Mathis commented that people always comment how the side of the roads are green.

He stated that everything is looking great and that he heard the street sweeper on highway 93.

JACKPOT SAFETY / FIRE

1. **Jackpot Ambulance**

- a. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.

Shelly Hester (Jackpot ambulance) was absent. Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) relayed information in his report.

2. **Jackpot Fire Department**

- a. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) stated that for fire and ambulance there were only ten calls. They worked with Bill Dimmitt (Senior Center) and his crew with the CPR training.

There was the easter egg hunt and there were about one hundred children in attendance. The crew did a great job at getting the eggs together.

He mentioned that he traveled two days ago to help the town of Wells. It was an acceptance test. They have the sister to the town's ladder truck, and they have done a gentleman's agreement between Wells. If something happens in the town the town will use their trucks and the Wells crew will join them because they know how to operate the equipment. If something happens in Wells the Jackpot crew will take a pickup truck instead of taking all of their equipment. They have tried to match the trucks.

Mr. Hugill stated that he's working on a program through St. Lukes. It's an at home paramedics program. It's a community paramedic instead of people having to call 911 for a cut or scrape. This paramedic will visit the people in their homes. They have been asked to come to Jackpot, but their license can't be used across the border. He has been busy and hasn't followed up on this, but he will.

Bill Dimmitt (Senior Center) commented that he received a brochure in the mail about MedX air flight and asked if it was reliable.

Mr. Hugill stated that MedX is a forty-five minute to an hour flight from the town, by the time he gets the helicopter for the patient because it's their choice he can drive the speed limit and be at the hospital. The MedX helicopter has to leave the Elko hospital if available.

He commented that Air St. Lukes has the arrival time of twelve to twenty minutes, followed by a life flight network who has an arrival time of twenty to thirty minute flight time if necessary. He' had great success with Air St. Lukes and out of the fifty times that he's used them this year they have not been available once.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot's Helping Hands/Food Pantry) mentioned that people are going to be confused and think that the service being offered is from Air St. Lukes.

Elko County Sheriff's Department

- a. Sheriff Office operations update.

Aitor Narvaiza (Elko County Sheriff) stated that Deputy Holladay initial start date will be April twenty-sixth. The other deputy McLaughlin was given a canine so he's in canine training. He will be in the town on May third unless he's sent to a canine class in Boseman which will change his date to May tenth.

He mentioned that they have been busy. There was a fire that burned fifty-five acres almost in town. There was a male subject to drown at Ryndon, male found deceased up in Jarbidge on one of the roads, he died of natural causes.

Mr. Narvaiza stated that Jackpot responded to twenty-nine calls of service. He can see in the stats that the call volume is increasing. Jackpot is getting busier which is good. The previous month there were ten felony arrests, twenty-five misdemeanor arrests, and five hundred sixty calls of service: two hundred fifty of those calls were in Spring Creek, two hundred four in Elko, seventy-seven in Wells, and the twenty-nine in Jackpot.

He mentioned that in the last three months they have responded to almost one thousand five hundred calls, fifty-two mental health suicidal calls, there have been many suicides, twenty-three felony arrests, and forty-seven misdemeanor arrests. This year so far there have already been two homicides that they have been working with.

It seems like the suicide rates are increasing mostly in the Owyhee area. There have been four hundred seventy-six people booked in the county jails since January. They have responded to forty-seven domestics: twelve in Elko, two in Jackpot, and Wells had a few, but most of them are in the Spring Creek area.

He commented that he hopes that the canine is put to use on the highway ninety-three and in town.

Vice-Chairman Shawn Mathis asked how many deputies the town will have once the two deputies start working.

Mr. Narvaiza stated that until officer Moore retires there will be six. They have already tested for a sergeant a couple weeks ago, there are three sergeant positions to fill. Deputy Mathis went from deputy to sergeant. On May second Sergeant Moore and Sergeant Winston will be retiring.

They are currently trying to figure out who will take those positions. They will also need to hire two for the jail because two jail positions will be changed to patrols. They are down only four positions. They tested yesterday and five made it to the oral boards, but he thinks one or two will be lost due to the background test. In May they will be testing again, there are twenty applicants. He stated that there are many vacancies in the law enforcement field.

