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TOPIC

Golf Course, Selling, Information, Figures

The purpose of the meeting was to dispel rumors and provide accurate information about the golf course. It was clarified that the golf course is not being sold, rented, or closed down. The attendees were asked to sign up on a list and provide their email addresses to receive information about the costs of running the course. Suggestions for improvements were also welcomed. It was mentioned that a website will be established to provide information. The goal is to maintain and improve the golf course for the community. The speaker emphasized that everyone pays for the golf course and wants it to continue operating.

Potential Actions

Collect the figures on the golf course operations and share them with the public.

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Establish a website to make information about the golf course available.

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Request attendees to sign up on a list and provide their email address to receive updates on the golf course.

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Encourage attendees to provide suggestions for improvements to the MRI D and the golf course.

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Address any concerns or misinformation about the potential sale or closure of the golf course.

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TOPIC

Golf Course Improvement, Course Maintenance, Financial Reports, Consultants

The speaker, Charlie, discusses the need to improve the golf course and suggests bringing in experts and professionals for assessments and enhancements. He denies shutting down the golf course and emphasizes the importance of accurate financial figures. The speaker addresses concerns about previous financial reports and discusses changes in the commissioner structure. He mentions plans to consult with other golf courses and invites input from golfers and professionals. The meeting focuses on dispelling rumors, clarifying misconceptions, and preserving the golf course. City council members express commitment to improving the golf course and preserving other amenities. Funding and effective communication are also discussed. The meeting concludes with the announcement of future discussions and the renewal of a consultant's contract.

Potential Actions

Bring in experts to assess the course and propose ways to improve it.

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Reach out to professional golfers or individuals with experience in operating a quality golf course for consultation.

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Gather information on operations and costs from other golf courses in the area.

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Determine the cost and responsibilities of hiring a turf consultant and communicate the figures transparently.

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Continue collecting information and input from stakeholders to make informed decisions about the budget and course management.

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Speaker 1

Wanted you to come here because we wanted to put information out to people because there's a lot of bad information out there. so let me start with the first reason why we're having the meeting. We want everybody to know the golf course is not going to be sold. I don't have a buyer for the golf course. There is no intention of selling this golf course.

The golf course isn't gonna be rented and the golf course is not gonna be closed down and whoever tells you that is not telling you the truth, ok. That's a lie. And I've seen it all over the internet. People have posted that I'm closing down the golf course. I'm not Mr Edwards.

Speaker 1, Speaker 3

Well, Mr lied to me yesterday.

Speaker 2, Speaker 4

When two hours after he fired Jeff Klein, you're gonna tell me he was gonna have a golf course, a jet, you're gonna get, you're gonna

Speaker 1

wait a second. This, this isn't this kind of a discussion. This is to provide you with information so that you know the truth and the truth is the golf course is not being sold. That's a fact, no matter what you see

and what you hear that's a fact. So not selling the golf course means that why are we here? The reason we're here, the reason we replace the commissioners and the judge put us here and actually I put us here with the authority as the mayor is to collect the figures on the golf

course that we can share with you. So, you know, exactly what it costs to run the course because I don't know. And a lot of other people do not know what it takes to run the golf course. We're going to collect those figures and we're going to publish those figures publicly to each and every one of you. There's a list going around.

So if you sign up on that list and you give us an email when we come up with the figures, when we come up with the monthly stuff, we will email it directly to you. So you can be directly informed of what we see and what is going on. I'm not taking any questions right now. I don't blame you.

Speaker 5, Speaker 1

Well, I've been giving you, I'm going,

Speaker 5

I will anyway.

Speaker 1

So that's the purpose of the meeting. We'd really like you to sign the sheet. So we have your email and we will get you the information as soon as that we have that information. oh, and then the other thing is, we'd appreciate it if you have suggestions. If you have things that you wanna see changed about the MRI D, about the golf course, about anything like that.

We'd appreciate it if you would write that down and give it to us, come up and talk to Charlie when he's here. Now. Right now, we don't have a website. We are gonna establish a website. So information will be available. and that's kind of what I have to say. That's the purpose of asking you here tonight to end this whole idea that nobody's selling the golf course, nobody's shutting the golf course down. The golf course is gonna keep functioning exactly the way it's been functioning.

And the goal is to make the course better for each and every one of you here. Now, you can laugh and giggle and whatever because I know there's a whole group of dissension. But the truth is you all pay for this golf course and everybody else pays for this golf course. Everybody that lives here does. Nobody wants to see it shut down and nobody's gonna make it go away. Now, that's the facts. All right. So Charlie, what would you like to say to these people?

