



TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA ADVISORY BOARD

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JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 August 13, 2020 in meeting room of the Jackpot Senior Center Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Teresa Hugill
Shawn Mathis
Monica Burt
Bruce Ririe
Alex Torrero

Absent:

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Public Works Superintendent
Beth Lamb, Jackpot Recreation Center (Video)
Shelly Hester, Jackpot Ambulance
Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Tourism Director
Wilde Brough, Clover Valley

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:

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Brad Hester (Jackpot town member) commented that his property tax bill increased forty percent and asked if anybody else noticed an increase.

Monic Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that both of her properties had an increase one was a slight increase and the other was more.

Mr. Hester stated that his vacant lot was almost six hundred dollars. The taxes are used to pay the Elko Senior Center, Elko Hospital, and the school districts which he doesn't mind paying for. The other services that the taxes pay for aren't being used by town residents and those funds aren't being used in the town. He mentioned that his taxes have increased one hundred thirty percent in the last three years.

Mrs. Burt commented that she's also noticed that every year her taxes have also increased. She mentioned that at the previous county commissioners meeting she heard something about how homeowners in the town were being overcharged, so they would be reviewing the area.

Chairwoman Teresa Hugill mentioned that Mike Pace had also talked to her about property taxes and the tax on vehicles. She's not sure who they will need to talk to about this, but there are things that the board would like to look into.

Aitor Narvaiza (Elko County Sheriff) commented that the assessor's office deals with all the property taxes.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that she would look into this.

TOWN OF JACKPOT

- a. As per Jackpot Advisory Board recommendation made on July 9,2020, Mr. Alexandro (Alex) Torrero was officially appointed to the Jackpot Advisory Board by the Elko County Board of Commissioners on July 15, 2020.

Chairwoman Hugill and the board members welcomed Mr. Torrero.

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

Heath Higley (Raft River Electric) stated that they are working with Dottie's Casino to install a permanent service for the casino. They are two weeks away from doing this.

They had some tree trimmers in town the previous week working on trees that were in the power lines and accounting for some of the power bumps and also worked with Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) at Cactus Petes.

He mentioned that they found a transformer at the Y3 Ranch that wasn't working properly, and he knows that it was also causing some of the power bumps. He hopes the power bumps get better and if they don't to let him know, so they can look into other things. They fixed some problems that accounted for the power bumps. The transformer was changed on Monday.

Shawn Mathis (Vice-Chairman) and Chairwoman Hugill commented that the town had no power for four hours and nine hours after that. This was a couple weeks ago.

Mr. Higley stated that Idaho Power had a fire over by Hagerman and they had trouble with their generation at Salmon Falls so between a fire and a structure that fell down those things contributed to the outage.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked Mr. Higley if there was a way to include things like this on Raft River's website to inform people.

Mr. Higley stated that the website has been updated and encourages people to visit the site. They try to let people know any information on fires, catastrophes, damages, or planned outages. He also asks people to continue to call.

Mrs. Burt commented that people called, but it would be nice to have updates on the website of the issue so people know how long to expect the delay.

Mr. Higley mentioned that it was frustrating for them also with the Idaho Power outage because they didn't have any information either and they had call Idaho Power for updates. He also understands situations like these happen.

Mr. Ririe commented that the tree trimming went very smooth and he thanked Mr. Higley.

Mr. Higley mentioned that he looked around the town and things look good, but he would like to be informed of any other power bumps. He commented that he had also brought water that Raft River donated for the car show and he left it at the public works building.

Chairwoman Hugill thanked him.

- c. Nevada Health Center update.

No Representatives present.

- d. Discussion and consideration to approve the Covid-19 requirements for the car show.

ACTION ITEM

Chairwoman Hugill tabled this item.

JACKPOT GOLF COURSE

1. Golf Course operations update.
NON ACTION ITEM

Brent Fleshman (Jackpot Golf Club) stated that nothing too great to report, they are struggling along and doing as much business as they can. The golf course is in great shape, it's green and people who play are liking it. Mr. Fleshman along with the others who work at the golf course are doing all they can to promote it and get people to attend.

