



**TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA
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**JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

THURSDAY, January 23, 2024

6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Jackpot Advisory Board was called to order by Chairperson Monica Burt at 6:00 pm mountain standard time on January 23, 2024, in the meeting room of the Jackpot Administration Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Monica Burt
 Teresa Hugill
 Jeff Young

Absent: Monique Gollihar

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Superintendent
 Hayden Horn, MMASV Racing
 Robby Seal, Mud Racing
 EJ McDougall, SIMRA President

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GALLERY:

Chairperson Monica Burt 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. She commented that everybody needs to wait their turn to speak, and the speaker needs to step-up to the podium to state his/her name and address. There shouldn't be side conversations or comments and she thanked everybody for their cooperation.

PROCEDURE

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

Comments made during the Public Comment periods at the beginning and end of the meeting are limited to **7 minutes** per person.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairperson Monica Burt led the pledge of allegiance.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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Hayden Horn (MMASV Racing) commented that they have been hosting their events in the town now for a couple seasons. They appreciate the board and everything that they do for them. They are trying to build a permanent track in the town, they are currently working on obtaining a business license, they also need to talk to some people at Cactus Petes and a landowner. They are trying to host other events. There are a couple of import clubs that would like to do car shows and he will have them attend the meetings. He asked that the board give the mud racing association one more chance, he feels that they could do a better job. He mentioned that he had things that they could look at but after the meeting and he thanked the board. Chairperson Monica Burt thanked Mr. Horn.

Robby Seal stated that he grew up in Jackpot and that he loves this town. He was asked to bring a mud race to the town last year. He turned it over to his older brother and his group. They treated everybody horribly and did everything wrong. He apologized and expressed how sorry he was to the board and whoever they treated wrong. The mud races were supposed to be in memory of his mom and things went horribly wrong. They did a bad job. He would like to bring the mud races back with him being more involved and a different group, SIMRA. SIMRA has been around forever; they have references because they race around a lot of towns, and it's professionally run. He will have EJ McDougall (SIMRA) talk about it. He reiterated how sorry he was for bringing in the other group, that group of people, and what they did. He wanted to personally apologize.

EJ McDougall (Southern Idaho Mud Racing Association (SIMRA) President) stated that she's been doing this for fourteen years. She apologized for how the previous group handled themselves in the town and they would like to show the city of Jackpot and everybody else that that's not how mud racing is supposed to be. They are a very respectful organization, and they respect where they race, the people, and the towns. She commented that a lot of what SIMRA does is charity. They go to a city and put on a mud race and any of the profits they receive usually go toward the fire department, fairgrounds, 4H, or community outreach groups. They have references and have been doing this for fourteen years.

They would like to support Robby and have an event in the town to show the community what mud racing is all about. This would be in memory of his mom. If there are any questions, comments, or concerns she can be contacted, and she will also be giving everybody else's information also. They would love to do an event, they had fun. They were at the races, but not with the organization and they didn't know about the disaster that it turned out to be. She apologized on behalf of the mud racing community because that is not how they present themselves. She hopes that they are given another chance.

TOWN OF JACKPOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

E1. Discussion and consideration to approve Jackpot's economic development strategy mission statement.

ACTION ITEM

Chairperson Monica Burt stated that the top paragraph is what the board came up with the previous week, Betty Marquez (Admin) split the paragraph into two different ways of putting it. There is a mission statement and vision statement. Mrs. Marquez commented that most cities have a mission and vision statement because it's what the city stands for and what they are striving for. This format is easier to add to flyers. Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that this makes it more concise and easier to read. Chairperson Burt stated that she liked the top example because it includes the town's heritage and small town identity. Mr. Young and Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) both agreed. Chairperson Burt read the following:

Mission Statement:

The Town of Jackpot strives to strengthen our community by supporting and improving quality of life, healthcare, housing, and education as well as maintaining our heritage and small-town identity.

Vision Statement:

The Town of Jackpot supports actions that will strengthen our current businesses, entice future diversified business growth, and create an inviting and affordable atmosphere for businesses, residents, and visitors.

Mrs. Marquez mentioned that the words "outdoor recreation" should be included in the sentence of the mission statement.

Motion: Jeff Young moved to accept the top one since they all seem to agree, seconded by Teresa Hugill. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Monica Burt
Jeff Young
Teresa Hugill

Nay:

Absent: Monique Gollihar

Abstain:

E2. Discussion and consideration to approve starting advisory board meetings at 6:30pm instead of 6pm.

ACTION ITEM

Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that he wanted to confirm that everybody is good with this and that 6:30pm is better. Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if this would make it easier for Chairperson Monica Burt to make it on time to the meetings, Chairperson Burt stated that it would also help Mr. Young. Mr. Young commented that this would make it easier because he also has to rush to make it to the meeting. Mrs. Hugill stated that she didn't see it being a problem other than that the meeting time has been set for so long and that people will need to be informed about the change. Chairperson Burt stated that it could be posted on Facebook and highlighted. Mr. Young mentioned that this time change would include both meetings, the one on Thursday and the one on Tuesday. Chairperson Burt asked Mrs. Hugill if this would also help her with her schedule. Mrs. Hugill stated that maybe a little on Tuesdays.

