



TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA ADVISORY BOARD

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JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, July 9, 2020

6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Jackpot Advisory Board was called to order by Chairwoman Hugill at 6:00 pm mountain standard time on July 9, 2020 in meeting room of the Jackpot Senior Center Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Teresa Hugill
Shawn Mathis
Monica Burt
Bruce Ririe

Absent:

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Public Works Superintendent
Brian Hugill, Jackpot Fire Department
Beth Lamb, Jackpot Recreation Center (Video)
Shelly Hester, Jackpot Ambulance
Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Tourism Director
Tara Norris, Jackpot Event Coordinator (Video/Phone)

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GALLERY:

Chairwoman 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:

Chairwoman Hugill led the pledge of allegiance.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

Pursuant to N.R.S. 241.020, 2 (c) (3), this time is devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised during a period devoted to comments by the general public until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

Chairwoman Teresa Hugill stated that each of the board members would like to make a few comments. She stated that the whole point of what is being done and the reason why everybody is at the meeting is because of their attendance at the Elko County Commissioners meeting.

They attended that meeting in order to try and have the ordinance pertaining to a dispensary lifted, so it will allow the town to have one. They have no say in who will get it in the town. She's glad to see many people in attendance and wishes it were under different circumstances that people get together to help the community and not always because of this subject.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) reiterated that the board has no say in who gets a dispensary in the town. The board is just trying to lift an ordinance and that's what the meetings have been about. The county has no say into which dispensary comes into Jackpot. The state does the licensing, so for anybody who would like to have a dispensary in the town they'll need to go through the state.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that they had a number of individuals calling him or talking to him wanting to know what's going on and how come they have decided to do something different. The same thing as everybody else on the board has said, the whole purpose of the last few weeks has been to work towards lifting the ordinance that will allow a dispensary in Jackpot. He mentioned that they have talked to individuals who have been around, individuals that have attended meetings, and some have contacted the county.

Mr. Ririe reiterated that the whole purpose of the previous week, this week, and the next is to make sure they can get some sort of guidelines for those who are interested in applying for a dispensary license.

Vice-chair Shawn Mathis commented that the things they have been seeing on Facebook and other stuff isn't helping because all they are trying to do is get the ordinance lifted so there can be a dispensary. He said, "we don't care who lands here." The people he's seeing out of Twin Falls who are saying to call the Elko County Commissioners have no bearing on what happens to Jackpot because they don't live in Jackpot.

Mr. Mathis stated that all they are trying to do is help out the community of Jackpot and they don't care which dispensary if any comes to Jackpot. They are just trying to get one to come, that's it.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that she wanted to make it clear that if Covid wasn't going on this would not be happening. This had been voted against by the county commissioners and the only reason this was brought up again is because they were approached by a company and a

county commissioner that is worried about Jackpot because the town is not okay with monies.

The town will end up bankrupt or close to it if they don't get something done.

Chairwoman Hugill proceeded to read the bonding that they have come up with and two correspondence letters before allowing the general public to speak.

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Chairwoman Hugill reiterated that the board has no say in who comes to the town at all. The Elko County Commissioners have no say either and it's the state of Nevada who will decide. The board has nothing to do with that part of it.

She asked that at this time the general public can begin with their comments but asks that they talk about what can or can't be done in the town. She would like to talk about town business and not have people going off on a tangent. The first step is to get the ordinance lifted and then they can proceed with the next step. There is a two minute time limit per speaker.

Brad Hester (Jackpot Fireworks) stated that the fire department helped set them up. He got the fireworks on time this year, a week in advance compared to the previous year when he had to get them the day prior. He had 4,147 shells and they had to reload over one hundred four inch shells. They did the finale different; they put two kegs together with some match so hopefully it would set-off at the same time and give them time to get from where they were to the finale. The finale needs to be chased so he and Marty chase it because sometimes it needs be relighted. They had twenty-five seconds, the kegs went off perfect and the finale included 260 shells in twenty-one seconds. There were no injuries, mistakes, or left over shells. The crowd was unreal.

Mr. Hester commented that they don't get to see the fireworks or where everybody is, but the people they could see and the cars leaving town was crazy. There were a few fires, but no record was set.

Chairwoman Hugill asked how many people helped with the fireworks.

