



ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 1:00PM | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. **Call meeting to order**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. October 6, 2021
3. **Public Comment** – Limit to three minutes per person
4. **Continued Business:**
 - a. Successful Deer Lodge Update – CAO Green
 - b. Charter Government Discussion- CAO Green
 - c. Tourism Grant Update – CAO Green
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Growth Policy – CAO Green
 - b. Arrowstone Park Billboards – CAO Green
 - c. Brownfield DEQ Grants – CAO Green
 - d. Deer Lodge Skate Park – CAO Green
6. **Committee Comments or Concerns**
7. **Announcement of the next meeting**
 - a. December 1, 2021, at 1:00pm
8. **Adjournment**

Economic Growth & Development Committee
Members

Mary Hathaway(Chair) | Amanda Bohrer | John Henderson

CITY OF DEER LODGE ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting: Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 1pm | Council Chambers, City Hall.

Members Present: Mary Hathaway, Amanda Bohrer, John Henderson

Members Absent: None

Mayor: Absent

CAO: Jordan Green

Staff: Cyndi Thompson

Guests: See Sign in Sheet

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Hathaway called the meeting to order at 1:06PM

2. Approval of Minutes – September 15, 2021

Member Henderson motioned to approve minutes as presented. Member Bohrer seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 No's. Motion passed.

3. Public Comment

a. None

4. Continued Business:

a. Successful Deer Lodge-update

CAO Green, no update from Randy Carpenter. He may have some work force and data compiled. My goal is to sit down with Randy and go over a strategy to get the business improvement district down.

No motion or vote. Discussion only.

5. New Business:

a. Updates from Local Partners:

- i. Discover Deer Lodge – CAO Green, No updates yet. After speaking with Ms. Thomas, their concern is if they provide us updates on everything they are doing for the community and the businesses. That we would try and influence the direction they are going. We agreed to if there was anything we partnered on with them, they'd be more than happy to send reports to us based on whatever we are partnered on.
- ii. Chamber – CAO Green provided a Chamber of Commerce calendar to the committee. No other report.
- iii. Prison Museum – CAO Green stated, no update

b. Charter Government-Discussion

CAO Green, a traditional local government whether its county or city has specific rights at a state level that allows a city to do certain things. A city under a traditional government cannot do something that the state government doesn't specifically allow them. Whenever you pull up an MCA code it will say "A City" or "local municipality" is authorized to hire a police chief (example) or is authorized to create a growth policy. Because if its not mentioned in a local government we are not allowed to do it. What a charter government does is allows you do all those things that haven't been specifically allowed at the state level. Basically, if it isn't prohibited your allowed to do it at a state or local government level.

Member Bohrer asked what is the difference between a city and a county? Does the city have to be on board with this?

CAO Green, yes. There are two different things, and I would highly recommend no on consolidation for Deer Lodge and Powell County just because of the size of our county.

Member Bohrer I think a strong healthy relationship between the two is important, but I don't think consolidation is.

Member Hathaway, if we were to become a charter, how would that effect our grants?

CAO Green, it shouldn't affect it. Member Bohrer stated it should open more doors.

Member Hathaway, what's the difference between a self-government charter and a chart?

CAO Green, it might be because of the different form of government. We have Council/Mayor Government it may be a Commission/Manager style, that may be the difference.

Member Hathaway, How would we notify the people of this?

CAO Green, you would have to put it on a ballot 2024 and vote to basically start the process and have it on the next ballot 2 years later to vote to adopt it.

Member Henderson, I would suggest holding a special session for the people.

CAO Green, to move this forward my suggestion would be is to get a very clear set of goals as to why you want to become a Charter Government.

No motion or vote, discussion only.

6. Committee Comments or Concerns:

- a. CAO Green discussed Headwater writing 3 different grants for us.
- b. CAO Green discussed CDBG updating the Growth Policy.
- c. Member Bohrer suggested revisiting goals.

7. Announcement of the next meeting:

November 3, 2021, at 1pm

8. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:59pm

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Mary Hathaway, Chairperson

Date

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