Speaker 4

Well, I don't know a lot of you, some, some of the faces are familiar but, it's absolutely not my intention to shut the course down in any fashion as well. I own a home here and I, I prized by property values like everybody else here does. And I think the course needs to look better than it looks now you'll get to ask questions during a minute. I guarantee it. How do you suggest it's gonna look better than it is now?

Speaker 1

Well, one of the goals I think is to bring in as many people as we can to actually look at the course and come up with ways to actually make it better. We have a person that came in that deals with chemicals and he was looking at stuff that was on the course. He didn't feel it should be there.

We got references from the young man that teaches golf at Salem. He gave us two names of people to call that he felt comfortable with. if you know a professional golf person or you want somebody to come in here that you think can help with the course.

Speaker 3

My son in law is a PJ professional. Ok. He would be a very good one to come in and tell you what it really costs to operate a quality golf course.

Speaker 1

That's fine.

Speaker 2, Speaker 3, Speaker 4

We be more than willing to talk with you and you would be more than willing to talk to.

Speaker 1

Yeah. And if you have suggestions, this is, you know, I hear a lot of rumbling in the background. It'd be better if you have a suggestion or you wanna help, then please do that. And if you really wanna rumble, please go outside and do that. I mean, this is not a confrontational meeting. This isn't a you know, the typical horseshoe bend. We don't like you meeting.

This is an informational meeting. We're not here to accuse people, we're not here to create problems. We're here to dispense information to you so that, you know what's going on. I mean, that's what our intentions are. Our purpose is here to get the figures and I would welcome your son or anybody else who can come here and help us with a golf course.

You know how to make money, how to make it better, how to keep it going. And we're gonna do that with everything that's involved with MRI D. We've already talked with fish and game about doing stuff

with these lakes. And we have a whole new relationship with fish and game and we're working on getting the Strawberry River property back. So we are going forward with things and there's a lot of other amenities that we wanna try to bring back and it's gonna take time to do that and it's

gonna take time to create funding sources and to figure out how to make this all go. There's no magical answers here but people criticizing each other. People calling each other names, people posting stuff on the internet. It's not true. It's not really gonna help anything in this situation.

I mean, we're willing to work with anybody to do just that make it better. You guys are the golfers, you tell us what we want. We'll do the best we can to get that incorporated and figure out how to do it.

Speaker 2, Speaker 1

I mean, simple as that got a quick, what are the reasons you got rid of the commissioner for it?

Speaker 1

Well, you know, that's another big lie. We didn't actually get rid of the commissioners. If you read the Arkansas law, what the law says is if the financial reports are not up to snuff, I have the right to appoint an administrator, which I did that replaces the board of commissioners temporarily. So we didn't get rid of the commissioners. The commissioners still exist.

They just do not have the authority to run this place and make decisions. Charlie mcdaniels does. I'm gonna help them. We have a third person as a signature person and we'll have another person that will be somewhat of a quasi board. So it's not one person making decisions. but we didn't get rid of the commissioners. Each one of those commissioners are commissioners and we've already sent a letter out to them asking for their input on everything that we do.

I mean, and we did the same thing with MS ID, which is the street commissioners, same situation David's in there now, CS ID and I see Mr Allen's here. We looked at CS ID and in the court, I dropped the, the ability to put an administrator in there. Well, I didn't do that because I had nothing else to do. I did that because CS ID is financially sound. They're doing a good job. And the people that live there have told me they're happy with the streets.

They have money in the bank. There's no reason to, to do any of what we're doing here. So the commissioners are not gone. They are still commissioners. And at the point, Charlie is no longer needed here, the commissioners will be back in as commissioners. I mean, they're still commissioners.

Speaker 3

Have you guys gone to either Cooper's Hawk or to Cherokee Village and asked them what it costs to operate the golf courses for a year's time.

Speaker 1

No, but we've talked, we've got the number of the guy that runs Cherokee Village and we're gonna actually have him come here and talk to us and we are gonna go to a lot of other golf courses in the area and other places.

Speaker 3

Sure. That's, that's correct. And you need to be doing that because I can assure you, it's like over at Cooper's hog, I know that they have eight full time maintenance people even through the ma the winner. So I know that their operation and I know they have a lot of play over there. So I know that their operation costs them a lot of money.

Speaker 1

So they're creating a new course too. I mean, they're putting a lot of money into that.