Mr. Hester stated that six people and they all are licensed. They will be adding one more Roy Torrero the following year. Mr. Torrero will take the online test. He's shot fireworks with them before the testing was required. They could use another person to help reload. They will be ready to do it again the following year, at the car show, or Christmas party.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that they did a really good job and that it's appreciated. She and Mrs. Burt thanked Mr. Hester.

Brian Cochran (Local Business owner) stated that he used to work at Bartons. He commented that he would like a copy of the email that Chairwoman Hugill read because it's public record, the one that Thrive submitted. He mentioned that since it was brought up in a town meeting they gave specific numbers and specific tax revenues, and all of this is public record and

he thinks that if it's going to be brought up at a town meeting the residents of the town have a write to read it, have a copy of it, and a right to challenge it.

He understands what was said about Elko County and that Jackpot doesn't have a say in what the state or county does. He commented that as a student council he recently found out and he isn't sure if it's a student council or what, but some of the members of the board have been on it for longer than it's stipulated in the actual statues concerning this city's board. There are many things he finds concerning.

He's just a small businessman who has time invested with 420Ville, his time nothing else. He's been with them now for over a year talking about the remodel. He's put in the time checking on permits. They have also put in the time to get the bids put into order.

He doesn't understand how this council was represented during a lockdown. There is no public notice or public record and none of this has been made available to the citizens.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that there were meetings once a week when the town was on lockdown to make sure the people of the community were taken care of. This is why the food bank was started because there were people that had no food. She commented that none of the current topic became a discussion until a few weeks ago. There are two sets of minutes that will be approved at this meeting and there is a discussion about attending the Elko County commissioners meeting in Elko.

Mrs. Burt stated that no numbers were discussed.

Mr. Cochran commented that he heard Chairwoman Hugill read an email from Thrive who made (remaining comment was unintelligible, due to others talking)

Mrs. Burt stated that they had just received that email.

Chairwoman Hugill mentioned that she also has an email from Lynch Oil. There are two separate companies trying to come.

Mr. Cochran commented that he isn't disputing any numbers in Jackpot. He's all for it. He hopes to be the guys digging the ditches and pouring concrete. He'll be doing the hard work and looking to hire as many local people as he can. He's currently busy in Twin Falls, nobody wants to work because they are all collecting unemployment

He stated that he wanted to know since it was brought up in the meeting if they could have copies of the things in case they wanted to research and challenge the numbers given. These are public statements that were made in a public meeting about financial statements, how they affect the community, how much they have invested in the state, and tax revenue. He commented that all of this in his opinion should be brought to light so it can be challenged or checked.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that it can be.

Vice-Chair Mathis commented that this would be included in the minutes and those would be available the following month when they are approved.

Mr. Cochran commented that he would have to wait a whole month.

Mr. Ririe and Vice-Chair Mathis stated that he could attend the meeting.

Mrs. Burt commented that since he was at the meeting, they could maybe offer him the correspondence so he could read it after the meeting.

Mr. Cochran stated that no, he understood the meeting and understands there is plenty of record of the meeting.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) mentioned that the correspondence is open meeting and if they want it, they can go see the town clerk.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that at the public works office he would be able to get a copy.

Mrs. Burt asked Mr. Cochran which business he owned.

Mr. Cochran stated that he is a small contractor. He's currently working in Twin Falls. It's called Frederick's Builders and he and Mark have been working together for quite a long time.

Chairwoman Hugill asked if he lived in Jackpot.

Mr. Cochran stated that he owned a trailer in Barton's trailer park, he doesn't pay a lot of taxes, but he does pay a little.

Zach Wood (Jackpot town member) thanked the board for going to Elko and asking the commissioners to work on the ordinance because Jackpot is dying. The town needs this. He mentioned that his biggest concern is what Cactus Petes has done with the corporation.

He's been on the phone for a couple of days with many locals, people who grew up in this town, their grandparents, their children, or grandchildren who no longer have jobs. It seems to him like a corporation just tracked numbers and picked two numbers without giving a single care to his town.

He commented that his biggest thing is that if the town is allowed to have a cannabis business in the town and he knows that the town doesn't really have a say or can't choose, but he asks if as a town they could fight to have a local company that does care about the town.