They have tournaments the following week, including their annual Pro-Am which is their largest event. There are about two hundred and fifty players. They will be doing their best to accommodate it with the rules that need to be enacted. It will be an all-day event because people's tee times will be spread out. They are doing their best to keep people spaced, following the rules they were given, and trying to keep people employed as long as possible.

Chairwoman Teresa Hugill asked Mr. Fleshman if the golf course was doing any better. He stated that, no it's the same or slightly worse, it's slow. Chairwoman Hugill asked if he had kept all of his employees. He commented that currently yes, but there would be some changes in a couple of weeks. They have been looking into who they may lay-off unless there is help given to small businesses again. He mentioned that there are some people he will be laying off and he's going to feel guilty about unless there are extra unemployment funds like the ones that have ended. This will make him feel better once he lays people off because they will be receiving funds.

He mentioned that everyday is different and there is something different said on the news every day. They just need to wait and see in the next couple of weeks if there will be help for small businesses again. The hot weather is almost through and they can just hope for a resurgence next year.

Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism Director) thanked Mr. Fleshman for the items he donated to the prize wheel for the car show and the score cards with the golf course's information.

JACKPOT TOURIM
NON ACTION ITEM

1. Tourism's operations update.

Bill Dimmitt (Tourism President) stated that the water tank image is scheduled to be installed the following week prior to the car show. There are seven business that have been verified on Google, the dog park, town park, senior center, public works, Bloom shooting range, Hayden Airfield, and the Jackpot Fire Department. The businesses are currently managed and owned by the tourism department, but it can be changed to somebody else who is in each department. (i.e. Senior Center could be managed by Mary Hess or the Fire department could be managed by Brian Hugill.)

The Google maps 360 degree view map is complete and posted. He's tried this feature and it's informative, not only is there a view, but it gives statements of things happening in the town. He commented that all the photos taken by Josh (Google Partner) are posted.

President Dimmitt mentioned that the tourism department will have a booth at Deuces Wild Car

Show and a prize wheel. The board has also ordered personal refillable hand sanitizers with the towns logo but aren't sure if they will arrive in time for the car show.

Chairwoman Hugill asked if Google maps was user friendly and when it was updated with the new information.

President Dimmitt stated that it was, and he didn't know when it was updated.

Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism Director) commented that the Google reports indicate how many people have visited the websites and called the businesses that have been verified. The Google listings have been active for a month.

JACKPOT EVENTS

1. Events operations update.
ACTION ITEM

No representative present.

JACKPOT SENIOR CENTER

2. Senior Center operations update.

No representative present.

JACKPOT FOOD BANK

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

Theresa Dimmitt (Food Bank) stated that the public works technicians have built shelves and a table. It's amazing. There are currently ninety people, or forty-two families enrolled in the program and more people are joining.

Mrs. Dimmitt commented that she spoke with the FISH representatives about qualifications for the program and at this time those who feel that they need the food are welcome. They will need to fill out an application and a copy of their i.d. will be made. She mentioned that in October she will submit an updated list of each household and every family will get a full dinner for Christmas.

The town's food bank is increasing its supply in order to be well stocked through the winter in case a trip can't be made to Elko for food, so the community won't go hungry. There are senior boxes provided along with the regular food pick-up. She will be communicating with the fire department about the deliveries and Bill Dimmitt (Tourism President) has also helped her with deliveries to the community members who don't drive.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked about the process for people who want to volunteer at the food bank.

Mrs. Dimmitt stated that people could call her, and the food bank is at the public works department. She commented that Nevada Northern Food Bank would really like the town to have its own food bank, but they have never worked with a town. They have only worked with 503c corporations. She mentioned that since the church has a 503c it could maybe be combined, or the next step would be for her to start a non-profit or separate entity. This is something that she would like to discuss the following month.

Mr. Ririe commented that a few months ago they talked about a 503c and wondered if she had pursued getting the paperwork started.

Chairwoman Hugill mentioned that it had been tabled and the town would continue to work through Elko.

