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**JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

THURSDAY, May 26, 2020

1:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Jackpot Advisory Board was called to order by Chairwoman Hugill at 3:30 pm mountain standard time on May 26, 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: Ed Klomp

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Public Works Superintendent
Brian Hugill, Jackpot Fire Department
Beth Lamb, Jackpot Recreation Center
Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Tourism Director
Tara Norris, Jackpot Event Coordinator

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.

A. Planning for the Town of Jackpot.

ACTION ITEM

Chairwoman Hugill stated that the meeting would be about the different departments budgets and where the reductions could be done.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that the meeting is about town issues and there are some people who are present who have some responsibilities with the town. He commented that he's had to go over the budgets because at the budget meeting with the county the town was informed of a one hundred thousand dollar reduction to the general fund. He thinks there was a seventy thousand dollar reduction for the recreation fund and now there needs to be more reductions done to the other departments.

Chairwoman Hugill asked if the packet with the departments budget information had the reductions on them already.

Mr. Burt stated that no, but he's got a master copy from which he's already done decreases, but he wants to discuss them with the advisory board. He commented that they would look at each department one at a time.

The department name is on the left side of the page along with the funds allocated to Jackpot with the funds that are requested every year. The last column in the middle where it says 2020 is the amount that the town will be getting, but at the top there is a highlighted number which is the minimum amount that needs to be reduced from the budget.

Jackpot Buildings & Grounds

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that he asked for an increase in the line items for power and heating, but he didn't get the approval for the increase. The heating line item is currently three thousand dollars negative. As the year progresses the county will be reviewing this line item. The county didn't cut his budgets, nor does he have to take ten percent off of it, but they will be reviewing it if more funds are needed.

He commented that under facility repair/maintenance he reduced five thousand dollars from that line item. This department takes care of the senior center building, airport, bathrooms, fire department to an extent, some of the public works building and all other buildings that are owned by the town. On the packet it shows the amount \$11,906.00 in that line item as the amount left over with half of the year gone, but that number isn't correct. He doesn't know the current amount.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if the amount for power for \$13,624.00 and heating for \$7,027.00 were also the remaining funds in each line item for the rest of the year.

Mr. Burt stated that yes, but those numbers aren't right either.

He commented that heating is almost four thousand dollars negative and he thinks there are only three hundred dollars left in the power line item.

The trash building, public works, all the streetlights, airport, and the senior center are all powered through this account. The heating line item is for the sewer, public works, and the airport.

He stated that his reduction isn't under the of \$6,567.00 mark, but it there are other reductions in other departments.

Mrs. Burt asked if he would be trying to take the reduction needed from other departments to reach the mark of \$6,567.00.

He stated that she was correct. He looked through some of the expenditures from the previous year and there was close to ten thousand dollars that was spent in this budget that were one time purchases.

Jackpot Town

Mr. Burt stated that \$9,750.00 needed to be reduced from the budget, in reviewing this on May 18 from the budget and not knowing how close his budget is to Maria Salas's (Jackpot Town Clerk) budget he couldn't take all of it out, so he took \$2,000.00 from the donation fees which is the money used for events. He took \$1,000.00 from travel expenses, \$500.00 from office supplies, and \$1,000.00 from operating supplies. The total reduction is for \$4,500.00.

There is \$3,900.00 that was used from this budget the previous year that won't be used this year from expenditures because it was a onetime purchase.

He mentioned that the town usually gives the Jackpot Jam \$2,500.00 every year from this budget and his recommendation is not to do it. This is something that is usually included in the agenda as an action item for the advisory board to vote on, so this will be their decision at that time.

Tara Norris (Event Coordinator) commented that the person in charge of the Jackpot Jam wanted to do it on Fourth of July.

Mr. Burt mentioned that he didn't think there would be an event for the Fourth of July.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked what the funds were used for in the Jackpot Jam.

Mr. Burt stated that those funds paid for the musicians.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that it paid their gas and rooms.

Mrs. Burt stated that since there wouldn't be a Fourth of July event those \$2,500.00 dollars wouldn't need to be used.