Chairwoman Hugill let Mr. Wood know that the town doesn't have a say in any of that. She appreciates what he's mentioned, but the town has no say, none and fighting with anybody at this time is getting the town nowhere. She commented that if the commissioners cut it and the town can't even try and get it lifted the town will be in trouble. It will only have two casinos to keep the town going and Mr. Wood has to know that it won't work.

Mr. Wood stated that he knows that, but his biggest fear is another corporation destroy the town.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that she and everybody else understand what he's saying, but at this moment all they need is to get the ordinance lifted so the town can have it.

Mr. Wood stated that he is one hundred percent for that along with everybody else that he knows who is for that backing.

Vice-Chair Mathis commented that they should be for lifting it and all the other fighting and bickering needs to stop. He and Chairwoman Hugill stated that everybody should come together as a community to get it lifted. Vice-Chair Mathis commented that than they could figure out how to go from there.

Mr. Wood stated that this is how Jackpot wins.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that he was right, that the board appreciated his help, and they thanked him.

TOWN OF JACKPOT

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

Chairwoman Hugill introduced Heath Higley (Raft River Electric) and wished him a happy birthday.

Mr. Higley stated he had no new news. He asked if people are still experiencing power bumps because this was mentioned at the previous meeting.

Vice-Chair Mathis commented that the last three weeks the power bumps have been at the Horseshu at least two or three that he's heard of.

Chairwoman Hugill mentioned that it hasn't been bad in town she thinks, she hasn't experienced as much like before.

Vice-Chair Mathis commented that he's noticed a couple brown out flickers, but it could be his bulbs going out. He doesn't know.

Mr. Higley stated that he would continue to look into this.

Vice-Chair Mathis mentioned that this always happens when it gets hot because as soon as it goes away things are fine.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) thanked Mr. Higley for bringing the truck to the town so they could get the light on the flagpole.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) thanked Mr. Higley for helping with installing the light poles during the lockdown and getting the lights on the street towards the golf course. Chairwoman Hugill commented that it looked fantastic.

Mr. Higley stated that they are willing to help with everything they can and for them not to be afraid to call.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that she appreciates it and knows that everybody who walks towards that area also appreciates it.

Mr. Higley commented that they know the town is going through a tough time and for them not be afraid to call.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that she appreciated them being lenient with everybody's power bills. They are fantastic and everybody in the town appreciates it.

At this time there was a comment by the general public.

- b. Nevada Health Center update.

No Representatives present.

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

ACTION ITEM

Chairwoman Hugill stated that there was one application from Alex Torrero.

Mr. Torrero commented that he is thirty-nine years old and he's lived in Jackpot his whole life except for four years that he served in the military.

Brad Hester (Fireworks) mentioned that he has no problem with Alex being on the board. He's known him since he was in third grade. Mr. Hester and two other people have discussed applying for the position, but they had no idea when the deadline was. He stated that he read the minutes for June 25, 2020 and asked when those came out.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that she had the email from Michele Petty (Elko County) that the vacancy position was sent and posted on June 22, 2020.

Mr. Hester commented that he wondered about the minutes. He stated that it was such a limited time with weekends included. He spoke with the other two people interested who didn't have any idea there was a deadline or when the deadline was. He mentioned that there was a comment that it was posted at the post office and he didn't see it, but he may have looked in the wrong spot.

He stated that the next time there is a vacancy it really needs to be advertised. He reiterated that he didn't have a problem with Alex, but there was more interest.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that she's sure there was, but it's hard for them and it's everybody else's responsibility to be at the meetings and to read the items posted on the bulletin boards.

Mr. Hester stated that he was present at the meetings, but not at the one where the vacancy was discussed.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that she understood, but she wouldn't be posting the vacancy on Facebook because those who are interested would be attending meetings and looking at the boards.

Mr. Hester stated that he has been present and personally knows everybody.

Motion: Monica Burt made a motion to recommend Mr. Alex Torrero to fill the vacancy on the Jackpot Advisory Board, seconded by Mr. Bruce Ririe. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Teresa Hugill
Bruce Ririe
Shawn Mathis
Monica Burt

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairwoman Hugill stated that this motion would be sent to the county commissioners who will have to approve it.

- d. Discussion and consideration to approve an updated letter from the tourism department.

ACTION ITEM

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Tourism Director) stated that the tourism department is trying to encourage companies to participate in the marketing of the town along with their businesses. The board has been working with Miles Partnership who's a Google partner and have gotten a lot of information. This information is important for the businesses to know.