Mrs. Dimmitt commented that having the town's own food bank would require somebody working full-time. There are many reports that need to be done and a five page application that will need to be filled out once the covid application is no longer valid. There will be more paperwork involved, doing this would be the better alternative than losing the food bank in the community.

Chairwoman Hugill mentioned that another building would be needed.

Mrs. Dimmitt commented that there is a small number of people in the community who need the assistance. She thinks that the average household in the town with two people working would qualify for help even after filling out the long application form. A family of four would have to make over four thousand dollars to not qualify.

She thinks that for now there is plenty of room in the current area for the town's own food bank and the food bank would be delivering the food instead of having the public work technicians pick it up.

JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER

A. Recreation Department operations update. NON ACTION ITEM

Beth Lamb (Video) (Jackpot Recreation Center) stated that everything is going well. There are people using the facility to exercise. The kitchen was inspected, and she received one hundred percent. OSHA visited the facility, and everything is good.

There is a lot of activity by the volleyball net. There are many people, but she would like for people to let them know that they need to pick up after themselves. There is a garbage can out there.

She's had many visitors at the recreation center and some sit at the picnic table.

Chairwoman Hugill asked if Ms. Lamb had an amount of how many people visited the recreation center.

Ms. Lamb stated that she is having seven to nine people in the facility daily.

Chairwoman Hugill asked if people playing volleyball had to wear a mask or if OSHA had mentioned anything about it.

Ms. Lamb commented that OSHA didn't say anything about it. The people playing volleyball do it at night, so it's up to them to wear a mask or social distance. There are times when children are out there sitting on the patio furniture and it's their or their parent's responsibilities.

Chairwoman Hugill and Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) thanked Ms. Lamb.

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. There were many dead trees this year. They did some irrigation work and have planted new trees at the park. There are a couple more that they need to do. They have had requests and other things that they have been dealing with.

He mentioned that at the public works building they tore out all the rocks, shrubs, and planted grass. The following week they will start working on the airport. There is plenty of crack sealing, painting, and seal coating to do. These projects will begin at five in the morning.

They have also worked with Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism Director/Food Bank) in getting the food bank area set up.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that the public works building looks nice and welcoming.

Vice-chairman Shawn Mathis mentioned that he liked that trees were being repurposed instead of being thrown away.

Mr. Burt stated that they would also be working with Timmy at the park to get things ready for the car show and following social distancing. It may not look like they have been working on things, but there are many little things that need to be done or finished.

Chairwoman Hugill mentioned that she's had people ask her about the garbage at the park because it's full. These people had her go look at it. She would like for somebody to empty the bins especially since people have begun to use it again.

Mr. Burt stated that there is somebody who is supposed be taking care of that area every day and he will make sure it gets taken care of.

JACKPOT SAFETY / FIRE

1. **Jackpot Ambulance**

- a. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.

Shelly Hester (Jackpot ambulance) stated that for the previous month there were 26 calls and 13 of those were transports. The previous day six students completed their practical part of their EMT testing.

There was a problem with the state and the computer system, so the written test has been rescheduled in two weeks.

Chairwoman Hugill asked if the test would take place in the town and if CSI remained closed.

Mrs. Hester stated that the test would be in the town and commented that CSI is open, but they are months out in order to take the test there.

2. Jackpot Fire Department

- a. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) was in Elko and Randy Pingel (Fire Department) was also absent

Elko County Sheriff's Department

- a. Sheriff Office operations update.

Aitor Narvaiza (Elko County Sheriff) stated that there a person in the academy, Mr. Holiday. Once he graduates, he'll be moving to the town. The positions in Wells are full and he is hoping that Jackpot will only be down one position once Holiday moves to Jackpot. In the next couple of months there will be four or five officers in the town. The position in Wendover is filled, she will be part SRO/patrol. She will be working in the Montello, Wells area, and schools.

