
CITY OF DEER LODGE

Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE

AGENDA

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

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Regular Meeting: August 11, 2022 – No meeting September or October 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. None
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
 - b. Skatepark Rules – Jordan
6. **Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:**
7. **Announcement of the Next Meeting:**
 - a. December 7, 2022, at 5:00 PM.
8. **Adjournment:**

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Rob Kersch | Joseph Callahan (Chair) | Curt Fjelstad

Public Health & Safety Committee

MINUTES

August 11, 2022, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers

Members Present: Robert Kersch, Curt Fjelstad
Members Absent: Joseph Callahan
Mayor: Absent
CAO: Jordan Green
Staff: Cyndi Thompson
Guests: See Sign in Sheet

1. Call Meeting to Order:

- a. Assign a Chairperson – Jordan

Member Kersch motioned Joseph Callahan as Chairperson. Member Fjelstad seconded the motion. 2 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Absent. Motion passed.

Interim Chairperson Kersch called meeting to order at 5:01pm as Chairperson Callahan was absent.

2. Approval of Minutes for

- a. June 9, 2022 – No meeting in July 2022.

Interim Chairperson Kersch motioned to approve minutes as presented. Member Fjelstad seconded the motion. 2 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Absent. Motion passed.

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Per Person

- a. None

4. Old Business:

- a. None

5. New Business:

a. Department Reports: Accepted as presented.

1. Police Police Chief Smith

Police Chief Smith report summarized recent department activities for July based upon 289 calls for service, 28 citations and 14 calls for Code Enforcement.

2. Code Enforcement.....Jordan

Jordan provided recent department updates for hiring a new code enforcement officer and departmental happenings.

3. Fire..... Fire Chief Pierson

Fire Chief Pierson report summarized recent department activities for July based upon 8 calls for service.

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

Child Safety: Powell County Public Health received 5 Child Safety Seats from a grant out of Missoula with Buckle Up for Life. These seats are available for distribution. They also have some child safety seats available on a sliding scale fee basis.

Animal bites: 1 dog bite, 1 cat bite, 1 bat bite, and 1 pack rat bite

Rabies: Our bat bite resulted in the patient receiving the post-exposure prophylaxis. The bat was seen lying on the ground within the city limits and was picked up at which time the bat bit the person and then flew away. Because the bat bite was known and the bat was not available for testing, the person is receiving treatment. It is not recommended to handle sick animals without taken proper precautions especially bats and skunks.

COVID-19

Home test kits: These are available thru Powell County Public Health. Call if you need one at (406) 491-3681, they are good until October 2022. If used and positive, there are directions included on how to report the test or call Public Health staff for assistance. The advantage of using and reporting of home test results is that there is a verified record of the positive case and then if a positive test result is received in the next 90 days it does not delay further events such as surgery.

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 has 65.9% of eligible persons fully vaccinated.

Testing and contact tracing for Coronavirus continues in Powell County. In May, there were 14 positive cases, in June there were 56 positive cases, and in July there were 108 positive cases. We had 6 prison employees reported as positive and several offenders in July. There were 4 hospitalizations in July. We have had two deaths in Powell County.

Important Public Health concerns other than coronavirus:

Powell County Public Health Officer: Dr. Paul Rees

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: Outbuildings and other enclosed spaces 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: This has not been detected in Powell County. 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 to their veterinarian or public health at 406-691-0242.

Monkey Pox: There are no reported cases of monkeypox in Montana. However, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services is prepared to investigate if Montana gets a case.

- b. Police Department Mechanical Tire Deflators – Chief Smith
Chief Smith presented a draft policy for the Spike Strips (Stop Stick) as a recommendation to incorporate into the DL Police Policy.

Member Kersch motioned to approve the presented draft policy as a standing policy and Chief Smith to represent the Police Department Policy once Mechanical Tire Deflators is incorporated into the Police Department Policy. Member Fjelstad seconded the motion. 2 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Absent. Motion passed.

- c. Designated Parade Routes (Council Member Henderson) - Jordan
Discussed the standard parade route and having special parade route. Notification of having a parade should be at least 3 weeks out before an event.

Jordan to put together traffic plans for established routes and special events routes for the parades and bring back to this committee for review.

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

- a. Discussed curfew siren recommencing at 10:00PM.