Speaker 3

That's don't you know why that is. I can tell you why it is because I know, I know the Goler, you don't wanna know what it is. It's because they want to be the number one public golf course in the state of Arkansas. And they have been. That's right. They are, they are, they have been and they want to make sure that they continue to be. It has nothing to do with money. It has to do with personal pride.

Speaker 2, Speaker 3

Did you terminate Jeff's contract yesterday?

Speaker 2

With the golf, with the golf course?

Speaker 4

The the Turk consultant, the turf consultant, the consultant part I did and he's working up another proposal for me right now and he said he would have it probably sometime next week.

Speaker 5

What would the cost be, please?

Speaker 5, Speaker 4

The cost of what the consultant?

Speaker 4

Well, since, since he hadn't given me the new proposal, I, I couldn't tell you that.

Speaker 5

So we don't know what we're paying him to consult with him.

Speaker 1, Speaker 4

We, we work, we run as consultant at this point.

Speaker 5

I understand

Speaker 1

he's drafting, he's drafting a proposal of what he would consult on and what he would charge us for it. So we don't have the figures to give you. Now, if we decide to do that, we will publish those figures, no figures are gonna be kept under the table or anywhere else. They're on the internet for you to see there.

Speaker 4

There's no secret here. As soon as we know something, we're gonna pass it along, I'm calling it the good, the bad and the ugly because that's the way it's gonna go out, whatever it is, whether it's good, bad or ugly, that's what goes out. What was he getting paid? What was he, what was his contract? I believe it was, I believe it was 4800 a year, a year. \$400 a month.

Speaker 1

That's, yeah, what you say?

Speaker 4

Does anybody else have a question? Yeah, there's a question. You had somebody to come out and looked at the course about the spraying and stuff already. If you tell us who that was or who they're with or what course they're with nec out of Jonesboro. They take care of golf course. No, they don't take care of golf courses and so they just yard maintenance, they, yard maintenance.

So if they are hired on to take care of your course, just asking, just asking that they get the contract because apparently you talked to them about it. I did and I'll be talking to a lot of other people. That's good. I mean, if they do get the contract, are they gonna be responsible for it? Say we get dollar spots on greens and you lose a green or are you gonna have to?

But I will tell you this, I told, told them in their contract, I didn't want them to touch the greens. I was talking about fairways and rough. So you might have somebody else spray your greens. we've got some qual, I understand. I understand. We've got some qualified people that we, that work directly for us. And that's what I was planning on doing on the green if, if we, we do.

But you got Jeff, the only reason I'm asking is I worked here until, while he fired me because he needed to save my reviews here. so Jeff was in consulting when I work here. What, what's your name? Billy J JJ A re TT? Ok. And Jeff was our consultant when I worked here. I'm guessing we probably spend about 60,000 a year on these chemicals when I work here. So I just see who you had that was gonna be capable of spraying it because it's a lot of spraying goes on, on the golf course.

Well, Jeff, Jeff Klein indicated to me that he, he could certainly do that. And he, that's, that's one of the proposals he's working up for him that he's one of the best friends. I mean, you can go and ask Johnny Morris if not. There he goes to their courses in Branson.

Speaker 1

Yeah. If you have people that, you know, that you feel are highly professional or people that you feel would come and help us out here or want to work here, send them us, their name, give us a console, they work for us, you know.

Speaker 2, Speaker 4

So I just wanna make sure you got people that I have a question So what's your major concern?

Speaker 2

The budget, is it, you know, decreasing it, or increasing it or?

Speaker 4

I, I don't have, or already, have you even thought about that? I, I, at this point I don't, I don't have a, a dog in this fight.

Speaker 2, Speaker 4

All I'm doing is collecting, collecting, for information and, see where it goes and when, when I get the information collected you're gonna know exactly as much as I, you'll go with what you ever, the budget is, I mean, so there's no general increase that you think it's too high or too low or?

Speaker 4

I, I don't know, I'm not a golf pro, golf pro or

Speaker 1

we need the information. We need information.

Speaker 2

Well, ok, my other question. So you don't trust the people that's been running it.

Speaker 1

I, I don't think that, wait a second, that's not a fair question to ask. We're not talking about the people that ran it. We're talking about getting accurate figures and that doesn't have anything to do with that. They've been doing well.

Speaker 2, Speaker 1

You got figures what they've been doing over the years.

Speaker 1

Ok. But the, the problem with that is the economy is totally changed, right? I mean, we're not in the Trump era. We're in a Biden era. We have inflation, we have high interest, everything costs a fortune more. So as far as that, we don't know, and we want to create the figures that are actually there. Yes.