Mr. Narvaiza shared his report from June and July. The sheriff's office responded to one thousand seventy-one calls for services, forty-four medical calls, dealt with twenty-five suicide subjects, twenty-five mental health calls, thirty-six accidents, five felony arrests, eight DUI arrests, sixty juveniles, and responded to one hundred and nine domestic violence calls. There were forty-four agency assists where it's the health and pd suicide subject pursuits and shootings.

He commented that the sheriff's office transports the covid samples to Reno every Friday. They have done twenty of those. There have been six suicides and couple more in the last few days. Those numbers will continue to increase. They have dealt with three homicides. There have been three hundred and one people arrested at the sheriff's office. That number has also been increasing a lot.

They had a pursuit with a guy who had a rifle in a domestic altercation, the AR was stolen. It has been crazy lately and every night there is something going on. They have been busy. He mentioned that seven hundred twenty-one calls were from the Spring Creek area, four hundred and sixty calls have been from Elko to Jackpot, and Wendover. Jackpot has only had twenty-eight service calls in the last two months. There have been many domestic calls and arrests.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that they had discussed him being back in the town in two weeks and having extra people working.

Mr. Narvaiza stated that they have been busy since covid started because there were five or six meetings per day for five to six hours regarding covid, but now there are only one or two meetings per month.

The first couple of months were hectic, they have been doubling down on the PPEs.

He mentioned that Elko County got the Cares Act funds and it's for businesses so, the town should be talking to somebody in the county. He thinks they should contact Amanda Osbourne or the new emergency manager Matt Peterson. Mr. Peterson was a reserve with the sheriff's office a while ago and went to the BLM. He has started his new position on Monday and is a great guy.

Jimmy Carpenter's last day will be Friday because he'll be retiring after thirty-two years of service. He started August 8, 1989. They are in the process of hiring a new under-sheriff at this time. There is no rush because they have great staff to help. There is a lot of movement in the department. Stick has been promoted to sergeant. Mr. Narvaiza had to move the patrol position into the detective position, the jail position into the patrol position, and he'll have to hire somebody for the jail.

He stated that they should be good once Holiday arrives from the academy. There is also somebody on military leave who he thinks should be back in September and all the positions in Wells will be filled.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) thanked Mr. Narvaiza for the officers that she's seen patrolling the areas and making a presence in the town.

Mr. Narvaiza mentioned that Mikey had been promoted to the supervisor slot in Jackpot. He's trying to get one in the Wells area to do the same. He believes that in these areas a supervisor is needed.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that she appreciated Mr. Narvaiza's attendance.

Mr. Narvaiza stated that he has been busy and hadn't been able to attend the meetings. He's also been spending time in the legislature with some police reform bills. There have been changes made internally in law enforcement and have added other things that they have been doing for years like the body-cam or that people have the right to videotape which they have been doing for twenty years. The changes currently don't have an affect on them, but there is some policy that changed in reference to internal investigations and it's more in favor of the department instead of being in favor of the officer like before.

He mentioned that they have had a couple of protests in Elko, nothing major. There were one hundred protesters at the courthouse the other day and many protesters at the school who are upset with the school board. He commented that everybody has the right to protest as long as it's done peacefully. He won't be letting people burn, break, or steal. He and the police chief have a plan in place.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

No Comments.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT AND OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Discussion and consideration of received correspondence.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that there wasn't any 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 – June 2, 2020 and July 9, 2020

Next Meeting Date – September 10, 2020

Motion: Vice-Chairman Shawn Mathis made a motion to accept the minutes for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of June 2, 2020, July 9, 2020, and the next meeting date for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of September 10, 2020, seconded by Bruce Ririe. Motion passed.

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

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain:

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS

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Chairwoman Hugill welcomed Alex Torrero to the board and she thanked the public works department for everything that they have been doing.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that he and Chairwoman Hugill have been talking and since they have been getting an abundance of information about the town. Their idea is to assign each board member a department.

The people working in the departments will report to the designated board member. It will be a work in progress. Mr. Burt and Chairwoman Hugill will try and attend everything because they still need to know what is happening. The goal is to one day have the board member resolve issues or concerns that arise.

Bruce Ririe's assignment is Fire/Safety so he'll be working with Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) and Shelly Hester (Ambulance).