The board would like to send the letter to all the local businesses in town and the surrounding towns because Jackpot is a small community. The board wants to encourage people to participate from Nat-soo-pah where families can plan their stay in Jackpot, by doing this more people will stay in Jackpot which is the goal. They can then go out to the casinos or travel. This is the purpose for the letter.

Vice-Chairman Mathis proceeded to read the letter.

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Vice-Chairman Mathis commented that the only thing he sees that needs to be included is the address of where the meetings will be held.

Motion: Vice-Chair Shawn Mathis made a motion to submit the letter as read except for the address of where the meetings will be held, seconded by Monic Burt. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Teresa Hugill
Bruce Ririe
Shawn Mathis
Monica Burt

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain:

- e. Discussion and consideration to approve a video of the town to be played at the visitor center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

ACTION ITEM

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Tourism Director) presented the board with a video.

Vice-Chair Mathis asked if the video slides could be extended so that people could read them.

Mrs. Dimmitt commented that she wanted a thirty second video, but agrees the slides change too fast. She will extend it. The video doesn't have sound because it will also be played at the fair or where the board has a booth. There will be handouts given to people and having it narrated can be too much.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that other than having it extended she thinks it's good.

Motion: Vice-Chair Shawn Mathis made a motion to accept the video and slow down the timing intervals on the slides, seconded by Bruce Ririe. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Teresa Hugill
Bruce Ririe
Shawn Mathis
Monica Burt

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain:

JACKPOT GOLF COURSE

1. Golf Course operations update. NON ACTION ITEM

Brent Fleshman (Jackpot Golf Club) stated that as of June the course is down about fifty percent which is one hundred fifty thousand dollars. The course was covered in the first wave of the payroll protection plan, so they have been able to keep the course excellent, in great shape, and probably as good as its ever been.

The employees are all getting paid their full paycheck. All the corporate events have cancelled, some of the big ones include McCain foods, Farm Bureau Insurance, and Crus Oil from Utah. The private events are still on the schedule, but the people they are losing are the Mr. and Mrs. who play an afternoon game of golf and go and have dinner at the buffet or enjoy a show and play the following morning.

The PPP covered everything until the end of June. The employees will have a pay cut on the next pay period. He feels terrible about it. The monies that the course is down on is being covered by loans, credit cards, and himself. They are trying to weather the storm and keeping the commodity.

There were more compliments than they have ever had at the event the previous day. The condition of the golf course, thanking them for letting them play, and the number one compliment is the flag. Its great and it seems to lift people's spirits.

They are following by the guidelines inside. There are few to-go foods to try and keep everybody outside. They are doing the best they can while also trying to get people come to Jackpot to spend the night and play at the casinos.

Chairwoman Hugill asked how much he would be cutting back on.

Mr. Fleshman stated that he wasn't sure and that they had a huge influx in the last two weeks. He's good through July, but he's looking into the months of July, August and September, so this is why he is starting the pay cuts now.

The attorney and accountant have said that there is a possible chance of businesses getting the PPP again. This applies to businesses with less than one hundred employees, prove that business is down fifty percent which it is, and prove that all the PPP has been used there might be another round of it. The golf course would be fine with this.

The worst case scenario is cutting days or laying off all the employees except two or three and he isn't sure which one he would do. The course is being taken care of like all the other years and they are maintaining it because it's a great commodity and they want to keep it that way because it's bringing in some people. Everyday is different and if the casinos shut down it will be a different story. They have talked about closing Monday through Thursday and only opening Friday, Saturday, and Sunday so that only himself and Brad (Superintendent) can take care of mowing the greens.

Chairwoman Hugill asked Mr. Fleshman about the number of employees he has.

He stated that there are thirteen and three or four of them are full-time and the rest are part-time. He's proud that he can keep them employed and when the letter was sent about the pay cut many of them expressed that they were happy to be working and getting paid something. Everybody is trying hard.

He commented that he was either way on the cannabis thing and it didn't matter to him, but now he's all for it, anything to get any business in the town. He cares because it's affecting him, his employees, and everybody around. Once this goes away in a year, two, or three the town will prosper.

Chairwoman Hugill mentioned that Mr. Fleshman and his crew are doing a great job at the golf course. It looks wonderful. The flag is awesome, Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) has done a great job. There is not much the board can do to help, but if there is something to let them know.