Speaker 5

My question is this, we have been watching for years and, you know, I'm going back a long way, we have been watching the people that work at the golf course do the best job they can with the money that they have to improve. What I'm wondering is as we gather, the extremely important to them and we don't doubt that for one minute. But why would we be putting aside the information already gathered by the experts we pay and have worked here hard for many, many years.

I I'm not gonna try have allies. So what, what I'm saying is as you consider this, please bring those people together, bring them into the informative period where those who have worked here have excellent. I can share that with you in a provi your levels.

Speaker 2

Well, don't you say you gather any information? You say you're gathering information?

Speaker 2, Speaker 1

Isn't that public knowledge that could have came up here and got the same figures that you're probably gonna actually, no, that's not true.

Speaker 1

We couldn't access these figures. And when you talk about figures, if you really wanna response to that, the financial report that was filed by Ballard and Ballard and the paperworks that was filled out by the commissioners was obviously wrong. Those figures weren't correct and that's why the judge sided with me and put us here.

Speaker 2

Now, that's, that's not right.

Speaker 1

That's exactly what the ruling was. If the financial report was filed incorrectly that's what the law says. You can all read the law and we identify numerous areas where the figures were incorrect. And I will give you one example and then we're not going to go into this because all the bad feelings. But one example that report says that in this building, there's \$26,000 worth of table cloths and flatware.

We, we did the inventory and there isn't one table cloth in this building, there is three small boxes of Japanese flatware that this is even worth \$100. So there is not \$26,000 worth of table cloths and flatware that was listed in this report. That's a fact that figure has been carried forward for 10 years in a row and nobody has corrected it.

Speaker 3

I agree with you. And in that 10 years before you were mayor and maybe before you were here, we had, people didn't even want the job. They, the reason they used to have five commissioners and then they dropped to three was because they could find no one in the community that wanted to be on the MRI D.

Speaker 1

Yeah, I agree. There was a time that there was a problem. There was a time that Bob Barnes asked for, no one would run, no one would run right.

Speaker 3

As far as the, as far as the I know you made a big deal out of the tablecloths and shit like that. It's one example I know, but I'm just saying the real, I ran a business for 35 years and I can tell you there's always gonna be mistakes like that made. That's part of business. You, you, if you want to dig into anything, you can always find shit.

Speaker 5

Always,

Speaker 1

ok? You've had your chance, Alan enough, ok?

Speaker 5

Damn, you start talking yet, right?

Speaker 2

Any other part of the big part of the problem there is that when we had five commissioners up here, most of the people in this room felt like those five commissioners worked for us. He works for you.

Speaker 2, Speaker 5

He, as far as we know, he don't work for us.

Speaker 5

He works for you.

Speaker 2

Well,

Speaker 4

I, I disagree with that.

Speaker 1

I was gonna say you haven't proven it.

Speaker 4

Well, give me, give me at least four more days. I've been, been around here for about a week and a half now. So

Speaker 6

who are the other people that you mentioned were gonna be on this quasi board?

Speaker 1

Well, we haven't chosen all of them yet, but 10 pounder is one of them. He's the third signature on the check. He's a recognized and acceptable real estate agent. Does he play golf? I don't know if he plays golf.

Speaker 3

I don't know how many golfers you got.

Speaker 4

Let me tell you what I'm what I'm proposing.

Speaker 1

We will let you know when we choose. Ok, we don't actually have to do that, but I wanted to do that. So there's more people putting information in and each of you are welcome to put information in as well, send it writing to us and I'm willing to listen to anything you have to say. If you're a really great golfer, let's hear about it.

Speaker 6

And then I have one more issue when I first even got wind of any of this. I asked you for your face. What is your plan? You refused to provide a plan. Part of why people are speculating because you still haven't provided a plan.

Speaker 1

Now. Actually part of why people are speculating. You ask me for an answer, I tell you.

Speaker 6

Yes, I am. That is human nature. If you fail as a leader and a manager provide a plan.

Speaker 6, Speaker 5

What your vision is, what your thoughts are, the people that are under.

Speaker 6

You are going to speculate and come up with their own plan. So the issue about all these as alleged lies that you're talking about is because you set the stage for it for failing to provide a plan.

Speaker 5

What is your point?

Speaker 4

I've got, I've got a plan right here.

Speaker 5

I

Speaker 4

said no, you serve and that's what the law states that the special is a point at the judge for the mayor's pleasure. But that's all, that's all I think he was pointing to is what the code. That's right. It, it, it's, it's, it's at his pleasure. If I don't agree with him, I won't be at his pleasure very long.

