
CITY OF DEER LODGE

Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE

AGENDA

February 10, 2022 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order:

- a. City Clerk Calls Meeting to Order

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2022.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – (Limit to three minutes per person)

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

- a. Committee Chair Appointment – Jordan
- b. Review and Approve Bylaws – Jordan
- c. Department Reports: (Accept reports as presented)
 - i. PD Report - Chief Smith
 - ii. Code Enforcement Report (Dec & Jan) – Suzan Callahan
 - iii. FD Report – Chief Pierson
 - iv. County Health Report – Ida Miller
- d. Prior Project Update – Jordan
- e. Committee Goals – Jordan

5. Old Business:

- a. None

6. Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. March 10, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

8. Adjournment:

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

John Skibsrud | Rob Kersch | Curt Fjelstad

CITY OF DEER LODGE

**Public Health & Safety
Committee**

MINUTES

January 13, 2022, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers

Members Present: Robert Kersch, John Skibsrud, & 1 Vacant

Members Absent: None

Mayor: Absent

CAO: Absent

Staff: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Pierson, Cyndi Thompson

Guests: Curt Fjelstad & Ida Miller

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Called meeting to order at 5pm

2. Approval of Minutes for

a. December 9, 2021 – Minutes approved unanimously, 1 vacant

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Per Person

a. None

4. New Business:

a. Department Reports: Accepted as presented.

1. Police Police Chief Smith

Police Chief Smith summarized recent department activities for December based upon 137 calls for service and 43 citations.

2. Code Enforcement..... Code Enforcement Officer Callahan

Absent – No report

3. Fire..... Fire Chief Pierson

Fire Chief Pierson’s report summarized department activities for December based on 2 calls for service.

4. County Health Report.....Ida Miller

Powell County Public Health continues to offer Child Safety Seat inspections. They also have some child safety seats available on a sliding scale fee basis.

Testing and contact tracing for Coronavirus continues in Powell County. In December, there were 34 positive cases in Powell County. Over the month of December, there were 5 hospitalizations and 1 death. We are seeing more people testing, we had about 180 tested. The majority of Covid-19 cases found in Powell County are still the Delta variant, but the Omicron variant has been found here.

Vaccination for Covid-19 is available to all residents of Powell County who are 18 and over. Deer Lodge Medical Center is administering the vaccine free of charge call 846-2212 or 846-1722 or check the DLMC website at dlmed.org. for more information or to register to receive the vaccine. The vaccine is also available at Safeway in Deer Lodge. Booster doses for individuals who are 18 years and older are now available. Everyone ages 18 and older should get a booster shot either when they are 6 months after their initial Pfizer or Moderna series or 2 months after their initial J&J vaccine.

Butte-Silver Bow is providing Pfizer vaccination for the 5- to 11-year-olds. They currently have the vaccine for 12 to 18-year-old age groups and Butte-Silver Bow Public Health has information regarding scheduling.

Montana State Prison has had staff and offenders testing positive with Covid-19 during the month of December.

New guidelines for isolation and quarantine have been issued by the CDC and Montana DPPHS. For the general population, a positive case must isolate for the first 5 days and if able to wear a mask may return to normal activities while wearing a mask at all times for the second five days. If exposed, the quarantine period is recommended by Powell County Public Health but cannot be required.

There have been 6 confirmed cases of influenza in Powell County. Deer Lodge Medical Center and Safeway have vaccines for influenza available. Influenza and Covid-19 have similar symptoms and can occur at the same time. Only a lab test can determine if you have influenza, Covid-19, or both.

5. Old Business:

~~a. Hotel Deer Lodge — CAO Green~~

Topic was not discussed as Jordan & Mayor were out sick.

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

a. February 10, 2022, at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:12pm by unanimous vote.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

John Skibsrud | Rob Kersch | Vacant

ByLaws

Public Health & Safety Committee

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section One. Name

- A. The official name of the organization shall be "Public Health & Safety Committee" hereinafter referred to as "The Committee."

Section Two. Purpose

- A. The Committee provides guidance on issues of City Public Health and Safety Issues, including Emergency Management, Police Department, Fire Department, and any other related issues.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section One. Membership

- A. Members
 - 1. The Committee shall consist exclusively of a minimum of three council members.
 - 2. Members are appointed by the Council President at or after the second meeting in January following a municipal general election.
- B. Officers
 - 1. The Committee shall have one elected officer consisting of a Chairperson.
- C. Secretary of the Committee
 - 1. Deer Lodge's City Clerk shall serve as Secretary to the Committee.