Mr. Burt commented that by reducing those \$2,500.00 dollars also it would be a total reduction from that account of \$6,000 or \$7,000.00 dollars.

Jackpot Public Health

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that a couple years ago the town had ten thousand dollars in this account for many years and they decided to remove those funds, but later on they added some funds back to this account to help with the siding and other things. The reduction that needs to be made to this department is \$670.00 dollars.

The amount shown on the packet of \$6,700.00 dollars was for the siding which only totaled to \$3,000.00 dollars because this is the amount the town was going to help with. This was a onetime purchase. He reduced this budget by \$3,700.00 dollars.

Chairwoman Teresa Hugill and Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that it was okay.

Mrs. Burt asked if more funds needed to be reduced.

Mr. Burt stated that no, the account would have \$3,000.00 dollars and this would be used to help with the ramp repair and fixing their deck once they ask for funds for these projects. This is what the funds are set for but depending on what the state and the county has the town do, eventually this clinic would be doing testing. This account will have those funds available to be used.

Jackpot Public Works

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that the requested reduction amount for this department is \$7,990.00 dollars. He commented that since they will be having more webinars with some travel and training, he decided to reduce the travel and training funds for a combined total of \$2,400.00 dollars. The office supplies line item is being reduced to \$500.00, but there are only \$89.00 dollars left so costs from this line item need be more monitored.

He commented that this department isn't just for the public works building, it includes the operation of the town. The line item for operating supplies and expenses has a base budget of \$20,000.00 dollars and he reduced it by \$3,000.00 dollars. In the auto repair/maintenance line item the base budget is \$5,000.00 dollars and he reduced it by \$1,000.00 dollars. In equipment repair/maintenance he reduced that line item by \$2,000.00 and normally the base budget is \$10,000.00. In building repair, the base budget is \$4,000.00 and he reduced it by \$1,000.00. In tools and equipment, the base budget is \$9,000.00 dollars and he reduced it by \$2,000.00 dollars.

The total amount reduced in the public works department is \$11,900.00 dollars.

Paved Streets

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that the requested reduction amount for this account is \$2,300.00 dollars. The only line item he can reduce in this department is construction materials because he is hoping to get by with the salt and sand that they have left from the previous year. He reduced this account by \$4,000.00 dollars from the \$20,000.00 dollars. This line item is used to purchase the crack seal, oils, paints, signages, and other supplies.

He didn't reduce anything from the line item operating and expenses because their equipment breaks down constantly due to the heat and other issues.

The total amount reduced in the paved streets department is \$4,000.00 dollars.

Airport

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that the requested reduction amount for this department is \$7,282.00 dollars.

The legal/professional services and the casualty insurance need to be included because those are mandates. The FAA is funding the airport project one hundred percent, so he was about to remove \$15,000.00 dollars. The travel line item is mainly for him to attend conferences and he may not be attending a conference, so he reduced \$150.00 dollars from that line item. He didn't reduce anything from the operating supplies/expenses. The airport needs a lot of money to operate.

The total amount reduced in the airport department is \$15,150.00 dollars.

Golf Course

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that the requested reduction amount for this department is \$1,500 dollars. He commented that Elko has already reduced this account by \$1,500 dollars.

The total amount left in the golf course department is \$13,500.00 dollars.

Parks and Recreation

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that the requested reduction amount for this department is \$6,050 dollars. This department includes the parks, soccer field, baseball field, and any other park.

He commented that the town pays the golf course \$15,000.00 dollars to mow the parks per year. The specialty supplies line item is used for the fireworks, a new piece of playground equipment, or trees. He reduced this line item by \$2,500.00 dollars. The reason he left \$40,000.00 dollars in this account is because he thinks it would be a good idea to have a firework show for the Fourth of July.

Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) commented that it needs to be done because it would be a good moral for everybody.

Mr. Burt stated that it is the idea, since there won't be a parade or the usual event that is done. The other reason there is extra funds is so that there are funds for the Christmas fireworks which are \$5,000.00 dollars in case that event does happen.

He reduced the equipment repair/maintenance line item by \$1,000.00 dollars. He didn't make the reduction amount in this department because there were only \$3,500.00 dollars reduced.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if the public works department could start mowing the parks instead of paying the golf course.