Mr. Fleshman mentioned that they have a big event on Monday, the cattle men out of Idaho which brings in more than one hundred forty people and many of them spend the night; than after this event there isn't much because the corporate events cancelled.

He mentioned that it's hard on him because the Twin Falls golf courses are all up thirty to forty percent. They are buying items and people are getting raises while forty-five minutes away things aren't great. It's the drive, the buffet closure, and no shows that make it harder for people to want to come to the town.

JACKPOT FOOD BANK NON ACTION ITEM

1. (FISH) Food bank update.

Theresa Dimmitt (FISH Food Bank Coordinator) stated that they are working with Friends In Service Helping (FISH) from Elko County. They have been friendly and helpful. The town's food bank is currently serving forty families, a total of eighty-nine people. The food is picked up monthly on the second Monday of the month by the public work guys and its USDA and pantry items. They pickup over six thousand pounds of frozen, refrigerated, and pantry food items.

The produce boxes are picked up by Bill Dimmitt once every week. They were getting forty produce boxes and that has changed to fifty-two. The number of produce boxes that people get depends on the family size and considering that most people don't have room in their homes. The boxes contain a head of lettuce, potatoes, apples, carrots, and last week there were strawberries and this week apricots. These are amazing benefits to the community members.

The food is distributed twice a month instead of once a month like most food banks because of storage and small refrigerators. This accommodation is being done well. The fire department men/woman, public work guys, and her family have all participated in getting these items out on a regular basis. The produce boxes will continue to through August 5,2020.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) thanked Mrs. Dimmitt for her work and getting this program for the community because people need it.

FISH is located in Elko so a lot of the food the town gets is from Elko's food bank and the produce is coming from a farmer in Idaho. The assistance is appreciated because Chobani, Jerome Cheese, and Glanbia have helped the community and these businesses are in Idaho.

Mrs. Dimmitt mentioned that Mr. Thiele donated canned foods and soups to the food bank. This is also appreciated.

She commented that she's also helped two community members with rent assistance through Elko County that nobody knew was available, assisted one person with their Raft River bill, and another one who was unable to pay an ambulance bill. It has benefited the community to work with members of Elko County and finding the correct people to ask for help. The help given is beyond only giving food.

JACKPOT TOURISM

1. Tourism operations update.
ACTION ITEM

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Tourism Director) stated that the water tank image is in production and will go on the large water tank. It should be done and posted by the end of August. She drove Josh from Google maps around on Tuesday. They were able to do most of Jackpot except the Blue Sky properties and the teacher court because they ran out of time. He redid 93 and was impressed with the town and the golf course.

She thanked Brent Fleshman (Jackpot Golf Course Club) for allowing him to take pictures and lending him a cart free of charge and Cactus Petes for the free night stays. This all helps promote the town. She doesn't know when the images will be ready because they will go to Google for editing, but the tourism department is working with Miles Partnership in all the ways possible to make sure when Jackpot is Googled all the activities will appear.

She continues to work on the website and making corrections to it. There is a section where the agendas and minutes will be posted once approved. This will be done a regular basis. The website is constantly being updated. She would like for people to email or text her if they see any mistakes.

The town masks have been made and she's received many phone calls including on Fourth of July. The rack cards are done and will be posted around town anywhere that is allowed.

Chairwoman thanked and expressed her appreciation for everything that Mrs. Dimmitt is doing.

JACKPOT EVENTS

2. Event Operations update.

Tara Norris (Event Coordinator) stated that the town's website is working, and people are viewing it because she got her first email about the Fourth of July. The Fourth of July parade went off perfectly.

She thanked the sheriff's for starting it, the fire department, casinos and all the town members who participated in it.

It was a beautiful turnout and a lot of people have stated that they liked the route that was done this year, so maybe going forward in the coming years they can continue with that route.

She knows that once the town BBQ can be done again, they will have to figure out how the route will work. The route included the whole town and not just a section of it.

Ms. Norris informed Brad Hester (Fireworks) that she got many compliments regarding the fireworks.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that the parade route worked well for the social distancing guidelines, people watched from outside of their homes and they liked that.

Ms. Norris mentioned that she didn't think anybody was missed during the parade. The lady that emailed her about the Fourth of July emailed her the next day and she was from Twin Falls. She was in town with her family. They loved the parade and stayed for the fireworks.