So if I'm, if I'm working with people and you like it, then I'll be gone and that's fine with me. I'm, I'm gonna, I'm gonna stand up for whatever I think is right, including every golfer in here and every other property owner in the city.

Speaker 5

I got that. Yeah, I just ask one question. I, I think that that is, I really do and I hope that that is what happens. I don't know you. So I don't know your integrity level. I really trust that. What you're saying is the truth. But, but I do want to add this number one, I don't think anybody in here saw in the newspaper or anywhere that the audit proved that there was any fraud here. There may have been many things. But for me, that's kind of a serious point because people who are called

dishonest need to have evidence of just, and you know, I think I agree with how stuff happens, but we do want to hold ourselves to a high standard. So what I hope sir is that you are calling these commissioners who have served in good faith together to discuss so that when you sign something, your MRI D, you need, all those commissioners have been there and they're part of your MRI

Speaker 1

MRI. I just want to correct one thing ma'am, ma'am. I, I just wanna correct one thing you used the word fraud. Nobody said there was fraud committed.

Speaker 5

In this and tell me why, you know, it's just not. What are you saying?

Speaker 5, Speaker 1

That I don't, I don't know, you're, you're conflating two different things.

Speaker 1

What I talked about when I used the word dishonest is that people were saying we were gonna sell the golf course. That's dishonest because now, ok, the report had mistakes in it and it wasn't filed correctly. Nobody charged anybody with fraud. The report had a standard, It had to meet, it didn't meet that standard and the judge found it didn't meet that standard.

Nobody was charged with fraud. And I'm not saying that people committed fraud. Fraud is an intended act that people did on purpose. And we're not, we're not blaming anybody and saying anything was done on purpose. We're saying that the report wasn't accurate. We need accurate figures to make decisions.

Speaker 5

But I do feel like a lot of stones are being thrown at a lot of innocent people. Just as I read, as I read what's written by folks, I think we have to correct that and we have to, I agree. Yeah.

Speaker 2

As a leader, mayor, you would be leading charge on that because none of us are accusing anybody of fraud. People who support you that are,

Speaker 1

you know, as far as people, I do not control the internet and what people say on the internet.

Speaker 6

It, no, you don't. You, you, you posted that we work in a city hall should be and you like Mr Truth.

Speaker 4

I have

Speaker 2

a go ahead I think. Are you gonna tell us your proposal what your plans are?

Speaker 1

Well, I was, I'd like to hear that's really why I came here for

Speaker 4

my proposal. My proposal for the golfers is I would like for you yourselves to form either a three person or five person committee and I would rather deal with 3 to 5 people rather than, I don't know how many we got here, 80 or 90. So that's what I would like for you to do. Do I need to be involved and help inform the committee or can you all handle it yourself?

Speaker 3

We

Speaker 5

are part of that because they have the, I'm not,

Speaker 1

the commission have direct contact with us. We've asked them to be involved and we've asked them to send us our ideas and they'll be kept informed just like everybody else. It's gonna be on the website and you can be a part of it. What Charlie is talking about is golfing people. Ok. So we would like specifically for the golfers to choose a group so that we can work with those particular people.

Speaker 3

You know, the rumors that are going around.

Speaker 4

Yes, ma'am. I played twice this year already.

Speaker 5

I think you on the course of my golf. I just love to take you around and, you know, I think there's a whole lot of golfers here who are so proud to golf here that would love to take you and show you all the improvements that,

Speaker 1

ok, folks, I really don't wanna keep you here all night and I'd really like to move on a little bit with this, Alan.

Speaker 1, Speaker 3

Maybe you can take charge of at least talking with people or I, I'm glad to set up a group to work with.

Speaker 4

I don't know, I don't know if you know JJ WB, I, I had, I had a conversation with him today and he said he would like to be involved on the, on the committee. That's all I've got to tell you something.

Speaker 3

I agree, except that we need people from this, from that live here.

Speaker 4

I think property owners should be on their,

Speaker 2

what I was saying is there's about five different groups or maybe 10 different groups that play at different times. And if you could get a person from every group, like we got a morning group, we got an afternoon event.

Speaker 3

That's, that's what we would need. Guys. I've got older. I gotta tell you something. We, we golf almost every day. That's what keeps me alive, that we're out there golfing. But the, the board needs to be made up of the local people that are golfers to work with you, Charlie.