Mr. Burt stated that there is a contract with the county and Brent Fleshman (Golf Course) that hasn't expired, so they have to wait.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked something regarding the \$15,000.00 dollars being paid to the golf course. (Can't quite be heard on the recorder)

Mr. Burt stated that one thing they were discussing is that the town buys the mowers. The mowers belong to the county and the town, so they would work an arrangement that instead of paying the \$15,000.00 dollars the guys would go to the golf course one day and get the mowers to mow the parks on their own, but since it's under contract still they can't do anything.

Tourism

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that the requested reduction amount for this department is \$200.00 dollars.

He removed \$300.00 dollars from each of the line items in this department.

The total amount reduced in the tourism department is \$600.00 dollars.

Jackpot Solid Waste

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that the requested reduction amount for this department is \$7,500.00 dollars.

He asked Maria Salas (Town Clerk) to look at the current budget for the landfill line item. He stated that this is the only money that is for the transfer station. Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if he didn't have to pay for casualty insurance to which Mr. Burt stated that no.

Chairwoman Teresa Hugill asked about a line item for power. Mr. Burt stated that the power was funded by a line item in buildings and grounds.

The town clerk stated that the original budget for the landfill line item is \$95,000.00 dollars, but the current remaining balance in the account is \$9,760.70 dollars. This money is used to pay Solid Waste to pick up the trailers. He increased this line item, but it will be reviewed again. He can't make any reductions to this line item.

Mrs. Burt asked if Solid Waste increased their prices.

Mr. Burt stated that yes. Mrs. Burt asked if the town needed to look at increasing the bill.

Mr. Burt commented that the increase in price is the reason that the account was increased to \$95,000.00 dollars instead of the \$75,000.00 dollars. There can't be a reduction in this line item.

Sewer

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that the requested reduction amount for this department is \$8,000.00 dollars.

He stated that he couldn't reduce anything from legal/professional services or casualty insurance. He had originally asked for an increase in the line item for power which didn't get approved. He took \$5,000.00 dollars from the miscellaneous account, he took \$5,000.00 dollars out of \$25,000.00 from operating supplies, and \$2,000.00 from facility repair/maintenance.

The total amount reduced in the tourism department is \$12,000.00 dollars.

Jackpot Water

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that the requested reduction amount for this department is \$10,120.00 dollars.

He stated that he reduced the miscellaneous account by \$2,200.00 dollars, \$8,000.00 dollars were reduced from operating supplies, and \$2,000.00 dollars from facility repair/maintenance.

The total amount reduced in the tourism department is \$12,200.00 dollars.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if the \$34,000.00 dollars in the line item for power only included the wells. Mr. Burt stated that yes, it's for the three wells that they operate.

Jackpot Recreation Center

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that the requested reduction amount for this department is \$18,894.00 dollars.

He stated that no changes were made to the line items contractual, casualty insurance, and cost allocation which is paid to Elko County for managing. He reduced the telephone/telegraph line item by \$600.00 dollars.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked why the cost was so high for the telephones and asked if it included internet.

Mr. Burt asked Beth Lamb (Jackpot Recreation Center) if she knew the base budget for the telephone line item.

Mrs. Burt commented that the budget amount is for a year, but she would like to know the monthly cost.

Ms. Lamb stated that there are two phone lines and one of the lines \$156.00 dollars and the other \$54.00 dollars.

Mrs. Burt commented that she thought they charged a rate like theirs which is just one line.

Travis Hartman (Public Works Technician) mentioned that there are two phone lines and internet at the recreation center.

Chairwoman Teresa Hugill asked if one of the lines would be removed.

Mr. Burt stated that both lines would remain. He asked the town clerk for the remaining balance in the telephone line item, she stated that it was \$582.10 dollars. He mentioned that this line item would need to be reviewed closer to the middle of the year. He didn't change anything for the line items for power and heating. He removed \$500.00 dollars from the travel line item, because he, Ms. Lamb, and Mr. Hartman will have to attend a conference when it's time. He didn't change anything to the office supplies line item. He removed \$2,500.00 dollars from operating supplies/expenses. The special supplies line item had no changes made to it. The facility repair/maintenance line item base budget is \$67,341.00 dollars and this for repairs to the building. Since the town isn't allowed to do anything over \$5,000.00 dollars as capital projects, he removed \$37,741.00 dollars from this account, leaving it with \$30,000.00 for things that need to be fixed.