JACKPOT SENIOR CENTER

3. Senior Center Operations update.
NON ACTION ITEM

Mary Hess (Senior Center) stated that they haven't been able to do much because it hasn't opened. She asked if two nights of the week they would be allowed to have a bingo night. This would give the senior citizens something to do and get them out of their homes. There would only be ten people at a time, and they would practice social distancing along with wearing masks.

She thinks that the room is big enough to where ten people could be six feet apart. It would be something for them to do. It could be on a Tuesday and a Friday.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that they have done some research, and this could be done. Ms. Hess will need to make sure that there is hand sanitizer, gloves for those that feel they need them, and masks.

Ms. Hess commented that she had volunteers to help do this.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that Ms. Hess needs to keep the limit at ten people.

Ms. Hess mentioned that she thinks the pictures for Google turned out great.

Chairwoman Hugill thanked Ms. Hess.

JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER

- A. Recreation Department operations update.
NON ACTION ITEM

Beth Lamb (Jackpot Recreation Center) stated that everything is going well. There are eleven people that go workout every day.

JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS

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

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that his guys have been busy the last few months. They have started the projects of cutting and cleaning empty lots around town. He mentioned that the county commissioners put an ordinance together pertaining to Jackpot for nuisance ordinances.

The county will start getting involved with the properties such as the old convention center, the covered wagon, and other places to get them cleaned because they are nuisances (eyesore) in the community. They are also hazardous. There was a good turnout from the community involved in helping with the cleaning the lots. The main purpose of cleaning and clearing the lots is for safety and fire hazards.

They will be working more on the other lots and getting those cleaned up and making them presentable. He commented that with the budget cuts his guys are working on projects that had been postponed.

He mentioned that the town didn't get the funding for the airport project slated for this year. He doesn't want to put blame on anybody, but Elko didn't get things in order, so the FAA denied the funding. It's right around four hundred thousand dollars for the project.

The public work's department will be spending time at the airport for now since the project isn't happening. They will be dealing with things that the project was supposed to cover. They are still working with the FAA, BLM, and Elko County to see if this has gone by the wayside, but as of now it has.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if Mr. Burt has gotten an update from anybody in Elko as to who can rectify this.

Mr. Burt commented that nobody has said anything.

Mrs. Burt asked if they should be making phone calls.

Mr. Burt stated that he's been making phone calls.

Chairwoman Hugill asked if this was something that needs to be brought up at the county commissioners meeting the following week.

Mr. Burt stated this will be brought up. He's had extensive conversations with Rob Stokes (Elko County Manager) about this. He's also had extensive conversations with Mike Williams (FAA Region Director) from Phoenix.

Mr. Burt commented that since the town is unincorporated the permitting and everything is done through Elko County. This includes water, sewer, and anything else in the town. The airport property is leased just like the sewer and the public works facility from the BLM.

There is a gentleman in Elko County who is working with the BLM to get that property turned over into town property, so the town doesn't have to pay the lease. This person didn't involve the FAA on this, so they denied it.

He's still trying to get the funding before it goes away completely, but if he can't this project will be postponed until the following year if the issue has been resolved by that time.

Mrs. Burt and Chairwoman Hugill thanked Mr. Burt and those that helped for making the area look good.

JACKPOT SAFETY / FIRE

1. **Jackpot Ambulance**

- a. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.

Shelly Hester (Jackpot ambulance) stated that for the previous month there were 16 calls and 8 of those were transports. The two transports ended up being critical patients that were air transported from their unit. They have tentative date of August 12, 2020 to get the EMT students tested. This is through the state, so they are waiting on further instructions.

2. **Jackpot Fire Department**

- a. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) stated that they responded to 16 medical calls and 2 fire calls. One of the fire calls included eighty thousand pounds of hotdog on US 93.

The BLM had asked him if they could have a unit in the town starting the following year upon the completion of the new fire station. They have now asked about having the unit in the town sooner than that if there is an office available for them. The town would have a rush truck immediately so the fire department wouldn't be going to calls alone or waiting for help. The response time from Wells to Jackpot or Twin Falls to Jackpot is an hour.

He's talked to Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) about maybe letting the BLM have an office at senior center until the other is station is in operation the following year.