Section Two. Election of the Chairperson

- A. Election of the Chairperson shall be made at the first Committee meeting of the year.
- B. The Chairperson must be a member of the Committee.
- C. If the members cannot reach consensus on the election, then a nominee receiving a majority vote of those present at the meeting shall be declared the Chairperson.
 - 1. In the event that a Committee Chairperson cannot be selected by the Committee, the Council President shall appoint a Committee Chairperson.

Section Three. Terms of the Chairperson

- A. The Chairperson shall assume the responsibility immediately upon appointment and shall serve for a term of one year.

Section Four. Vacancy of the Chairperson

- A. Vacancy in the term shall be filled immediately by the procedure described in Article II, Section Two for the un-expired portion of the term.

Section Five. Duties of Officers

- A. Chairperson
 - 1. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee.
 - 2. The Chairperson shall sign the minutes of meetings, and all documents involving the authority of the Committee.
 - 3. The Chairperson shall compose meeting agendas after seeking input from the Chief Administrative Officer and Committee members.
 - 4. The Chairperson has the responsibility to advise the Mayor and the City Council of items discussed by the Committee.
 - 5. The Chairperson shall have all the duties normally conferred by parliamentary rules on such officers and shall perform such other duties as may be ordered by the Committee except as otherwise provided in these rules, in other Committee resolutions, or in City resolutions.

- B. Absence of the Chairperson
 - 1. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Committee may elect a temporary Chairperson by a majority vote of those present at a called meeting, who shall assume the duties of the Chairperson.

Section Six. Duties of the Secretary

- A. Deer Lodge's City Clerk shall perform the duties of the secretary for the Committee.
- B. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and materials allied with the Committee.
- C. The Committee has the responsibility of approving such minutes.
- D. The Secretary shall post agendas according to practices agreed upon by the City Council.
- E. The Secretary shall maintain a file of all studies, plans, reports, recommendations and official records of the Committee and perform such other duties as the Committee may determine.

Section Seven. Order of Meetings

- A. The following is the order that meetings will follow:
 - 1. Call Meeting to Order
 - 2. Approval of Minutes
 - 3. Public Comment
 - 4. New Business
 - 5. Old Business
 - 6. Staff or Committee Member Concerns/Comments
 - 7. Announcement of the Next Meeting
 - 8. Adjournment
- B. The Chairperson may allow deviations from the described Order of Meetings to accommodate special circumstances or events.

Section Eight. Discussion Procedures

- A. Chairperson introduces the topic with all supporting materials.
 - 1. Committee members have the opportunity to ask any questions or contribute any items of information.
- B. The Committee may ask staff and/or consultants to provide technical analysis, review considerations and basic policies, offer possible alternatives, and make recommendations, if any.
 - 1. Other interested parties are allowed to comment briefly or make inquiries.
- C. Proponents and or opponents in the audience are given opportunity to speak in favor of or against application. Information submitted should be factual, relevant and not merely duplication of previous presentation.
 - 1. A reasonable time shall be allowed.
 - 2. Each person speaking shall give name, address and nature of interest in matter.
- D. Brief rebuttal for proponents and opponents heard separately and consecutively, with presentation limited to their spokesperson.
- E. The Committee will take the opportunity to deliberate before rendering a recommendation for the benefit of the Mayor and the City Council.

Section Nine. Quorum

- A. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the taking of official action.

Section Ten. Motions

- A. Motions shall be restated by the Chairperson before a vote is taken.
- B. The name of the members making and seconding a motion shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Section Eleven. Voting

- A. The concurring vote of two members of the Committee shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirement, decision, or determination of any such administrative official; to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter upon which it is required to pass under any such resolution; or to effect any variation in such resolution.

Section Twelve. Reports

- A. On all matters considered by the Committee, the reports, findings and recommendations, if any, are presented to the Committee and shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Section Thirteen. Parliamentary Procedure

- A. Except as otherwise prescribed by these rules, the Committee meetings shall be guided by Robert's Rules of Order (the most recent edition).
- B. At the Chairperson's discretion or at the discretion of two members, the Committee may modify the proceedings after consultation with the City Attorney.
- C. If any questions arise as to procedure, the ruling of the Chairperson shall be final unless reversed by a vote of at least two members.