The total amount reduced in the recreation center department is \$40,940.00 dollars.

Jackpot Fire

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that he wouldn't be making any reductions in this department.

Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) commented that if a reduction was needed, he understood.

Mr. Burt commented that the reason he didn't reduce anything from this department is because Elko County wanted the town to reduce \$980,000.54 dollars in total, but what he has proposed excluding the library and the fire department totals in the amount of \$118,961.00 dollars from the other departments.

He stated that the way it's supposed to work is that the money that isn't spent in the remainder of the year and is left over after clearing all the accounts will go into the general fund or recreation fund for the town of Jackpot. The money that has been reduced from the departments will also go into that fund.

The town will need to get through this coming year because the following year is where the consequences will be seen because we're already a quarter down on tourism and revenue for the town. The money reduced and the money taken from the general fund at the budget meeting will be in those general funds to carry the town the following year. This is how it supposed to work.

He reiterated that he didn't make changes to the fire department's budget because the reductions made are over what was requested, and public safety is needed.

Jackpot Library

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that the town gives money to the Jackpot Library which this is something he just found out about himself.

He commented that he and Chairwoman Teresa Hugill have discussed this, and they have made some phone calls regarding this. He mentioned that Elko County has already reduced the requested amount of \$1,744.00 dollars.

He commented that he doesn't get budgets reports or anything on this account. This is the first time he's seen the funds that the library gets from the town. He will leave this line item alone until there is more definite answers.

Chairwoman Hugill mentioned that they were told that if this line item needed to be reduced more that they could do it.

Mr. Burt asked if anybody had questions regarding his recommendations on the budgets.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if the budgets would be reviewed through the year just like Mr. Burt mentioned, just in case departments start to run short on funds.

Mr. Burt stated that he was correct and that after July and this report is submitted the budgets will be reviewed every three months. If the trend starts increasing and there are more funds they can be used and the county will start allocating more to the town, but if the trend doesn't increase there won't be any funds. He commented that he wouldn't be requesting \$120,000.00 dollars the following year unless there is a catastrophe in the town. It will basically be \$220,00.00 dollars that will be put away.

Mr. Ririe asked if the funds would be from the general funds that are being set aside when budgets are reviewed.

Mr. Burt stated that yes, because the money after July that is generated by the town won't be available until 2022 along with the money that is being set aside.

He mentioned that he made many reductions to the Beth Lamb's (Jackpot Recreation Center) department and this would be discussed in further detail. He commented that if there is an issue funds can be allocated from the \$37,000.00 dollars that are set aside. It would be best to try and not use those funds and use the resources available.

Vice-Chairman Shawn Mathis asked if these funds could be used for any department.

Mr. Burt stated that no, those funds are solely for the recreation department. The money set aside from the other departments will go into the general fund and those can be used wherever. He commented that Beth's department, tourism, golf course, and library are all from the recreation fund. He commented that at the budget meeting earlier in the month the only funds available in the recreation fund were \$17,000.00 dollars. The rest of the funds are in the general fund, which funds everything else.

Therese Dimmitt (Tourism Director) asked if the recreation fund and the tourism recreation fund were two different funds.

Mr. Burt stated that yes. He stated that the Beth's department, tourism, golf course, and library are all funded through the tourism room tax.

The general fund is funded through property taxes and state allocated funds.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that a portion of the room tax does go to the tourism department that manages the funds for the towns to use in marketing.

Mr. Burt stated that that the funds generated in the room tax are sent to the state, the state than sends a percentage of those funds to Elko County who then gives the town a percentage. He mentioned that last year there was \$95 or \$98 thousand dollars that the town could work with out of the budgets for the recreation fund. This year there were only \$17,000.00 dollars because they had to pull \$70,000.00 dollars right away to carry those funds for next year.

