



ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, May 6, 2021 – 12 PM | Council Chambers, City Hall

- 1. Call meeting to order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. April 1, 2021
- 3. Public Comment** – Limit to three minutes per person
- 4. Continued Business:**
 - a. Select a Chair- Mary Hathaway
 - b. Annexation- Mary Hathaway
 - c. TIF – Mary Hathaway
 - d. 100 Year Anniversary- Mary Hathaway
 - e. Deer Lodge Stickers – CAO Jordan Green
 - f. Grant Updates:
 - i. Tourism Grant -Trent Freeman & CAO Jordan Green
 - ii. Successful Deer Lodge – Mary Hathaway
- 5. New Business:**
 - a. Housing Discussion- Mary Hathaway
- 6. Committee Comments or Concerns**
- 7. Announcement of the next meeting**
 - a. June 3, at 12:00pm
- 8. Adjournment**

Economic Growth & Development Committee

Members

Mary Hathaway(Chair) | Amanda Bohrer | John Henderson

CITY OF DEER LODGE ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting: Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 12pm | Council Chambers, City Hall.

Members Present: Mary Hathaway, Amanda Bohrer, & John Henderson

Members Absent: None

Mayor: Diana Solle

CAO: Jordan Green

Council Members: None

Staff: Trent Freeman & Cyndi Thompson

Guests: None

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Hathaway called the meeting to order at 12:03pm

2. Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2021 and March 11, 2021

Passed with unanimous consent, one absent.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Continued Business:

a. North Gateway Sign-update- Trent Freeman

The Gateway Welcome sign is almost completed. Trent Freeman stated he found a Masonry Contractor out of Anaconda. The wood beam was purchased from Juice Custom Cutting for \$100.00.

b. Grant Updates:

i. Tourism Grant -Trent Freeman & CAO Jordan Green

No update yet on the grant status from MT Tourism Grant Program (Mt. Main Street Program). Applications are evaluated by a review team comprised of three staff in the Industry Services & Outreach Bureau, a staff member with the Office of Indian Country Economic Development, a staff member with the Community Development Division, and at least one board member of the Tourism Advisory Council.

ii. Successful Deer Lodge – Mary Hathaway

Randy Carpenter met with Sherm Anderson (Sun Mountain Lumber), Neil Owens (Neil Owens Construction), and someone from Deer Lodge Medical Center. Sherm recommended promoting out-of-city tourist purchases, not just local customers to increase economy. Neil Owens will meet with Randy and Trent on April 13th to take a tour of Deer Lodge and discuss infrastructure of the town, wastewater, potential housing solutions. The focus will be on infrastructure and lot availability. The Deer Lodge Medical Clinic is building housing for employees only.

5. New Business:

a. East Annexation (Discussion Only) – Mary Hathaway

Discussion about Eastside of Stark Street. Currently, three of six lots receive city services. Trent informed the committee about potentially high cost to install lift-stations and new sewer line to provide services for the six properties. The committee asked Trent about costs for other potential areas in the city. Similar needs of new sewer lines were mentioned. Committee will continue to discuss annexation in general at next month's meeting and ask for assistance from Public Works for infrastructure needs and eventually, Finance Committee for budgeting needs.

b. Welcome Basket contributions-request from Chamber of Commerce. – Mary Hathaway

Committee is in favor of promoting the Official City Logo on a 3x3 sticker (used for water bottles, vehicles, laptops, etc.) to assist Chamber of Commerce with new businesses. The Committee is in favor of moving forward with the stickers regardless of "Welcome baskets" and having them available at City Hall and local businesses. CAO Jordan Green will research costs to put logo on a 3x3 sticker. Committee member Henderson and Chair Hathaway will reach out to Chamber to discuss baskets, business needs, etc. Chairperson Hathaway will reach out to Historic Preservation to get an update on the Walking Tour booklets.

6. Committee Comments or Concerns:

Chair Hathaway discussed there was Club Volleyball at all 3 gyms last Saturday and Sunday at the Highschool where you are at the gym all day, plus there is Little Guy Wrestling. I sent out information about these taking place. My concern, as a City we should be helping promote events, but I am not seeing businesses in town be aware of these events.

Mayor suggested we place these events on the City's Facebook and Website. Also, the Chamber should be advertising these events and notifying local businesses.

Trent Freeman – JC Park Boundary Relocation – Surveyor found some pins that have no record of any deed or anything relating to why those pins are there. The City will do a research on the Boundary Pins (dated 1986) there and gather more information.

7. Announcement of the next meeting:

May 6th at 12pm

8. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:08pm

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Mary Hathaway, Committee Chairperson

Date

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