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. September 8, 2022, at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:38PM.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Interim Chairperson: _____
Rob Kersch

Date: _____

**Public Health & Safety Committee
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CITY OF DEER LODGE

Police Department

300 Main St. Deer Lodge, Mt. 59722

Phone: (406)846-9585

Fax: (406)846-250

Chief George Smith

Calls for Service 221

Highlights

Multiple juvenile fights
Juvenile Assault with weapon
O.D. on pills at Jr High
Multiple juveniles possessing and sharing juvenile porn
Vandalisms-3
Felony strangulation
Drugs Charges-3
Missing Person-2
Domestics-3
Felon w/ a firearm
Assault

Traffic Stops-62

Citations 17

Code Enforcement Calls 12



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

OCTOBER 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

1 Call for Service:

- False alarm. Local resident had a burn permit and was burning rubbish outside city limits.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

Department Happenings:

The quiet streak continues. Asst Chief Anderson completed the final reporting on our compressor grant. No other reporting should be needed to FEMA for that moving forward. We will be prepping for Chimney Fire Season moving in.

Powell County Public Health

OCTOBER 2022

Child Safety: Powell County Public Health has car seats available on a sliding scale basis.

Animal bites: 0 animal bites were reported in October

Rabies: There has been a case of rabies verified in Montana during 2022. It is not recommended to handle sick animals without taken proper precautions especially bats and skunks. Powell County had another bat bite in September and prophylaxis was administered

Influenza: October 1, 2022, is the start of influenza in Montana. Immunizations are available at Deer Lodge Medical Center, Heidi Applegate’s office, and Safeway. Influenza (also known as “flu”) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death.

Powell County Public Health conducted a influenza vaccination clinic in conjunction with Safeway pharmacy on October 20, 2022 at the courthouse.

Cold vs Flu

Signs and Symptoms

| | Cold | Flu |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Symptom onset | Gradual | Abrupt |
| Fever | Rare | Common |
| Aches | Slight | Common |
| Chills | Uncommon | Fairly Common |
| Fatigue, weakness | Sometimes | Usual |
| Sneezing | Common | Sometimes |
| Chest Discomfort | Mild to moderate | Common |
| Cough | Hacking | Severe coughing |
| Stuffy nose/sore throat | Common | Sometimes |
| Headache | Rare | Common |

There has not been a laboratory verified case of influenza in Powell County. Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is also a virus common at this time of year. It is

the leading cause of bronchitis and pneumonia and is especially serious to infants and small children.

COVID-19

Home test kits: Tests kits are still available but have expired. Free testing by the Montana Public Health Laboratory will no longer be available after December 1st.

Vaccinations are available, and the CDC is recommending the bivalent booster for anyone age 50 and over if you have received the recommended previous vaccinations.

Testing and contact tracing for Coronavirus continues in Powell County. In October there were 9 positive cases and 1 death. Free testing will not be available after December 1, 2022

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Monkey Pox: There have been 7 cases reported in six counties in Montana. Vaccination is available if you or your healthcare provider feel that you are at high risk of contracting monkeypox.

From: Alcorn, James James.Alcorn1@optum.com
Subject: RE:
Date: Sep 27, 2022 at 9:06:29 AM

Hi Jackie,

Below is my take in blue.

James

This announcement is in regards to the local community City Parks and recreation.

The public's safety and health has come to the board's attention to address the number of unsupervised children, crime, and more.

Set forth the City Parks guidelines are as follows:

1. Children 10 and younger must be supervised by a parent or trusted adult.
2. All children 17 and younger must wear a helmet and if a helmet is not worn the child will be sent home.
3. If the child continues to not wear a helmet at the skate park, this will result in a suspension of up to 30 days. Then up to 3 months failure to wear a helmet continues.
4. 10 PM is the city ordinance curfew and will be enforced at parks.
5. Persons 18 and over who choose not to wear a helmet, do so at their own risk.
6. Graffiti, harassment, bullying, and verbal threats will not be tolerated. Alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other narcotics/illegal drugs are not allowed by anyone at the parks. Individuals conducting in illegal activities or that are acting violently will be prosecuted in accordance with the law. Citizens should not engage with criminals or bullies. Capturing evidence using a camera/phone from a safe distance and within reason is permitted so long as your safety is not in jeopardy.

The citizens of the community have invested in the use of city parks. The parks are a community privilege – one that can be revoked if abused. Please be responsible with your trash by not leaving any and throw your trash away. Debris left at the parks such as bike frames will result in a fine or community service.

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