He mentioned that he's had a conversation with Valerie and explained to her what is happening during Covid and the interior of the station. There would be a problem with building the interior because of the budget crisis. She talked about building the station completely. He will be meeting with her the following day for lunch and talking about this.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that she doesn't want to see her build the entire station on her own. There could be a fundraiser or something, but the community needs to be involved.

Mr. Hugill commented that he understands, but she would like to do it in memory of her husband. They were also Jackpot residents living in the Middlestack apartments.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that accommodations could be made for the BLM to have an office, so they can be here.

Mr. Hugill stated that he would let them know. Mr. Burt commented that he would need to talk with Mary Hess (Senior Center Director) also. Ms. Hess mentioned that they have talked about it.

Elko County Sheriff's Department

- a. Sheriff Office operations update.

No Representatives present.

Brian Boatman (Probation Officer) and Ryan Tangaro (Assistant Chief of Probation) work for Judge Kacin at the District Court in Elko.

Mr. Boatman stated that he and Mr. Tangaro work for juvenile probation. He's new to juvenile probation, years ago he worked in juvenile probation and now he is back. They both have lived in Wendover and now they live in Elko.

They both know what it's like living in the towns outside of Elko, so they decided to visit Jackpot, Wells, and Wendover to introduce themselves and give insight into what they do. He commented that when the sheriff's office has a law enforcement contact with a minor, they can either arrest them, give them a ticket, or file a report which goes to them. They then work with the district attorney's office to determine what should be done with the minor and the allegations made against them.

It could be as simple as talking with them and the parents about what happened or requesting that the minor be placed on formal probation. This is like have a step-parent who is always monitoring them, making sure they are attending school or drug testing them. They supervise people who have been placed on formal probation pursuant to a court order, but you don't have to have law enforcement get into your life before they can help you.

They would be more than happy to help somebody suffering from mental health issues or drug abuse through resources that they have. They can also provide drug tests, free drug tests on occasions but will sell them for two dollars and fifty cents each if the parent wants to test the child every week or two for several months. This is cheaper than at a retail store.

He commented that they have business cards and will answer questions after the meeting for those interested. They care about Jackpot because they are from small towns also. He mentioned that it's well established that when a dispensary is in a town there is probably an increase in youth use. They would be more than happy to help out and give some information on counselors if people are having problems with drug use including marijuana. A dispensary doesn't make it okay for them to use it, it's like alcohol still illegal.

Chairwoman Hugill asked if they could leave their business cards with Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism Director) so that they could be included in the minutes.

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The town clerk mentioned that Mr. Boatman and Mr. Tangaro weren't representing the sheriff's department.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Chairwoman Hugill asked if the fireworks were more this year.

Brad Hester (Fireworks) stated that it's the same, but there was less of a down payment made by the Civic Club. They made the same down payment as the year before of three thousand dollars.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that by turning off the heat for the pool the cost is half the amount. She asked about the Truleap cost for the recreation center.

The clerk stated that this cost was for the senior center's Wi-Fi, but it was included in the recreation centers account.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT AND OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Discussion and consideration of received correspondence.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that the correspondence had been read.

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 – June 11, 2020 and June 25, 2020

Next Meeting Date – August 13, 2020

Motion: Vice-Chairman Shawn Mathis made a motion to accept the minutes for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of June 11, 2020, June 25, 2020, and the next meeting date for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of August 13, 2020, seconded by Bruce Ririe. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Teresa Hugill
Bruce Ririe
Shawn Mathis
Monica Burt

Nay:
Absent:
Abstain:

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS

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.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) thanked everybody for attending the meeting and participating because any time there is input it makes the meetings, minutes, and everything else better.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) mentioned that he spoke with Mr. Ririe and they got permission to purchase a cork board cabinet and will be placed outside of the general store. The reason for this is because in the last couple weeks people are saying that they don't know where the agendas are posted or that they aren't being posted. The agendas are always posted in the same locations and have to be posted seventy-two hours in advance of the meeting. The agendas are posted at the recreation center, post office, general store, public works building and during the school season at the school and library.

He commented that anything pertaining to the town as far as agendas, job descriptions, and advisory board items are posted in the same locations. There have been times that at the general store the items have been taken down during the posting time frame, this is the reason the items will now be enclosed.