Section Fourteen. Public Nature of Meetings and Records

- A. All meetings, hearings, records, findings, and accounts shall be open to the public.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

Section One. Meetings: Time and Place

- A. A regular monthly meeting shall be held on the **Second Thursday** of the **Month at 5:00PM** in the Council Chambers, unless a different time and/or place is posted at the City Hall at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.
- B. Members shall receive meeting materials via email at least two (2) days, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.
 - 1. Alternatively, members may request to receive a hard copy of the materials.
- C. Meetings should be kept to an hour and a half or shorter, if possible.
 - 1. If a lengthy topic is anticipated, the agenda should be kept at a minimum.
- D. If a lengthy topic is to be discussed, a work session should be considered.

Section Two. Recessed Meetings

- A. Any regular or special meeting may be recessed to a definite time and place by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE IV – SUB COMMITTEES

Section One. Purpose of Sub Committees

- A. Sub Committee purpose shall be clearly defined.
- B. Sub Committees may be established to facilitate complex topics that would be better handled outside of the normal Committee.

Section Two. Establishment of Sub Committees

- A. Sub Committees are:
 - 1. Short Term
 - 2. One Topic
 - 3. May only provide recommendations to the Committee
- B. Sub Committee membership should include at least one committee member, and any additional council members or members of the public as necessary for the task.
- C. Sub Committees must be established by majority vote of the Committee.

ARTICLE V – COUNCIL APPROVAL AND AMENDMENTS

Section One. Council Approval

- A. These bylaws must be approved by a majority vote of the Committee Council.

Section One. Amendments

- A. These bylaws may be amended at a regular noticed meeting of the Committee by the affirmative majority vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendments have been submitted in writing at a previous meeting.

Section One. ByLaws Approval

- A. Approved by the Public Health & Safety Committee:

Committee Chairperson

Date

- B. Approved by the City Council by Resolution 2019-R-8:

James Jess, Mayor

Date



Chief George Smith

CITY OF DEER LODGE

Police Department

300 Main St. Deer Lodge, MT. 59722

Phone: (406) 846-9585

Fax: (406) 846-2500

January 2022 Police Department Report

Total Calls for Service:

173

911 Open Line:2
Accident Non-Injury:3
Alarm: 4
Animal - Complaint: 10
Care for Sick/Injured:1
Citation Service: 1
Civil Standby:2
Courtesy Ride:4
Death Notification:1
Disturbance: 1
Dog Bite: 1
Domestic: 5
Drugs: 1
Extra Patrol
Requested: 1
Gas Drive off: 1
Gas Odor: 1
Harassment: 2
Hit and Run: 2
Juvenile Problem: 1
Littering: 1
Minor In Possession:4
Parking Complaint:2
Probation Officer
Check: 2
Property Damage
Total: 1
Property Lost Total: 1
Reckless Driving
Total: 1
Request Ambulance
Total: 4
Request Officer: 8

Sexual Assault: 1
Theft: 1
Traffic Accident: 4
Traffic - Complaint: 1
Traffic - Hazard: 1
Traffic - Slide Off: 1
Traffic Stop: 21
Traffic - Wrong Way Driver: 2
Trespass to Property: 1
Unwanted Person(s): 2
VIN Inspection: 2
Welfare Check: 5
With Prisoner(s): 2

Total Citations Issued: 31

Highlights

2 DUIs
4 MIP related Charges
5 Drug related charges
1 Assault on Police Officer
1 Vandalism



CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

December 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- 29 calls of dogs at large, 4 citations written, 8 posted warnings for dog at large, the rest verbal warnings.
- Junk vehicle on Clark towed after 5 postings. Car towed blocking alleyway and impounded.
- Dog given to the city from Granite County. Dog considered vicious after it killed a neighbor's dog while walking it. Dog held for 10 days. I worked with the Anaconda Judge, and we gave it a second chance with the Montana Pettie Project since it had no issues with people. The dog is required to stay out of Powell and Granite County as a condition of release.
- Dog held due to roll-over accident and released the next day.
- Dog held for Sheriff's office due to man jailed for DUI, dog given to his sister.
- 1 puppy thrown from truck and taken to the vet. Truck driver is still unidentified. After clear bill of health puppy adopted out. Her name is pumpkin.