That's what I'm being honest with you. You'll be honest with me. But one of the things that we need to address is over here is the rule that go on to bring the lawn mowers out here and mow the golf course we know as golfers. That is an absolute disaster.

Speaker 1

Nobody's going to feel.

Speaker 3

So, I'm just saying, let's talk about some of the rumors that are going on out there. That may not be correct.

Speaker 4

That's, that's why I want the either three person or five person committee where we can meet and get all this stuff ironed out. I have a question.

Speaker 2

I really don't understand all of it but, why can we not just leave the golf course? Like it is the ones that's working here. They're doing a wonderful job. It's in the best job ever been.

Speaker 5

Why are we here tonight?

Speaker 4

Well, but we're here tonight because every half the town's telling the other half that we're, we're gonna sell the golf course and that's not true. But why isn't it good? And to answer your question, there has been no change in there and there's no change anticipated that.

Speaker 2

So, I, that's what I didn't understand really is the, the, the, the extent of this meeting is just to tell everybody it's not gonna be sold it. You talking about figures and all this, why do we need those if it's being operated properly?

Speaker 4

I'm not gonna be the one beside that.

Speaker 1

Let's get the figures and see how it's operating.

Speaker 2

So, if we get the figures and everything's fine, it is.

Speaker 1

Yes, everything be fine. just like we did with CS ID, that was the district. They're doing a good job. They have money in the bank. Things are running good. We, we did not put an administrator in that thing and they're gonna go on and do what they want to do with the district. It's as simple as that. Thank you.

Speaker 4

Well, thank you all for coming out. I sure want everybody to sign the sheet if you would like to put your email down and get on the distribution list. Question.

Speaker 2

All right. What happens when you find out the golf course is operating?

Speaker 4

You get a loss. Well, we're gonna have to address the people and see, see what y'all think we should do about that

Speaker 1

because, you know, it operates at a lot. So I want to know what possible solution we have for that.

Speaker 2, Speaker 1

You already know it's operating at a loss.

Speaker 1

We don't need figures for that. Well, actually that's not true. I don't know, it's operating at a loss and I don't know what figures can be adjusted to save it. You know, look at first is one. What, what kind of ideas do we have? We must know something. Well, one of the things that hurts the golf course is being a part of MRI D. You can get no state or federal money to subsidize you whatsoever.

That's a fact. I mean, we can't help you that way. The other problem is under a district, the way the lines are drawn, I as the mayor can't take city money and supplement the golf course or any of the MRI D

things. I mean, we just passed a really good idea that we're gonna get handicap swings. I can't put any of those swings, like down here at this swing set next to the library because that's MRI D.

I mean, it's a goofy law, but nonetheless, it says that we can't work together to get things accomplished. What becomes very expensive is when you have to farm it out to everything else. So your goal is to do away with the MRI D. My goal has always been to get rid of, you ran your campaign on that. I did.

Speaker 2, Speaker 1

So basically, what you're saying is you're gonna do the MRI D and basically bankrupt this golf course,

Speaker 1

your plan. That's your plan. No, that's not the plan. And that's another lie that people keep saying nobody's trying to bankrupt anything, ok? You may think whatever you want to think, but we need the figures and then we need to come up with a way to save this golf course and make sure it's here for the people and we're gonna stop taking questions. We wanted you to have a,

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Speaker 1

as soon as we have,

Speaker 2, Speaker 4

just one question was going to go through his plan and then got, got carried away in here.

Speaker 1, Speaker 4

Would you go through that before we leave, please?

Speaker 4

The plan was that the golfers get together and somehow agree on either a three or five man committee. And then I want the, the, I want the golfers to be the one to bring me thoughts and ideas, how to make number one, how to make the golf course better. And then when we, when we start having these financial numbers coming out, I won't input back from them on what we could do or not, not need to do Charlie.

Speaker 3

if you don't mind, I'm not trying to speak all the time. But, I agree, I agree with you. I have no problem with any of that, but I do realize that we have probably three times as many tournaments during the year. Is any of the other turn, courses around here? Ok.

Speaker 4

Is that a good thing?

Speaker 3

It's a good thing because we don't have a lot of members in this course.

Speaker 3, Speaker 4

I, I, I've noticed that there's not.

Speaker 3

So if the, the best way to supplement, if you don't have a lot of members is to have a lot of tournaments as far as the revenue that comes in. And, and we're already, if you look at the schedule, I think there was only maybe three or four week during the summer where there wasn't a tournament scheduled here. Right. So that is other than, other than that and gaining more members and bringing more members in and a lot of the members are concerned, they feel you're gonna up the rates on them.

