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**CITY OF DEER LODGE**

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**Public Health & Safety  
COMMITTEE**

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**AGENDA**

**May 12, 2022 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall**

**1. Call Meeting to Order:**

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. Meeting Minutes, April 14, 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. Department Reports: (Accept reports as presented)
  - i. PD Report - Chief Smith
  - ii. Code Enforcement Report – Suzan Callahan
  - iii. FD Report – Chief Pierson
  - iv. County Health Report – Ida Miller
  
- b. Auto Prison Industries Discussion – J. Skibsrud

**5. Old Business:**

- a. Hotel Deer Lodge – Jordan
- b. Junk Vehicle Program – Jordan

**6. Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:**

**7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:**

- a. June 9, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

**8. Adjournment:**

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**Public Health & Safety Committee**

**Members**

John Skibsrud (Chair) | Rob Kersch | Curt Fjelstad

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**MINUTES**

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**April 14, 2022, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers**

**Members Present:** Robert Kersch, John Skibsrud, & Curt Fjelstad  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Mayor:** None  
**CAO:** Jordan Green  
**Staff:** Fire Chief Pierson, Suzan Callahan & Cyndi Thompson  
**Guests:** Ida Miller

**1. Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairperson Skibsrud called meeting to order at 5pm

**2. Approval of Minutes for**

a. March 10, 2022 – Member Kersch motioned to approve minutes as presented. Member Fjelstad seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

**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 report summarized recent department activities for March based upon 125 calls for service and 36 citations.

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

Code Enforcement Officer Callahan summarized recent department activities for March.

3. Fire..... Fire Chief Pierson

Fire Chief Pierson's report summarized department activities for March based on 4 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. Montana State Prison has not reported a positive case of Covid in staff or offenders since February 4<sup>th</sup>.

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**Travel restrictions** for Covid-19 are constantly changing. Check with Public Health if you are travelling out of the country. Canada and Hawaii have recently updated their travel information.

**Vaccinations** are still available, and the CDC is recommending another booster for anyone age 50 and over if you have received the recommended previous vaccinations. Powell County ranks ninth in state for fully vaccinated eligible Montanans.

**Testing** and contact tracing for Coronavirus continues in Powell County. In March, there were 5 positive cases in Powell County that were reported thru the State network. Home testing has been very active but reporting of home tests has been very low. Reported hospitalizations due to Covid-19 for the month of March were zero.

The main variant tested in Montana now is BA.2 which is named Delta Cron. The most prevalent Delta Cron symptoms as reported are:

1. **Headaches**
2. **High fever and subsequent sweating or chills**
3. **Sore throat**
4. **Persistent cough**
5. **Unexplained fatigue or loss of energy**
6. **Chronic, widespread body pains and aches**

b. Rural Fire District Contract – Jordan

Presented the proposed amended Rural Fire District Agreement. The first change paragraph two says this entire agreement supersedes all prior agreements. This agreement will for four years, which is lowered from the 10-year agreement. Section nine is the section that talks about the review period that will happen every two years, we'll look at things like what equipment has been transferred, what the property values are, if the percentage that the rural fire department changes that'll be reviewed every two years to see if there's changes that needs to be made. The bulk of the changes in paragraph eight, duty, and obligations of the rural fire districts. The Rural Fire District will be obligated to pay an annual contract payment in two equal installments. The formula by which the annual contract payment shall be calculated is the percentage of the total taxable value between the city and the county.

The contract also includes that \$5,000 equipment credit to continue to be applied, which is deducted from the annual contract payments. All vehicles and equipment conveyed to the city shall become the exclusive property of the city of Deer Lodge. Paragraph nine includes language concerning that that two-year review talking about how the taxable values will be calculated every two years and that the review should occur before July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year for that year. Paragraph 11 contains an additional clause that any amendments to this agreement will be attached as an addendum to this agreement instead of changing this original agreement.

Member Kersch motioned to approve and recommend to Council as presented. Member Fjelstad seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

- c. Junk Vehicle Program Land Lease – Jordan  
Chairperson Skibsrud motioned to table till clarification and research is completed on current/previous pasture. Member Kersch seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.
- d. Gary Bender BBQ Truck Variance Request - Jordan  
Mr. Benders request is to place a BBQ truck on Missouri Ave in front of Hotel Deer Lodge 1 time per week for approximately 3 hours after 5pm.

Member Kersch motion to approve and recommend to Council. Chairperson Skibsrud seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

**5. Old Business:**

- a. None

**6. Staff Comments or Concerns:**

- a. Committee agreed to move Department Reports in New Business to the end of New Business.

