



ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

February 7, 2024 at 5:00PM | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. **Call meeting to order -Jordan**
 - a. Elect a Chairperson
2. **Approval of Minutes** – No Meeting August or December 2023 or January 2024.
 - a. September 6, 2023
 - b. October 4, 2023
 - c. November 8, 2023
3. **Public Comment** – Limit to three minutes per person
4. **Continued Business:**
 - a. None
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Review 5-Year Goals - Jordan
6. **Committee Comments or Concerns**
7. **Announcement of the next meeting**
 - a. Regular Meeting: March 6, 2024, at 5:00pm
8. **Adjournment**

Economic Growth & Development Committee **Members**

John Henderson | Kirk Hayes | John Molendyke

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CITY OF DEER LODGE ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting: September 6, 2023, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers, City Hall.

Members Present: John Henderson, Dick Bauman

Members Absent: John Molendyke

Mayor: Absent

CAO: Jordan Green

Staff: None

Guests: See sign in sheet

1. Call Meeting to Order

Member Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

2. Approval of Minutes –

a. Regular Meeting: July 5th, 2023

3. Public Comment

a. David Phillips discussed street maintenance assessments on two of his undeveloped, agriculturally zoned parcels. He approached the Committee seeking their discussion concerning a possible street maintenance assessment exemption for agriculturally zoned parcels that contain no structures. It was decided to discuss the possible exemption at the October 4, 2023 Economic Growth and Development Committee meeting.

4. Continued Business:

a. None

5. New Business (Public Comment period prior to each topic.)

a. Arrowstone Billboard – Jordan

The Parks Board Billboard is no longer available. The Powell County Parks Board has rescinded their offer to the City to decide on a design for the billboard at Arrowstone Park.

Public Comment:

John Greenwood stated that if the public would have been able to participate in the process of picking a photo for the board, there would have been less controversy, and the board may have been allowed to be used by the city.

b. Chamber of Commerce Marketing Position – Jordan

The Finance Committee had a meeting about a month back discussing the Chamber of Commerce's funding request. Previously, the city had given \$15,000 every year to the Chamber of Commerce to help fund the executive director position that Julie Schroder currently has. Mayor Solle stopped the funding for that position for a variety of reasons. The Chamber of Commerce requested that the City look into restarting funding that position.

The Committee discussed the Chamber of Commerce's request. Jordan Green stated his opinion that assurances of increased benefits to the City from a donation to the Chamber of Commerce are not adequate to warrant the donation. The Chamber has been able to fund the position by itself since Mayor Solle rescinded funding.

Member Bauman asked that he would like to know how many businesses are represented by the Chamber of Commerce.

Jordan stated that the Mayor's position was that he would like to see some increased activity from the Chamber of Commerce, besides Territorial Days and the Christmas Stroll, before we should consider funding. Member Henderson agreed with the statement that more should be seen from the Chamber before funding is considered.

Public Comments:

John Greenwood – Prefers to have a meeting between the businesses, City Council, subcommittee integration, so there is a subcommittee with business input on council to help direct what "they" need and not having other people direct what "they" don't need or what "they" don't want.

Jordan responded that the Chamber of Commerce is not the same as the City Council.

John Greenwood - Is there any business owned representation sitting on the City Council Sub-Committee. The business owners might go to the Chamber of Commerce, but not the City.

Jordan– "The Chamber of Commerce is asking for the City Councils money. The Chamber of Commerce is not actively involved in the City Council Meetings. In the last four years, the Chamber of Commerce has only shown up to one City Council meeting."

John Greenwood- The Chamber of Commerce should have a seat with the City Council, it's not in the Bylaws.

Jordan- The Council is made up of Council members that have all been voted in. The issue discussed is to see if the City Council will help fund the Chamber of Commerce.

Jackie Greenwood suggested a packet be sent to the Chamber of Commerce for new business members wanting to start a new business in town. The packet could be used to help navigate the new business owners in getting started.

Jordan- The packet wouldn't work, as business requirements are always changing.

Member Bauman motioned to not provide funding at this time. Chairman Henderson seconded the motion. 2 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Absent. Motion passed.

c. Land and Water Conservation Fund Pre-Application – Jordan

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a grant that is administered through the state with Fish Wild Life and Parks, with a minimum of \$50,000 with a 50% match in cash, not in kind. The application is due November 2, 2023. The intent to apply for this grant is to help fund splash pad at JC Park. The estimation for the project came in at \$55,000.00 Whether or not to apply for this grant for this purpose of this discussion.

Jordan expressed that JC Park currently has a well, so putting a splash pad in seems reasonable. The City needs to add in an estimation for concrete for the Splash Pad, the grant matches the City's cost at 50%. Discussion on whether or not to apply for the grant proceeded.

Member Bauman motioned to approve Jordan to apply for the grant for funding to create a splash pad. Chairman Henderson seconded the motion. 2 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Absent. Motion passed.