Motion: Teresa Hugill moved to change the time to 6:30 on Tuesdays and Thursday's meeting, seconded by Jeff Young Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Monica Burt
Jeff Young
Teresa Hugill

Nay:

Absent: Monique Gollihar

Abstain:

E3. Discussion and consideration to approve the tourism, "Welcome to Jackpot Packet."

ACTION ITEM

Chairperson Monica Burt stated this will be a packet for when people move to Jackpot. It will include things that will let them know more about Jackpot and be able to navigate some of the services and things going on in Jackpot. She mentioned that they were talking about how it should include information regarding the water, trash, and sewer services for those that may need them. There is also the option for trash pickup and that is through Cactus Petes. This information should also be included on the webpage. Shawn Burt (Jackpot Town Superintendent) commented that he approached Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Tourism) two months ago about getting this packet put together. There will be folders specifically made and he would like a town picture on the front. This will be a work in progress because as more services or more things happen in Jackpot those will be included in the packet. When there are new people setting up services at the admin building, the recreation center, or the senior center this packet will be handed to them. One thing that isn't included in the packet because Mrs. Dimmitt has been busy is information about Elko because the town does business there since we are a part of Elko County. The packet should also include medical and dental places in Twin Falls because this is where the shopping will be done. He mentioned that when his family moved to the town they didn't know where to go and other people experience the same thing, or they end up calling all these places. The packet is a work in progress and the action being taken is to get folders made. Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that it's like a living document that will change over time. He mentioned that the folders are a bit pricey, the clerk commented that she thinks that for one hundred envelopes it will be six hundred dollars.

He thinks that other places should be looked at, since this is representing the town and it's a town deal the advisory board needs to vote on spending the money to make a packet. It will be up to them to decide how they would like it to look and what pictures it should have. Mr. Young commented that he didn't know if they needed to approve spending the funds because they don't know how much it will be, but they should approve moving forward with this. Mr. Burt stated that once they get some dollar amounts, they will be presented to the board. Mr. Young asked if he knew what printer place Mrs. Dimmitt was talking to and Mr. Burt stated that he didn't, and that Mrs. Dimmitt would be out due to surgery until the end of March or April so his team would be helping her with this. Mr. Young mentioned that they deal work with Copy-It in Twin, and they are very reasonable. Mr. Burt commented that taxpayer dollars would be spent and so they must go out to bid, six hundred dollars for one hundred folders is high, but this may be what it might cost. There will be research and the findings will be presented to the board. Chairperson Burt stated that they need an action item to go ahead with the welcome packet.

Motion: Jeff Young moved to go ahead with it, seconded by Teresa Hugill Motion passed.

VOTE:
Aye: Monica Burt
Jeff Young
Teresa Hugill
Nay:
Absent: Monique Gollihar

Abstain:

CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

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

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

Next Meeting Date – February 8, 2024

Motion: Jeff Young moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting and the next meeting on February 8th at 6:30pm, seconded by Teresa Hugill. Motion passed.

VOTE:
Aye: Monica Burt
Teresa Hugill
Jeff Young
Nay:
Absent: Monique Gollihar

Abstain:

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

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

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Town Superintendent) stated that on Thursday there will be a kickoff meeting with GoGov for the town app at 1:30pm for those interested in participating. There aren't any projects slated for the airport this year. Hayden Horn (MMASV racing) will still be restricted on what can and will be done on the airport. The permit documents will be completed the following week for those hosting an event in the town. He will make sure to get contact information so he can send the permit application and the town will work with the parties interested to get the permit application done. One of the problems in the town is that a lot of the town property that the town supposedly owned is all patent under the BLM so there will be restrictions, when Mr. Horn is out at the airport there is the FAA, Homeland, and there is the BLM federal land which is patented to the town, but there will be restrictions. One thing he wants to make very clear is that being on public land means that there can't be a charge for admission to the event. He would like everybody to know because this was one of the biggest complaints last year. There will be exceptions, but they will go over those as things move along. The unnamed Speaker asked if it was possible to use the same property as before, Mr. Burt stated that yes, any of the properties that the town has can be used, but because of the patents there are restrictions. Unnamed female mentioned that she's worked with the BLM a little and understands. Mr. Burt commented that the properties can be used for events and recreation purposes.

Mr. Burt stated he had Betty (Admin) draft a form. Erik Latin (Developer) is going to move forward with the fifty-five acres on Jack Rabbit Estates. He was in the town two weeks ago and they dug test holes in the area. The top of the ground in that area is so hard that foundation work can't be done without it going astronomical. The sheet that was drafted is a sign in sheet for people to write their information. There will be tiny homes, singlewides, possibly doublewides, and duplexes on slab on grade. If enough of these homes go in and it looks good, there will be a second phase on the bottom side of Jack Rabbit and those homes can have foundations in them. There are some check lists and sign in sheets for those interested in leasing, renting, or buying. Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked where people could sign in. Mr. Burt stated that there are some in the town admin building, Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Tourism) has some, Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) took some, and Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) needs to get some to have at her workplace. The group working on this project would like to hold a meeting, but not with the advisory board and the people who are interested need to attend. (Clayton Homes, the builders, and others from this group will be present.) The group will go over what their intent is, what will be put in the ground for people, and what they will be looking at. Mrs. Hugill asked if there was a timeframe for when the meeting will be, Mr. Burt stated that for now names need to be sent to them so that they can set up something with him. If they decide to do it at a town meeting it will need to be posted and the advisory board members will need to be present, he will try to get more than adequate notice. Mr. Young asked if it would be a special town meeting, Mr. Burt stated that it would be a special town meeting, but no town business would be discussed. It would only be the presentation.