This is also the same process for the general fund after everything was submitted to the state and Elko the town gets a percentage of the fuel and sales tax. This funds public works, streets, and some of the airport.

The water, sewer, and solid waste are enterprise funds are generated by the utility bills from the town.

Mrs. Dimmitt commented that the tourism department for the town has funds and was wondering if those could be used.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that those funds were separate and can't be transferred.

Mr. Burt mentioned that the public safety is needed. He thinks that when things start opening up there will be a few sick people and Brian Hugill's department needs to have the funds for PPE and to make sure everything is operating well. This is the reason why no reductions were made to his budget.

Mr. Hugill stated that the appreciated this and if there is a need to reduce things, he has looked at a few things where those reductions can be made. The problem that this department is having is that every time they leave the town on a call into the county, they get paid, but unfortunately, they haven't seen any funds or accounting on this. The town also pays a fire tax and there is no record of where those funds go to.

He commented that the AS400 program should show an accounting of every time they attend a car accident or medical outside of Jackpot. They used to get a check from Nevada Division of Forestry, and they would send that check to Elko and when Kathy Long was there, she would attach it to the earnings, so they were recuperating the money spent. He has a fuel card for the county when they go on a call south of the town. He's asked about the other funds but hasn't been given an answer. He hasn't seen the monies earned this year including wildland fires in the county, and the town is paying for when they go out on the wildland fires.

This wasn't like this all the time because they used to get paid by the state of Nevada to go on a wildland fire call.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that the town is paying for them to go on the fire calls and not the state.

Mr. Hugill stated that yes, but they should be getting reimbursed and he hasn't seen those reimbursements. She asked if they have seen reimbursements for the medical calls or wreck calls.

Mr. Hugill stated that he's not saying those funds aren't there, but he hasn't seen them, and he's requested that information. He wonders what happened to the \$88,000.00 dollars last year or paperwork on the fire tax being added back into the general fund last year.

Mr. Burt commented that this is all public information.

Chairwoman Hugill asked if the person to talk about it would be Susan Paprocki (Elko County Comptroller).

Mr. Burt stated that yes. He asked if there were any questions.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that she would like to know the revenue from the room tax for the months January through March because it was a slow time for the casinos. In the middle of March until now there is nothing. She is thinking that it's basically six months of no funds.

Mr. Burt stated that those funds would be from the recreation fund and there is nothing. The only funds available would be the room tax from the West Star. She would like to know the amount.

Mrs. Dimmitt commented that she would make a call to Elko about this.

Mrs. Burt stated that she is curious how much money the town has made this year because it will be affecting the town the following year.

Mr. Burt commented that this is the reason for the reductions in the budgets to help for the following year. The only things missing from the reports are the staff wages.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that they aren't asking for wages to be reduced.

Mr. Burt stated that the wages can't be reduced, so this is why there isn't a report. He thinks that if the trend continues for a while there will be staff cuts because with people home on stimulus money rent and other things will hurt the general fund. He commented that there is a lot of monies being left for next year and once those funds clear the accounts and there is monies left over those will be rolled over to the following year.

Jackpot Recreation Center Cont.

Mrs. Burt asked if there were only \$17,000.00 dollars in the recreation fund.

Mr. Burt stated that out of the preliminary budget by the time all the cost, wages, and all the line items in the recreation department there will only be \$17,000.00 dollars. This includes all the expenditures, requests, and all the things that are needed to operate this department this amount is what was left. They also took \$65 or \$70 thousand dollars at the very beginning to transfer for the following year.

Mrs. Burt asked if there aren't enough funds to continue operating it the following year.

Mr. Burt asked everybody to look at the recreation center department sheet. In the 2020/2021 base budget there are the expenditures that have been taken off of what has been made. When the recreation budget was released there was an amount minus all the expenditures of the budget requests, payroll, parks and recreation, and the \$70,000.00 dollars for the following year there were only \$17,000.00 dollars left. He doesn't have the budget paperwork from the last meeting which had the break down.

The jackpot recreation fund got \$350,000.00 dollars from room tax, charges from room services was \$10,000.00 dollars, and a transfer into the fund from various donations there were only \$410,000.00 dollars in the recreation fund to work with the previous year. This gave the town a 6.55 percent increase from the previous year. He stated that after the total expenditures of what it cost to operate these general budgets and payroll the cost was \$469,000.00 dollars. The town was up .088 percent from the following year.

