



# **ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

## **AGENDA**

**Wednesday, August 4, 2021, 1:00PM | Council Chambers, City Hall**

1. **Call meeting to order**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. July 8, 2021
3. **Public Comment** – Limit to three minutes per person
4. **Continued Business:**
  - a. N. Gateway Sign – CAO Green
  - b. Tourism Grant – CAO Green
  - c. Successful Deer Lodge – CAO Green
  - d. ARPA Discussion – CAO Green
5. **New Business:**
  - a. Charter Government – Mary Hathaway/CAO Green
6. **Committee Comments or Concerns**
7. **Announcement of the next meeting**
  - a. September 1, 2021, at 1:00pm
8. **Adjournment**

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**Economic Growth & Development Committee**  
**Members**

Mary Hathaway(Chair) | Amanda Bohrer | John Henderson

# CITY OF DEER LODGE ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES

**Meeting: Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 12pm | Council Chambers, City Hall.**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Mayor:** Absent

**CAO:** Jordan Green

**Staff:** Cyndi Thompson

**Guests:** None

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chairperson Hathaway called the meeting to order at 12:01pm

### **2. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2021**

Approved with corrections by unanimous consent.

### **3. Public Comment - None**

### **4. Continued Business:**

#### **a. N. Gateway Sign – CAO Green**

They are finishing up construction and the sign should be ready soon. A possible ribbon cutting was discussed.

#### **b. Tourism Grant – CAO Green**

Received the final contract and the Mayor signed it. The 3-location discussed were Blue Ribbon Pavilion, Airport and Museum complex. CAO Green will present a wayfinding map at the next meeting.

- c. Successful Deer Lodge – CAO Green  
No update.

**5. New Business:**

- a. Annexation – CAO Green  
No update.
- b. Big Sky Rail Funding – CAO Green  
This is the Mayors project she has been pushing forward. Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority is starting to launch resolutions and budgets to help fight for rails in SW Montana. They are going to have people in place that will be fighting for certain regions. Terry Jennings is working on this for Deer Lodge and for our area trying to get a new rail through. They are putting together a budget and have asked Powell County for \$2,045.00. Mayor wanted the city to pay for half of that and the county pay the other half. Mayor is asking for your recommendation to forward this to Finance then Council for our share of \$1,024.00 to the study. Member Henderson motioned to approve the \$1,024.00 with a favorable recommendation to Finance and Council. Member Bohrer seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, the motion passed.
- c. ARPA Discussion – CAO Green  
CAO Green stated he just wanted to keep this discussion going about any potential ideas. There were ideas presented to the CAO from the committee. This was only a discussion, no action item.

**6. Committee Comments or Concerns:**

- a. Chairperson Hathaway talked about researching Charter Governments.
- b. Chairperson Hathaway asked about how the new building permit fees were going.

**7. Announcement of the next meeting:**

August 4, 2021, at 1pm - Unanimously voted by the committee to move the meetings to 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1pm instead of the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 12pm.

**8. Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:08pm

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

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Mary Hathaway, Committee Chairperson

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Date

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