A lot of people, a lot of people like myself that doesn't bother me, but a lot of people can't afford it and, and, and, and I know that we, if you're looking at pro loss, you gotta be looking at what the costs are. That's just the real world about this.

Speaker 2, Speaker 4

You'll get a lot of opinions from this group of golfers as well.

Speaker 4

A lot of opinions and they won't all be the same.

Speaker 2

Believe me. My concern is, does everybody that live around the golf course, whether they're golfers or not?

Speaker 2, Speaker 4

I mean, are they aware of that, aware of what aware of what you're doing?

Speaker 2

How you're trying to get different? If it's too much money, we'll bring it to a vote, close it, whatever.

Speaker 1, Speaker 4

I mean, if they've been, if they've been reading the paper, I would assume they mean it's 2023.

Speaker 1

Everybody reads the paper.

Speaker 2

I agree with that.

Speaker 1

Can we, can we stop running to the end of the trail? Ok. And the doom and gloom and we're closing it and we won't have enough members and we don't have enough money and we can't finance it.

Speaker 2, Speaker 1

Can we first figure out, get more information out there and figure out some way that people will get this information we have, we have, do we have to go door to door, do what do we gotta do?

Speaker 2

Some people don't even live here and, you know, then they, they, they come here for whenever they live three months out of the year. And I think what, what, what the hell is going on? I mean, how do we get that information out?

Speaker 1

That's what way we feel we can get the information out. And that's why we ask you is give us our, your email and then we can send it direct to you when we had our first open house. We had a whole different group of people here who came to see a play. We got all their emails so we can send emails to them. Eventually. We're gonna have a dance. We'll get emails to send emails to them.

I mean, this has gotta be built over time. It's not gonna happen overnight, but the golf course isn't closing overnight. The golf course isn't gonna lose overnight. Nobody's selling the golf course. Will you please stop hitting the panic button of, oh my God, the world is gonna end you. You need to be quiet and you need to be quiet and let me finish speaking, which is something that happens a lot.

Well, you can call it rude or not, but I'm trying to get a point here and it seems so when, when people make a point that you don't want to hear, when the people that think, oh, it's gonna close, it's gonna die. It's not, will you give us a chance? The man's been in here less than a month and already the rumors are we're gonna close it. We don't know, maybe it's not making money.

That doesn't mean it has to close. It means we need to come up with another source of income and there's plenty enough business people in here that are smart enough to figure that out. So let's stop acting like chicken little and creating all these problems. You know, let's stop going down the road and saying it's all over with, let's find answers.

Let's work together and let's make this work. Now. There's a lot of people that don't want that to happen, but there's a lot of people that want it to happen. Can we stop talking out of line and just finish talking? Ok, I really wanna get this point across. You've got to stop saying we're gonna close the golf course, we're gonna go bankrupt. We're the end goal is that it's not the end goal, it never was.

And we have your commitment on that. My commitment is not to get rid of this golf course. I don't know what you want for a commitment. That's good enough for now. Well, that's good enough for now. Good because I can tell you, I would bet every city council member is not gonna get rid of this golf course and also feels the same way. It's an important part of the city and we don't want to get rid of anything.

We don't want to get rid of lakes we don't want to get rid of our parks. It's interesting that nobody wants to understand that we really want to make it better. What is the problem that you don't understand that, that it can always be better and you know that as well, right. There's a lot of negative stuff that's been said on the internet. And I have heard people say, well, you supporters, I cannot stop people from talking on the internet.

I cannot stop what they say. I'll be honest with you. I love Donald Trump, but I cringe because I know he's gonna say something that he shouldn't say and I will do the same thing. I am not a professional politician. I didn't do this to become one. I don't have any future in this whatsoever, sir, sir. Can you just stop talking for a minute? Thank you.

We need to be able to talk to each other in an organized way. I think we've got a good start in doing that so we can go forward. We're not trying to freeze anybody out. So the whole purpose of this was to stop all the deception and misunderstanding. So I'll go through it one more time. We are not selling the golf course, we are not closing the golf course down.

There are no buyers for the golf course. We will take any recommendations that you get us, any recommendations if you know someone that we can use for a reference source or someone that can help us out with revenue streams or the way to make this better. You know, we are not your enemy and see, just by the jokes that go on in the room tells you the people that are not serious about working about this because we're serious about working on the golf course and keeping it here.