He apologized for giving the wrong amount of how much was initially taken out to be saved for the following year, instead of it being \$70,000.00 dollars the correct amount is \$80,000.00 dollars. These monies will be used for the following year along with any room tax to cover all the expenditures. There is a whole quarter of no room tax.

Mrs. Burt commented that there are six months left if the casinos open up again, but there may not be a lot of people visiting.

Mr. Burt stated that nobody knows how it's all going to work because there may not be people visiting the town for years. The \$80,000.00 dollars that have been set aside plus all the expenditure costs the projected amount for the recreation fund is \$17,000.00 dollars. There will be a ten percent off of that and it will increase the \$17,000.00 dollars, but it's not enough to carry this department throughout the year, so if there isn't a huge influx in the motel and tourism in the town there may not be funding the following year to keep the parks, recreation center, or senior center open.

This is the reason he is making the reductions now to see what they will be getting the following year to make things work without losing staff or facilities.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that one of the casinos is projecting 24 percent occupancy for the next three months which is down fifty percent. He thinks that it's great that the reductions are being made to get ahead.

Mrs. Dimmitt asked how hard she would like for the town leaders to market the town once the governor says it's okay to open businesses in the town.

Mr. Burt stated that it depends on many factors. He commented that he recommends that she saves the funds for the following year.

Mrs. Dimmitt stated that her budget hasn't been reduced.

Mr. Burt commented that the normal amount after the two years will be \$30,000.00 dollars and if those funds aren't generated than there won't be any funds, so she needs to save monies because the town won't be able to help pay for things. He commented that he would only promote what the town can handle, but nobody knows. The casino that is only projecting 24 percent can only have 50 percent capacity and it's already down.

He recommends that she talks to some board members and see the best way to market things, especially because they will want to promote the town in the future also.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that for next months she would like to have meetings once a week to talk about things going on.

He commented that along with his public works technicians they have looked at costs that can be reduced. The fuel cost went up and so the guys will be riding the buggies more than their trucks and they will be carpooling. In the last years they were able to purchase things to make their jobs easier and now they will work with what they got.

Travis Hartman commented that he was glad services were done on the equipment this last year.

Mrs. Burt asked if they wanted to revisit this item in the next three months or sooner because once the town opens, they will be able to see how much revenue there is and if more reductions will need to be made.

Mr. Burt suggests that once a month they should meet and review the items.

Mrs. Burt commented that maybe it could be included in the monthly advisory board meetings.

Mr. Burt stated that a line item could be included. The concern he has is that businesses will open up and people will get sick. The town is lucky because since March there hasn't been a case in the town.

He mentioned that an item that they have been discussing and it has nothing to do against Beth Lamb (Jackpot Recreation Center), but he, Mrs. Burt, and Chairwoman Hugill have discussed is that it costs the town roughly \$120,000.00 dollars a year to keep the water in the pool.

The idea is to shut down the pool and not permanently, so that money can be saved for when it can be opened again there will be a building and a pool. This is a huge cost for the town and it's the town's decision and not his. This was presented and needs to be discussed to see what they would like to do.

Mr. Ririe asked if the \$120,000.00 dollars were for the chemicals, power, and heat.

Mrs. Burt commented that the power and heating are \$50,000.00 dollars.

Mr. Burt stated that the town wouldn't lose \$50,000.00 dollars, but there would be a reduction. There are three units that need to operate, water heaters, and the front half of the building would be utilized.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that it would be utilized with all the precautions and safety measures needed such as distancing, masks, and sanitation.

Mrs. Burt commented that the equipment would need to be spread out.

Mr. Burt stated that he and Ms. Lamb talked about this and way that the equipment is placed is fine for now. If the equipment needs to be moved, they will do it. They will also have funds available to buy other equipment once more than ten people are allowed. There are huge savings by shutting down the dectron unit which is a big cost and the heaters.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that by saving those funds now there will be funds available at a later time and the town won't be struggling when they open it back.