Chairwoman Teresa Hugill commented that at the latest on the tenth of May the town will have five deputies.

Mr. Narvaiza stated that she was correct unless a deputy is transferred. It's hard to get deputies to work in Jackpot and Wells. There have been guys from Idaho, who would like to work in Jackpot, but they haven't showed up to the tests. A Nevada post-certified person can have the PT test waived and can go straight to the oral boards, but an out of person by statue has to do the PT test, agility tests, and the other testing. There is a young man who is a highway patrol from Las Vegas who will be starting Monday. It takes almost a year for a person to be done with the all the training before they can start patrolling.

Chairwoman Hugill asked what the sheriff's department is doing to make sure there is an officer when there is a call in the town, because there have been times there hasn't been a deputy.

Mr. Narvaiza stated that there should be a deputy. He commented that Mikey was on a shift working graveyard and day. He gets all the pass ons every day. The other Mikey is on vacation in Arizona, but to Mr. Narvaiza's knowledge everybody is working.

Chairwoman Hugill asked about the deputies being able to drive their trucks home into Idaho.

Mr. Narvaiza stated that to his knowledge this has stopped. There was one guy who got written up for it, but it sounds like this is happening again and it's an issue.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that she passed a deputy two days ago in Rogerson at 7 pm and she saw him return the following day at 1:30 pm.

Mr. Narvaiza stated that they shouldn't be leaving Jackpot unless they have permission from a supervisor or if the vehicle is being taken in for maintenance. He mentioned that the deputies took a call out by Murphy Hot Springs because Twin Falls couldn't make it.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that people have asked her about this because some are interested in working in Jackpot, but they don't want to drive their vehicles back and forth because of the wear and tear.

Mr. Narvaiza mentioned that there is a new undersheriff Justin since Jimmy retired. They promoted Fischer to lieutenant. He commented that they will be purchasing the mobile data terminals (MDT) which will cost one hundred fifty thousand to be installed in all the vehicles. If a car leaves the state, it will send out an alert.

He commented that he and Justin went out to Seattle to pick up forty new AR-15s for the whole department. They made a deal that if they picked them up the company would reduce three hundred dollars off each rifle. They picked up forty-two rifles for twenty-five thousand dollars. The monies used were from a seizure last year, their amount was thirty-three thousand dollars.

The mdts will start the following week and they will be installed in three vehicles to do the sixty day trial to choose between Panasonic, rca, and others. They will also have to get a cell service provider to see which one works better.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

1. Discussion and consideration of the Town of Jackpot Accounts Payable.

Chairwoman Teresa Hugill asked if the twelve thousand dollars for the golf course paid the second part of the roof.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated yes.

Vice-chairman Shawn Mathis asked if the switch to the other gas company had taken effect.

Mr. Burt stated yes.

Vice-chairman Mathis commented that there wasn't a bill from Wells Propane in the recreation center section.

Beth Lamb (Jackpot Aquatic Center) stated that there will be an ending balance that she will need to pay.

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 11, 2021 & March 18, 2021

Next Meeting Date – May 13, 2021

Motion: Vice-Chair Shawn Mathis made a motion to accept the minutes for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of March 11, 2021 and March 18, 2021 and the next meeting date for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of May 13, 2021, seconded by Alex Torrero. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Teresa Hugill
Shawn Mathis
Monica Burt
Alex Torrero

Nay:
Absent: Bruce Ririe

Abstain:

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS

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The town clerk stated that billing for the utilities has started being sent from the town. Jacey Molyneux (Elko County) did a training on the thirtieth and all bills have been mailed out. The people who didn't get a bill have credits on their account so once the credit ends a bill will be sent out.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if people could still pay online.

The clerk stated that yes, that wouldn't change anything. The only things changing are where the checks or money orders will be sent to. She will now be receiving those funds via mail or in person. She will now be able to post the monies into the accounts.

The access to the system allows the clerk to see information that the clients may need. There are reports that will be printed to see all accounts and any accounts that are past due. She should have more information at the next meeting.

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ADJOURN

Motion: Monica Burt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alex Torrero.
Motion passed.

VOTE: Aye: Teresa Hugill
 Shawn Mathis
 Monica Burt
 Alex Torrero

Nay:
Absent: Bruce Ririe
Abstain:

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.