We're serious about opening this business, this building and we have, we're gonna have an excellent craft fair in here. We're gonna have a great gun show in here. We've already got parties booked for in here. This building is gonna be open and accessible to the people. Sandy, I'm gonna get to you later. We need to go forward and that's what we're trying to do here and we're not blaming anybody, nobody was accused of fraud.

Nobody feels there was malicious intent, done anything here, ok? We're making an administrative move to get accurate figures to make really good decisions on now. I don't know what those decisions are gonna be, but we're asking each and one, every one of you to help us make them to be a part of it.

Not to be sarcastic, not to be hateful or angry, but to help us out with this. So you can choose to help us out or you can choose to be angry and mad about it. It's your choice. I mean, you need to decide that but this isn't about destroying anything like that.

Speaker 4

I got another question. You said you was wanting to get rid of the MRI D. So where are you gonna get your funding for your family? Because I know that that's where they get their is from MRI D tax. So, where are you gonna get your?

Speaker 1

Yes, I'm asking. Well, the funny thing about that is, is, the one case argues that MRI D doesn't charge a tax. They say it's a fee, but truthfully it's a tax because if you don't pay it for you, you lose your house. Ok. If you don't pay your dog license, we don't come take your dog, you might pay it fine, but we don't take your dog. So it is a tax. So when you say to me, where are you gonna get your funding? We already have it. People are already paying for it and they've been paying for it for 40

years. I'm just, so I'm suggesting, please let me finish. I'm suggesting that we use a different mechanism and collect the same tax and I'm getting, I'm getting rid of it as a district and I want to move the properties back to the city where it belongs under people who are elected. And if you don't like what we're doing, let somebody else and get us out of office, that's how

Speaker 4

I just got, I got property in town up here since I was 12. I mean, the MRI D has been here ever since I've been here. Why I was asking what you were planning on doing. Did you get rid of it? Where is your money to keep the amenities? Which I know we've lost a ton of amenities.

Speaker 1

You lost a ton of amenities and look at the condition of the amenities there years before you ever probably moved it down. Right. Absolutely. One where you, well, the truth is that people are already paying for it. So that, that's the basic. No, at this point, we reduced it back to you. It's MRI D money right now. And we will do a transition to this.

This isn't going to be who you're going to wake up tomorrow morning and the MRI D is going to be gone. We have to go through transition with this, of changing the property over the city, has to assume it and we have to come up again with funding for those properties. I mean, truthfully right now the city could fund every property that MRI D has other than the golf course because I don't know what it costs to run the golf course.

I don't. So we need to find out, we need realistic figures and then we can come up with what do we got to do to keep it going because nobody's getting rid of this golf course. And I would wish that people would stop that. And I, I wanna call on Sandy because she's had her hand up forever.

Speaker 6

Really?

Speaker 6, Speaker 5

Short, I figured you wouldn't be able to see me if I put it down.

Speaker 6

I just, I just wanna piggy back on the thing about notifications. and I think that's a really good idea but everybody that was, that hasn't been here doesn't turn in a email address and I have elderly, and I know we are going but that doesn't count, elderly neighbors that live on the golf course. Some of them can't get out.

They would like to know what's, going on. But they don't, they don't necessarily have internet. They don't do Facebook, they don't do next door. They don't, and there needs to be some way that they can be notified and I don't know if they're, you know, a mail out flyer or something to help them.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 6, Speaker 4

We're probably not gonna get into that cost but if they're your neighbors just please print those emails out and, you know, and I'm willing to, you know, take life around door to door or whatever it needs to be done to help, get this information out.

Speaker 6

But I just want to just kind of have us all think about the fact that not everybody does takes the paper, not everybody has the email, not everybody, especially a lot of our older citizens because it's just too much bother computers and all that kind of stuff.

Speaker 4

I don't know what to do. I'm not gonna do that. We're not gonna go through the cost of that, the meeting is now officially closed, but I'm gonna be over here to talk directly with Charlie.

Speaker 6

Is there gonna be a meeting in the future to address the property owners that don't necessarily benefit from the amenities but pay into it. What is the benefit to us to maintain stuff that we don't necessarily live on or use or, or the people on the lake too? Would there be a meeting in the future to address the lake property owners?

Speaker 4

the consultant, he was the end of his contract and, and he's now bidding on the new, renewing the contract. He's, he's, he's working up a new contract for me right now and, and it was the end of his contract. So he didn't make any changes. It's just, it's time for him to renew. I don't know if it was the end of the contract or not.

Speaker 2

I was a change

Speaker 4

with you on that after we get back.

Speaker 3

Thank you.

Speaker 1

Thank you very much for coming and I hope to work with.