Mr. Burt stated that when they start seeing funds and can justify the re-opening of it, they can do it without an issue. This is just to have to get by these next years.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that they could also revisit this item.

Mr. Burt stated that she was correct and that in six months if things look like they are going back to normal than they just re-open it. The funds will still be in the account, he's not taking them out of the recreation center. For example, in December if there are funds to open the pool there will be a higher cost to activate it, but the money will be there.

He commented that the money saved from the recreation fund if it stayed there until the following year would roll into the following year to keep that building operating and staffed with two people.

Ms. Lamb does have funds in other departments, and they talked about this is in the morning; they could get good outdoor equipment to compensate for not having a pool once people can start going out more.

They will save a lot of money with that pool being closed off. This something that has been discussed.

Mr. Ririe asked if there was an impact in leaving the concrete of the pool dry.

Mr. Hartman stated that it would be fine as long as people stay out of it.

Mr. Burt stated that if they start seeing cracks, they would repair those. He commented that if it's shut down for a year or a period of time there will be issues, but funds will be available to deal with those issues as they arise.

Mrs. Burt asked if anybody knew if Elko had the same issues.

Mr. Burt stated that Elko's pool is funded the same way, but they have a bigger population to draw from. He mentioned that he honestly doesn't know what Elko or Wells, or other communities are doing, but the way our communities center is funded there is either shutting it down or leave it the way it is and see if things go back to normal. At this time there is nobody allowed to be in the pool, and it has been using heat since March.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that it has been using heat and it can't be used.

Mr. Burt stated that this something that can be discussed once they start evaluating the economy. He reiterated that it's a town issue and not his.

Mr. Ririe commented that it's a large piece of funding.

Tara Norris (Event Coordinator) asked if the heater along with other things could be turned off and the water left in the pool.

Shawn Mathis (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that it couldn't be left like that because the water will need to circulate and have chemicals added so it doesn't turn green or start doing bad things.

Mr. Burt stated that other services from different departments would be affected and not just the recreation center. There will be services in his departments and others that he will be getting rid of and they will start doing those services themselves.

Mrs. Dimmitt commented that she thought the transfer station was a free service.

Mr. Burt stated that it's not. She is just not seeing a bill for it because it's included in her rent.

Mrs. Burt commented that for homeowners in the town the bill is \$48.00 dollars per month.

Mr. Burt mentioned that before the Coronavirus pandemic started there was a discussion about raising the utility rates. It needs to be done, but it can't now until people start going back to work. He mentioned that there are funds for projects that his department was going to do, but those funds will be saved for the following year because capital projects can't be done.

Mrs. Burt commented that the state of Nevada is in phase one and the governor is supposed to announce phase two, but from her understanding casinos aren't opening until phase three or four. She stated that what he says in his announcement at 5:30 pm could affect this.

She asked if they should wait and make this decision the following month based on what is said in the conference.

Mr. Burt stated that it's a town issue.

Mrs. Burt commented that this is something that she is thinking about because the governor could say that things can open again. She doesn't know if Penn Gaming will also open.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that she's heard that Penn Gaming is having the same problems that the town is having.

Mrs. Burt commented that this could also be an issue because there may not be enough money from the room tax.

Beth Lamb (Jackpot Recreation Center) stated that whatever we decide, she's already had calls

from Wells because she certifies lifeguards from there and Nat-Soo-Pah, so she would have to make arrangements for that. She's got two swim meets this year that she would need to make arrangements for.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that they aren't making the money to do these things and that's the problem.

Ms. Lamb stated that she was right.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that if funds could be made off of Ms. Lamb doing all these things it would be awesome, but that's not how it will work.

Ms. Lamb mentioned that she does get some money, but yeah not enough.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that yeah, but not enough to keep the pool operating. Ms. Lamb

Ms. Lamb commented that she just needs to know what the plan will be.

Mrs. Burt asked if the operating cost of the pool is \$180,000.00 dollars a year, but she realized that this is the budget for the entire recreation center department.