Vice-chair Mathis's assignment is to work with Gustavo (Public Works technician). Public Works oversees fifteen departments in the town. There are many departments that aren't any everyday thing. The golf course may be included also.

Alex Torrero's assignment will be the recreation center, activities, and events in the town. He will be working with Beth Lamb (Jackpot Recreation Center) and Tara Norris (Event Coordinator).

Monica Burt's assignment will be the senior center and the tourism department. She will be working with Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism Department) and Mary Hess (Senior Center).

Chairwoman Hugill's assignment will be the town.

These assignments can be changed, or something can be figured out if somebody doesn't want their assignment.

Mr. Burt would like to schedule time with the board members and the people that they will be working with to explain how this process will work. He would like for the board members to be more involved in the departments so that they also know what is going on.

Mr. Ririe thanked the public work's department. The town is looking great, there are many things that are being done and it's appreciated. He also thanked everybody for wearing their masks and attending the meetings. This is the only way the businesses can operate.

Vice-chair Mathis thanked everybody for attending the meeting and participating because the board needs to hear the town members input for things to work. He appreciates the attendance.

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Wilde Brough stated that he lives South of Wells in Clover Valley. He's a rancher there and has lived there most of his life. He taught school for one year in Wyoming. He is running for Elko County Commissioner to replace Demar Dahl who has termed out.

Mr. Brough was part of the school board for eight years in the late eighties and nineties. He was also the Elko County board president for a couple of years. He was also the state school board association president for the state of Nevada for his last two years there.

He and a couple of other guys started Nevada's Outfitters & Guides Association when he was younger. He taught school when he was twenty-one years old, but thought he was too young to teach and instead he went hunting and worked in Idaho. He was the president of Nevada's Outfitters & Guides Association for ten years. He's also been the Elko County 4H president.

He has been active in Elko County, but has stopped often in Jackpot on his way to Twin Falls, Idaho.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Board member) commented that one of the things that Jackpot needs is representation. There is a feeling of not having the representation that is needed in order to get the things they are trying to do done. There are many changes in the town and all the nice things happening. It's because of the growth that the advisory board has had.

The board feels like the town needs more representation so that the things that they are interested in or the concerns can be represented at the commission.

Mr. Brough commented that being commissioner wasn't on his bucket list, but he was asked to do it. He's not sure why, but he thinks that he's always made good decisions. He was the only one on the school board that was against the bond the last time they were bonding in Elko for a new high school. A year after that things were turned upside down and the bond didn't make it through. There were over five hundred homes in Spring Creek and Elko for sale for three or four years. It was quite a recession and they would've been in big trouble had the bond gone through.

He was against many people including some that donated twenty thousand dollars towards the bond. There was another situation which he also stopped. He commented that he thinks that Jackpot, Wendover, and Wells also need more representation. He's good friends with Demar and it's none of his business how he dealt with things, but Mr. Brough stated that if he were elected, he would attend more advisory board meetings.

He commented that he's discussed highway 93 with Jolene (Wells) and has written to the previous governor three different times in three years. He doesn't know why there aren't any passing lanes from Jackpot to Wells or vice-versa. He owns some property in Wells, and it would be nice to see some growth.

He mentioned that there would be more trucks or snowbirds driving on highway 93 if the road were better. He commented that he doesn't think Eastern Nevada has had enough representation either such as Ely, Alamo, Lund, Pioche, Panaca, or Caliente.

Vice-chairman Mathis commented that he was happy to have somebody present.

Mr. Brough stated that he thought somebody would have a question about the dispensary and he didn't want to answer questions regarding that. He hates marijuana, but on the other hand he's an independent and if somebody else wants to smoke marijuana they should do it. He doesn't have a problem with that until it interrupts his life.

He doesn't want to commit to anything and there is a board of commissioners already and he likes them and thinks they are doing a good job. He knows how things are stacking up for the town. He's attended the last couple of meetings and doesn't know how it will turn out. He commented that he would try to represent the town if he is elected onto the board.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.