He stated that he wouldn't be going to jail for breaking open meeting laws. The items are posted and available, if the residents don't take the opportunity to find these items on their own it's not the town or his responsibility to notify anybody. He hopes that as this progresses these things will end. There have been many times that people have been told that if they can't attend the meeting but want the agenda to get ahold of the town clerk to give her an email address. The day she posts the agenda it will also be emailed. The town advisory board, himself, and the town clerk try hard to get the minutes out.

By-law he doesn't have to go door-to-door, hang a sign, or call people to notify them of things going, people have to take it upon themselves to find out what's going on. He has his office door open for anybody that wants to visit with him or ask him questions, but first they need to call him because he is very busy, and he will make time for anybody.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that she needed to clarify somethings because some people made comments about their attendance at the commissioners meeting and where she got her information about statements that she had made.

She stated that she wanted to hopefully clarify the misunderstandings of why she said the things she said. There was an article in the newspaper, dated June 21st. It's the gambling news and they talked about Cactus Petes and how thirty out of forty one properties had opened including Cactus Petes.

“Schippers pointed out that with limited venue capacity, social distancing, and unclear business volumes some of the properties would not be able to resume normal operations for the foreseeable future.

We informed our team members that their furloughs may be converted to permanent layoffs in the coming weeks or months.”

This is why they made statements regarding the town and not being able to make enough money in the foreseeable future, probably for the rest of the year. Cactus Petes is the largest casino in town and she was basing her information off of Cactus Petes.

She knows that Cactus Petes has only been able to hire back fifty percent of their employees and they have roughly about five hundred employees. There two hundred plus people unemployed right now and she doesn't know how many of those live in Jackpot, but she's worried about these people and their families or how they are going to take care of themselves.

She mentioned that when the casinos closed, she understands Barton's helped their people and gave them food, all the leftover food that was in the restaurant.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that the food given was for the entire town and Cactus Petes did the same.

Mrs. Burt stated that the casinos had their employees use all their paid-time off time. Cactus Petes paid their employees for another two weeks, after that is when her comments came into play that there was nothing left for people. There were some people who got onto unemployment right away, but there was a lot that didn't get on unemployment right away. They ran into all sorts of problems with the computer system.

She mentioned that the town clerk and Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism Director) were helping people at the public works building on a daily basis trying to get through the computer and phone system. It was awful. She personally knows of two people who didn't get unemployment until the end of June. There was one person who she wonders if they ever got it because they were still working on it.

Unnamed person commented that he knew of somebody that had just recently received theirs.

Mrs. Burt stated that he heard of some people who were giving up because they had returned back to work and would be fine. She knew of lady that was struggling and her neighbors were helping her with stuff. She thinks this was around the time that they decided that the town needed some sort of a food bank because the town didn't have any services from the County. When she said there was nobody to help Jackpot, she didn't mean the casinos not helping their people, they did what they could to help out their employees; once that ran out there was nothing to help the people in the community. There were language barriers with a lot of people and not just Spanish. There are many languages in the town.

Mrs. Dimmitt did so much work in trying to call and find out how to get help and assistance for the families in the town until they could get money coming in. The people that are receiving unemployment are getting those extra six hundred dollars and that's wonderful.

She asked if anybody had questions that she could clarify, and she wanted it on record that this is how she came up with some of the information.

She doesn't have all the information from Bartons and if they were able to hire everybody back, are they going to keep them on, are they on part-time she doesn't know. She just knows Cactus's based on some news reports according to Las Vegas. Also, Las Vegas says that tourism there is nowhere near pre-pandemic levels and even they are struggling, so she knows our area is struggling. She doesn't know if that is going to get any better.

This is why they started thinking of what else could the town get. They have seriously looked at other businesses. There have been many people making correspondence and trying to get properties, but there were many problems.

The public works department could probably direct people to that information.

Mrs. Burt stated that anything she said she tried to base it on information she was given, or she had read. She hopes this clarifies some things.

Chairwoman Hugill thanked everybody who has come together as a community through all of this stuff. It hasn't been easy with anybody. She commented that public works, Mrs. Dimmitt, the town clerk and everybody else have been amazing. She appreciates those that went to the commissioners meeting and some of the things that were said.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

Pursuant to N.R.S. 241.020, 2(c) (3), this time is devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised during a period devoted to comments by the general public until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

No Comments.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.