PROJECT SUMMARIES

- 23 cases still open overall
- 6 posted warnings for vehicles blocking the alleyway and trash cans.
- CJIN training done and will become very helpful when starting the Junk Vehicle program.
- Property owner of 517 Conley was sent his first letter as no compliance from Nephew was seen. Nephew no longer lives at address and Mr. Kiss will down in the spring to aid in clean up.
- Community workers still owe hours for the court but have been sick with COVID.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- Called the IVY about their old transport van to refurbish for animal control vehicle, other avenues are also being looked into.
- Butte Airport is on the agenda to speak to Sanitation about an impound lot.

STAFFING CONCERNS

- Truck is still in shop.
- I fell and injured myself chasing a dog through playground chasing kids. On restrictive duty.
- Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

January 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fire at 102 Kohrs ruled not arson and I'm working with tenant and landowner to clean up fire mess. Pictures taken. Complaints by neighbors taken and copies of the city ordinances were given to them.
- Dead deer found in the middle of Texas Ave. Removed to park area adjacent to power station.
- Two calls about trash cans not the residences in other neighbor's driveway blocking parking. Removed issue resolved.
- Two adoptions for dogs completed.
- Issue with feuding neighbors, snow blowing rocks on vehicles was addressed and photo taken. Both were told to stop harassing the other. Referred them to City Hall and civil court if harassment continues. File updated, ongoing issue.
- Sidewalks have been monitored and the city is doing well with helping those that can't help themselves.

PROJECT SUMMARIES

- Junk Vehicle Program- Chad Lanes meeting was conducted on 1/26/2022 at Anaconda Court house with Joe Ungaretti (code enforcement). Meeting to be set by CAO Green and Mr. Lanes to go JVP and iron out minor issues. Updates to follow meeting.
- Community workers still owe hours and have come got their hour sheets. They are working off their hours with Juvenile services with their uncle at a construction site. Judge Gallagher notified.
- Helped take DLPD new vehicle to Livingston with no issues and will offer help to retrieve it.
- 78 dog licenses done and complete.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- Spoke to BSN railway on 1/11/2022- They were advised and had received a letter stating their property located within city limits was unkept and a fire hazard. They were also informed that the lot behind RAC wood warehouse was having vehicle, signs, glass, and debris dumped on it. They will be working with me this Spring to start cleaning up. Email confirms correspondence.

STAFFING CONCERNS

- I fell and injured myself chasing a dog through playground chasing kids. On Modified duty.
- A K-9 vehicle has come up for sale and waiting on approval.



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

JANUARY 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

4 Calls for Service:

- **1 Structure Fire** - Garage in an alley east of JC Park. Garage and 2 sheds were a total loss. The fire was trying to catch the west end of the residence, but a good fire attack kept the damage to just some melted siding. The fire started within the main garage, but cause is unknown and not suspicious.

- **2 Vehicle Fires:**
 - 1 was a USPS truck. The fire was contained to the engine compartment and put out quickly.
 - 1 was a semi-truck with a multi car hauler type trailer. Back right wheel bearing caught fire. The driver kept the flames knocked down with an extinguisher till our first truck arrived. The fire damage was contained to just the wheel area.

- **1 Powell EMS Assist Call:**
 - We were asked if some crew could help with a patient lift assist. We gladly helped.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- We did our annual Christmas tree pick up. We ended up only getting about 50 total trees. This seems to be on the decline every year with households preferring "fake" trees. The department might explore other options next year such as a drop off by the fire hall or maybe even not doing it at all.

- Still waiting to get back with Northwestern Energy about burning the old cabin by the park. Hopefully will be meeting with them soon on it.

- Basic Firefighter classes have started in Butte. It sounds like I will have a few members attending some of the classes. Each week is a different module. The classes run Friday nights and Saturday days through April.

Powell County Public Health

JANUARY 2022

Powell County Public Health continues to offer Child Safety Seat inspections. They also have some child safety seats available on a sliding scale fee basis.

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Montana State Prison has had about 50 staff and 50 offenders testing positive with Covid-19 during the month of January.

Home test kits are available thru Powell County Public Health. If used and positive, there are directions on how to record the test.

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COMMITTEE GOALS

Public Health & Safety

FEBRUARY 2022

SIX MONTH GOALS:

ONE YEAR GOALS:

LONG-TERM GOALS: