



ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

April 3, 2024 at 5:00PM | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. **Call meeting to order**
2. **Approval of Minutes –**
 - a. Regular Meeting: February 7, 2024 – No March Meeting
3. **Public Comment** – Limit to three minutes per person
4. **Continued Business:**
 - a. None
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Business Improvement District (Goal List #1) – Jordan
 - b. Tourism Pilot Community Grant (Goal List #5) - Jordan
6. **Committee Comments or Concerns**
7. **Announcement of the next meeting**
 - a. Regular Meeting: May 1, 2024, at 5:00pm
8. **Adjournment**

Economic Growth & Development Committee Members

John Henderson | Kirk Hayes | Greg Larkins

MISSION STATEMENT: The Economic Growth & Development Committee strives to create a strong and sustainable local economy by acting as a liaison for the cooperation of the City's disparate community organizations, providing economic incentives and assistance when necessary and warranted, promotion solutions to seeking creative solutions to problems challenging the City's business environment.

CITY OF DEER LODGE ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting: February 7, 2024, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers, City Hall.

Members Present: John Henderson, Kirk Hayes, Greg Larkins

Members Absent: None

Council Members: None

Mayor: Absent

CAO: Jordan Green

Staff: Cyndi Thompson

Guests: See sign in sheet

1. Call Meeting to Order

Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

- a. Elect a Chairperson

Member Hayes motioned John Henderson be Chairperson. Member Henderson seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

2. Approval of Minutes – No Meeting August or December 2023 and January 2024.

- a. September 6, 2023
- b. October 4, 2023
- c. November 8, 2023

Member Hayes motioned to approve as presented. Chairperson Henderson seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

3. Public Comment

- a. None

4. Continued Business:

- a. None

5. New Business:

- a. Review 5 Year Goals – Jordan

The 5 year goals that were established from the last committee were provided. Reviewed last committee goals and made the following changes.

PREVIOUS GOALS:

- Business Improvement District
- Branding of Deer Lodge
- Trails
- Housing
- Annexation

NEW GOALS:

- Business Improvement District-Established area of town that is authorized by the City Council to assess a certain amount of money on the Commercial Properties in that District. That money does not go to the City, it goes to a pot of money that a Board of Business Owners in that District control and determine how to allocate best.
- Branding of Deer Lodge. – This may require a grant to hire a planning firm.
- Sidewalks – City Code states property owners are responsible for their own sidewalk. Keep on list to see what the committee wants to do in the future.
- Walkable and Pedestrian Friendly Main Street. – Will require a grant and work closely with MDT.
- Prioritize Tourism as an Emerging Industry in DL. – State grant funds to help communities that are proving or showing through planning documents and meetings they are ready to increase their tourism capacity.
- Identify Funding and Location for Industrial Site Development. – Proximity to Rail, Proximity to a Highway, 2 Phase Power, Water/Sewer Capacity, and Land Space. Examine funding strategies in creation of industrial sites.

Member Hayes motioned to approve the new 5 year goals for the committee. Chairperson Henderson seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

6. Committee Comments or Concerns:

- a. None

7. Announcement of the next meeting:

- a. Regular Meeting: March 6, 2024 at 5PM

8. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:39PM

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

John Henderson, Chairperson

Date

Economic Growth & Development Committee

Members

John Henderson (Chair) | Kirk Hayes | Greg Larkins