6. Staff of Committee Member Concerns or Comments:

a. None

7. Next Meeting Announcements

a. Monday, October 4, 2023 at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Prepared by: City Clerk- Temp.

John Henderson, Chairperson

Date

Economic Growth & Development Committee
Members

John Henderson (Chair) | Dick Bauman | John Molendyke

CITY OF DEER LODGE ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting: October 4, 2023, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers, City Hall.

Members Present: John Henderson, Dick Bauman

Members Absent: John Molendyke

Council Members: None

Mayor: Absent

CAO: Jordan Green

Staff: None

Guests: See sign in sheet

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

2. Approval of Minutes –

a. Regular Meeting: Deferred till next meeting

3. Public Comment

a. None

4. Continued Business:

a. None

5. New Business:

a. Request from David Phillips for Relief from Steet Main. Cost for Ag. Property – Jordan
The previous meeting, David Phillips requested relief from the approx. \$2,500/year street
maintenance district assessments for his property. His specific request is that the Council
consider exemption from street maintenance assessments for all agriculturally zoned parcels
that contain no structures.

Mr. Phillips presented his request with documentation of his property's taxes, other agricultural property's taxes, and currently exempt properties. Mr. Phillips owns the only parcels within the City that are agriculturally zoned and do not have structures and are not exempt. All other parcels meeting these characteristics are exempt. He also presented several other parcels that are exempt.

Discussion was had by the Committee on the merits of the request, as well as possible reasons as to why some parcels are exempt. Jordan stated that he will research the topic to corroborate Mr. Phillips' claims and find any additional information. This Agenda Item will be addressed at the next meeting for a possible decision.

b. Review Proposals for Planning at City/County Superfunds Sites – Jordan

The City and County are in an agreement with DEQ whereby DEQ will fund up to \$60,000 for planning work to be done at the City Passenger Refueling Area superfund site and the County Milwaukee Roundhouse superfund site.

The intent of this planning work is to provide Preliminary Engineering Report for the Roundhouse and a Future Use/Visioning Plan for the Passenger Refueling Area. The City/County have received 1 proposal from Ayres/WWC Engineering.

City owns the Passenger Refueling Area of the Milwaukee Roundhouse Comprehensive Environmental Cleanup and Responsibility Act Facility.

County owns the Roundhouse Area of the Milwaukee Roundhouse Comprehensive Environmental Cleanup and Responsibility Act Facility.

Member Bauman motioned to recommend the proposal from Ayres/WWC Engineering to the City Council. Chairman Henderson seconded the motion. 2 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Absent. Motion passed.

Greg Larkins stated that he likes the fact that there is so much community input on this plan. The community has been asked about vision and things that are desired. The designs are really nice too.

6. Committee Comments or Concerns:

- a. None

7. Announcement of the next meeting:

- a. Regular Meeting: November 1, 2023, at 5PM

8. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:32PM

Prepared by: City Clerk – Temp.

John Henderson, Chairperson

Date

Economic Growth & Development Committee
Members

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CITY OF DEER LODGE ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting: November 8, 2023, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers, City Hall.

Members Present: John Henderson, Dick Bauman

Members Absent: John Molendyke

Council Members: None

Mayor: Absent

CAO: Jordan Green

Staff: None

Guests: See sign in sheet

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:02PM

2. Approval of Minutes –

- a. Deferred till next meeting

3. Public Comment

- a. None

4. New Business:

- a. None

5. Continued Business:

- a. Request from David Phillips for Relief from Steet Main. Costs for Ag. Property – Jordan Mr. Phillips previously approached the EGD Committee in September. The Committee agreed to discuss his request at their next meeting. At their October meeting, they determined to continue the discussion during the November meeting.

If Mr. Phillips parcels become exempt from taxes, it will cost the city \$2,662.40 yearly.

It was discovered that there are multiple properties throughout the city that are not paying taxes, these matters will be discussed at another City County meeting.

Agricultural zone does allow single family drawings in the agricultural district. If a house is built on an agricultural zone, the City just needs to rezone.

Member Bauman recommended that the City exempt agricultural land that does not contain a structure and move it forward to the Finance Committee. Chairman Henderson seconded the motion. 2 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Absent. Motion passed.

6. Committee Comments or Concerns:

- a. Jordan stated that the final draft of the Growth Policy will be reviewed at the next Planning Board meeting.

7. Announcement of the next meeting:

- a. Regular Meeting: December 6, 2023, at 5PM

8. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20PM

Prepared by: City Clerk-Temp

John Henderson, Chairperson

Date

Economic Growth & Development Committee

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Economic Growth & Development PREVIOUS 5-Year Committee Goals

1. Business Improvement District
2. Branding of Deer Lodge
3. Trails
4. Housing
5. Annexation

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