
CITY OF DEER LODGE

Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE

AGENDA

June 9, 2022 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order:

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Meeting Minutes, May 12, 2022.

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

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

- a. Hotel Deer Lodge – Jordan
- b. Junk Vehicle Update – Jordan
- c. Street Maintenance Resolution Referendum Discussion – Jordan

5. New Business:

- a. Department Reports: (Accept reports as presented)
 - i. PD Report - Chief Smith
 - ii. Code Enforcement Report – Jordan
 - iii. FD Report – Chief Pierson
 - iv. County Health Report – Ida Miller

6. Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. July 14, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

8. Adjournment:

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

John Skibsrud (Chair) | Rob Kersch | Curt Fjelstad

Public Health & Safety
Committee

MINUTES

May 12, 2022, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers

- Members Present:** Robert Kersch, John Skibsrud, & Curt Fjelstad
- Members Absent:** None
- Mayor:** James Jess
- CAO:** Jordan Green
- Staff:** Fire Chief Pierson, Police Chief Smith
- Guests:** See sign in sheet

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Chairperson Skibsrud called meeting to order at 5pm

2. Approval of Minutes for

a. April 14, 2022 – Member Fjelstad motioned to approve minutes as presented. Member Kersch seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Per Person

a. Public comment Ron’s property on W. Missouri, in the building process of his shop part of it burnt down from his neighbor’s house that caught fire. Neighbor has now built a “pallet” shop that is made from pallets and is too close to the privacy line. My concern is any potential fires as that could affect my newly built shop. 2nd concern was the fire hydrant on Kentucky & Milwaukee is not working.

4. New Business:

a. Department Reports: Accepted as presented.

1. Police Police Chief Smith

Police Chief Smith report summarized recent department activities for April based upon 150 calls for service and 23 citations.

2. Code Enforcement..... Code Enforcement Officer Callahan
Code Enforcement Officer Callahan summarized recent department activities for April.

3. Fire..... Fire Chief Pierson
Fire Chief Pierson's report summarized department activities for April based on 3 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.

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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 April, there were 4 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.

The main variant tested in Montana now is BA.2 which is named Deltacron. The most prevalent Deltacron 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**

Montana State Prison has reported a positive case of Covid in staff or offenders in April. (?)

b. Auto Prison Industries Discussion – J. Skibsrud
Troy McQueary gave an overview of the prison industries automotive division capabilities.

5. Old Business:

a. Hotel Deer Lodge – Jordan

Kip Kimerly was present and gave an update on the hotel. Items discussed were, engineer report, roof debris, call out fee, structure, safety, private property, fire safety, silver state newspaper article & grants available to apply for. Improving the appearance of the front bottom level of the building was discussed.

b. Junk Vehicle Program – Jordan

Jordan provided an update on the land and communication with Chad Lanis. The project is still in the works, and this will be an ongoing discussion.

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

a. None

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

a. June 9, 2022, at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

a. Meeting was adjourned at 6:22PM.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Chairperson: _____
John Skibsrud

Date: _____

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Chief George Smith

CITY OF DEER LODGE

Police Department

300 Main St. Deer Lodge, MT. 59722

Police Calls

161 Calls For Service

911 Call Total: 1
 911 Hang Up Total: 2
 Alarm Total: 5
 Assault Total: 1
 Brandishing a Firearm: 1
 Civil Standby Total: 2
 Courtesy Ride Total: 6
 Custodial Interference Total: 1
 Death Notification Total: 1
 Disturbance Family Total: 1
 Domestic Total: 7
 Drug Paraphernalia Found Total: 1
 DUI Total: 2
 Fight Total: 1
 Fraud Total: 1
 Harassment Total: 1
 Minor(s) In Possession Total: 1
 Motorist Assist Total: 2
 Probation Officer Check Total: 4
 Property Damage Total: 3
 Property Found Total: 1
 Reckless Driving Total: 2
 Request Ambulance Total: 3
 Request Officer Total: 9
 Suspicious Person(s) Total: 2
 Suicidal Adult - Male Total: 1
 Theft Total: 4
 Theft Motor Vehicle Total: 1
 Threat W/Weapon Total: 1
 Traffic Accident -Total: 1
 Traffic - Hazard Total: 1
 Unattended Death Total: 1
 Unsecure Premises Total: 1
 Unwanted Person(s) Total: 3
 Welfare Check Total: 6
 VIN Inspection Total: 1
 Vandalism Total: 2
 Traffic Stop Total: 46

Code Enforcement Calls

Animal - Complaint Total: 2
 Abandoned Vehicle(s) Total: 1
 Animal - Problem Total: 1
 Animal - Vicious Total: 1
 Parking Vioations Total: 4
 Watering Violation Total: 3
 Stop Work Order Total: 1
 Dog Bite Total: 2
 Dog(s) at Large Total: 3
 Public Nuisance: Pallet Shed

Out of City Limits

Felony Pursuit Assist
 Domestic that started in town
 Burglar Alarm @ Clark Fork Vet
 Dementia person taken home x3
 Provide back up for a deputy stop

Citations

23 Citations issued
 Partner Family Member Assaults

Over Time

90.5 hours
 * coverage for vacation
 * coverage for training courses
 * one position down
 * we are at 89% of salarie budget
 with only 8% of the year remaining



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

MAY 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

0 Calls for Service:

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

Department Happenings

- We completed our ISO (Insurance Service Office) survey, and we feel it went very well. Won't know what our rating is for a couple of months.
- We will be lining up some more training going into June with MSU fire.

Powell County Public Health

MAY 2022

Powell County Public Health will offer Child Safety Seat inspections on June 11, 2022, from 11 am to 1 pm at Deer Lodge Medical Center. They also have some child safety seats available on a sliding scale fee basis.

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Testing and contact tracing for Coronavirus continues in Powell County. In May, there were 14 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.

The main variant tested in Montana now is BA.2.12.1.

Important Public Health concerns other than coronavirus:

Powell County Public Health Officer: Dr. Paul Rees

Dog bites: 3 bites in May

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.