Mr. Young asked if the same rules would apply and if a quorum would be needed, Mr. Burt stated that no. Betty commented that would be an event that would be hosted in the meeting room. Mr. Burt stated that it would be beneficial for the board members to be present because it's town property that is being given away. They want all fifty-five acres and the five hundred thousand from the ARPA funding will be going towards this also. He mentioned that the people who own the Khoury's Grocery Stores in Elko, Spring Creek, Carlin, and Battle Mountain are funding this and if they get an "x" amount of homes in the town they will put a grocery store in Jackpot. This is something that has to be continued with.

Mr. Burt commented that the previous week he was on a Zoom conference call with the governor's office going over many issues, Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) was on it also along with some of the county commissioners. In February there will be more round table discussions regarding rural Nevada's housing work problems. He made sure to express his concerns.

He mentioned that they are moving forward with the NDEP WIIN Grant, Dire Horn was given the okay. They will be starting the water study. The state put the town 76th out 178 water systems which means that the town will be getting the funding through the water once the study is complete. The town is in the middle of the short list or kind of above it. They will be working on the grants for those and getting all that put together so when the study is done the town can get a new tank and well.

Mr. Young stated that the advisory board no longer had a co-chair. Mr. Burt stated that Bruce Ririe isn't part of the board anymore and a flyer will be sent to advertise the position. Mr. Young asked if the position needed to be filled before choosing a co-chair. Mr. Burt stated that they didn't have to wait, and that Mr. Young could have the co-chair position if he wanted to, since Monique is still young. It would be best for the board to wait to have a fifth member, so that the decision can be made by everybody. There is a position available to sit on the advisory board and his recommendation is to wait until there are five members to assign the co-chair.

Chairperson Monica Burt mentioned that she was part of the governor's meeting also and some parts of it seemed like a political statement. Mrs. Hugill stated that people didn't understand the problems that the town has with the land. It looks nice on paper. The people on the conference call didn't understand how some of the properties are owned by GLPI, and yes there are lots available but can't be purchased. Chairperson Burt commented that there are also problems with getting GLPI to respond. The people on the conference call kept saying that there is lots of land available and the only thing needed to do is to get builders, but that's another issue. The town can't get anybody to come do the work. Mrs. Hugill stated that hopefully in the next sit down they can get them to understand. She mentioned that there was talk about opening the border so that people from Idaho can do contract work in the town. Chairperson Burt stated that they would like to convince them to do an executive order or emergency order from the governor's office or an exception, anything because it's frustrating. Mr. Young commented that it sounds like they see plenty of land available for somebody to buy and build, but they don't understand that even if they buy it the town can't get anybody to build anything. Chairperson Burt mentioned that the other issue is that properties are tied up. Mrs. Hugill stated that hopefully they could have everything together when they have the meeting because it helps to have everybody together. Robby Seal (Mud races) asked if they would be opening the license so that people licensed in Idaho would be able to work in the town. Chairperson Burt stated that they are trying, and Mr. Young commented that this is what they hope can be done.

Mr. Burt stated that they are trying to get contractors in Idaho and Utah right now to be a part of a study because they want to know why many Idaho and Utah contractors are dropping their Nevada license or not going after them. This was expressed in the meeting, and it was detailed why they are not. There is talk for an executive order roughly a year or two to go ahead and see if they can allow or will make the exception and allow contractors that are licensed in those two states to go into border towns. The town can't get Elko contractors to do work in the town either. If Elko does make it to the town since they are a couple of hours away, they want to charge five to eight hundred dollars just for travel. Twin Falls is a lot closer and most subcontractors that the town works with are out of Idaho. There is still discussion around this and if there is anybody who would like to be a part of the study through the governor's office than give him their information and he will get them on the list. There are Idaho and Utah contractors that want to do the work, but they can't afford ten thousand dollars, three days of testing, and anything else that is involved. There may be fees waived, he doesn't know. The state of Nevada from what he's being told since he's never taken the test himself, an electrician must have concrete knowledge in the testing, underground experience, or knowledge in that license, it's a full license. If somebody is specialized in concrete that person will get a Nevada contractor's license just for concrete work, it won't be broken down. This is some of the discussion that is happening. Mrs. Hugill stated that this will be a good thing.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

NON ACTION ITEM

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No Comments.

ADJOURN

ACTION ITEM

Motion: Jeff Young moved to adjourn, seconded by Teresa Hugill. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Monica Burt
Jeff Young
Teresa Hugill

Nay:

Absent: Monique Gollihar

Abstain:

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.