Mr. Ririe commented that they discussed meeting weekly or every other week, but he got a notification from a meeting that resulted from another meeting and there is a definite possibility of casinos in Nevada being allowed to open with many restrictions in phase two.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that maybe doing another meeting the following Tuesday on this item would be better because they could have more answers. She asked Mrs. Lamb if that timeframe would be too late.

Ms. Lamb stated that no, it would be fine because she's got a couple months. She just needs to let ????, whatever the town does Wells will open up or we'll find out after the conference tonight too.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that they may need to wait until after the governor speaks. She stated that she thinks their needs to be a meeting on Tuesday, if it's a good day for everybody. This way they could discuss this item, that way they will have more answers.

Mrs. Burt mentioned that the governor has been vague that last several times and if this time is just like those times the board will have to

Chairwoman Hugill stated that they would have make some cuts and they don't have a choice, Mrs. Burt agreed. Chairwoman Hugill commented that this would give them more answers to other things.

Mrs. Burt commented that it seems hopefully on what he will be saying by what people have been saying.

Ms. Norris mentioned that in a vague conversation the governor said June 4th for casinos opening, but today's conference will have the official date.

Mr. Ririe commented that Nevada gaming met with the state today, so many things are happening.

Mrs. Burt mentioned that they will also need to know the restrictions.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that we won't know how the town is going to react to people coming into the town and the town may run into a problem.

Mrs. Burt commented that this could be a problem or that people won't be traveling because of fear of Covid or lack of money since some people couldn't get unemployment.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that these casinos are only bringing back so many employees and there may be the issue of employees leaving.

Mrs. Burt mentioned that casinos in Las Vegas are reducing staff by a third or not opening some casinos at all.

Mr. Ririe stated that there will be services that won't be offered for the time being.

Mrs. Burt commented that many people come to the town for the buffet at Cactus or Barton's and nobody knows if there will be a buffet.

Ms. Norris stated that Barton's would only be having their restaurant open, but not their buffet.

Motion: Bruce Ririe made a motion to recommend the budget cuts presented by Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) and to table any further decision on the recreation center until the following Tuesday, seconded by Monica Burt. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Teresa Hugill
Shawn Mathis
Bruce Ririe
Monica Burt

Nay:

Absent: Ed Klomp

Abstain:

Chairwoman Hugill stated that the meeting would be on Tuesday and asked if the same time of 1:30 pm worked for everybody. She asked the clerk to make an agenda.

Mr. Burt commented that they would be having meetings the following weeks because there would also be an advisory board meeting in that month.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that she knows and thinks it's a good idea to keep everybody aware of what is going on, so everybody is on the same page concerning any news.

It has been brought to her attention that a reporter is asking questions and she is asking that nobody say much to him, please, because a lot of time they aren't on the same page. She asks that Mr. Burt and herself are the only ones that talk to a reporter at this time.

Ms. Lamb commented that the reporter texted her a while ago that he left to Twin, but he wants to talk to somebody.

Mrs. Dimmitt mentioned that she had a meeting scheduled with this reporter the following morning because she wouldn't talk to him today.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that she didn't want Mrs. Dimmitt talking to him and to let her or Shawn handle it. They don't even know what is going on or what the governor will be saying, so they don't want to say something they will regret. She prefers that her or Mr. Burt talk to him.

Mrs. Burt commented that they thought the last news report was going to be positive and it was a mess.

Mrs. Dimmitt stated that from her understanding he just wants to talk about tourism.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that it doesn't work that way and it was a mess the last time they did a report. She asked Mrs. Dimmitt to cancel and to have him give Chairwoman Hugill or Mr. Burt a call to set something up.

Mr. Burt mentioned that in a community, especially in a government community there is one person who is the designated spokesperson and Mrs. Dimmitt isn't allowed to set any appointments with the press. She needs to get ahold of Chairwoman Hugill if its town related or if it's county related it would be hm, than if either one of them allow it she can set it up.

Mrs. Dimmitt stated that it happened in this matter. Chairwoman Hugill commented that she had her set a time with the press on Wednesday or Thursday.

Mr. Burt stated that no commitment should be made to the press.

Mrs. Dimmitt stated that she would cancel the appointment and would give him Mr. Burts and Chairwoman Hugill's contact information.

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No Comments.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.