**7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:**

- a. May 12, 2022, at 5:00pm

**8. Adjournment:**

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm by unanimous vote.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Skibsrud

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# CITY OF DEER LODGE

## Police Department

300 Main St. Deer Lodge, MT. 59722

Chief George Smith

### April 2022 Police Department Report

- 23 Citations Issued
- Attempted Homicide, lead to pursuit and standoff.
- Meth induced male, rammed another car 2x intentionally. Fought officers, OC and Tasers deployed multiple times.
- Intoxicated driver started to fight officers on a traffic stop
- Multiple DUIs
- Responded to multiple suicidal individuals

### Total Calls for Service:

**150:**

911 Abandoned	Extra Patrol Request
Abandoned Vehicle	Fraud
Alarms	Probation Officer Checks
Animal Calls	Noise Complaints
Assault	Littering
Bar Walkthrough	Juvenile Problems
Civil Standby	Hit and Runs
Courtesy Ride	Harassment
Complaint	Motorist Assistance
Disturbance	Sexual Assault
Domestics	Request to Speak with an Officer
Drugs	Reckless Drivers
VIN Inspections	Pursuit
Welfare Checks	Public Safety
Weapon Discharge	Suspicious Persons
DUI	Theft
Endangering the Welfare of a Child	Traffic Complaints
	Unattended Juveniles
	Unwanted Person

67.5 Hours O.T. For last 2  
Pay Periods

### Out of City Limits Responses

<u>Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Call</u>
4/2/2022	1118 Boulder Rd	Noise Complaint
4/4/2022	E. Side Rd	Assisted with Suicidal Female
4/14/2022	Boulder Rd	DUI/Susp Person
4/15/2022	S. Frontage Rd near MM 1	Cows out
4/22/2022	I-90 mm 187	Wreck, gave ride to Fics to wait for MHP
4/25/2022	Golf Course area	Traffic
4/25/2022	Started in town/went up Freeze Out	Attempted Homicide/Pursuit



# CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

April 2022

## HIGHLIGHTS

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- 3 Feral cats given to PAWH's.
- 13 dogs at large calls, 1 surrender
- 2 adoptions completed
- 5 raccoons reported and contact information for game warden given.
- 1 dog in holding for 3 days for family as their mother was life flighted to Spokane.
- 2 stop work orders posted and one resident spoken to about venting for addition with Dan Green.
- 2 dogs being held until city fees are paid for impound and kennel fees.

## PROJECT SUMMARIES

- 227 dog licenses done (YTD), and updated rabies record complete.
- There is a **Black Lab puppy** approximately 6 months of age that needs a forever home. People are relocating to Nebraska and the apartment they were given does not allow animals.

## INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

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As spring comes and the weather warming up, I will be starting patrols for trash and debris. The windy days have made it difficult for certain citizens to get out and clean up. A request was made to ask for help from MCE for the cemetery cleanup, I was told that Trent was taking care of that. If we get workers, we will start with the creeks as they have trash in them from wind also.

## STAFFING CONCERNS

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Minor repairs completed on the Code Enforcement vehicle.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

APRIL 2022

## HIGHLIGHTS

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### **3 Calls for Service:**

- 1 small structure fire. It was a small storage shed in an ally. Mostly burnt but saved a little. Cause unknown.
- 1 call for vehicle rollover with smoke on North Frontage Rd. No fire on arrival. We assisted EMS.
- 1 call for Mutual Aid from Racetrack  
Fire was in Galen and very windy. We assisted with our water tenders and some fire attack. Good team effort.

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### **Department Happenings**

- We have had our trucks pump tested PM'd and our air packs flow tested as well as our SCBA compressor looked over. All went well. Still working on some more training as the weather is cool.

## Powell County Public Health

APRIL 2022

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## **Important Public Health concerns other than coronavirus:**

**Powell County Public Health Officer:** Dr. Paul Rees

**Dog bites:** Seem to become more prevalent when the weather is warm.

**Rabies:** As more wildlife becomes active as the weather warms, caution should be taken to prevent potential exposure.

Rabies is a fatal but preventable viral disease. It can spread to people and pets if they are bitten or scratched by a rabid animal. In the United States, rabies is mostly found in wild animals like bats, raccoons, skunks, and foxes. However, in many other countries dogs still carry rabies, and most rabies deaths in people around the world are caused by dog bites.

**Ticks:** Different species carry different types of disease, in Montana the main species of tick we worry about are the black-legged tick or deer tick and the American dog tick. Those are the ones that carry diseases of the most concern to us right now, including Lyme disease which only deer ticks carry, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever which is carried by the dog tick.

**Hantavirus:** With spring weather, cleaning of outbuildings which may harbor rodents can lead to potential for exposure to hantavirus. Appropriate precautions should be used when evidence of rodents is visible. The most important hantavirus in the United States that can cause Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome is spread by the deer mouse here in Montana.

**Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza:** There has been one human infection in Colorado. There are flocks and wild bird infections in Montana. This virus is extremely infectious and fatal to poultry and some species of wild birds. Although risk to humans is very low, Montanans should take precautions when handling game birds or any sick or dead bird they find. Gloves should always be worn when handling game birds or any sick or dead bird that must be handled for disposal. People are encouraged to report unusual or unexplained cases of sickness and/or death of domestic or wild birds by calling code enforcement at 406-594-0911 or public health at 406-691-0242.