
CITY OF DEER LODGE

Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE

AGENDA

March 8, 2023 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Regular Meeting: February 8, 2023
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 – Kody Ryan
 - iii. FD Report – Chief Pierson
 - iv. County Health Report – Ida Miller
 - b. Revise Signature Authority for Police Department Reserve Bank Account – Chief Smith
6. **Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:**
7. **Announcement of the Next Meeting:**
 - a. Regular Meeting: April 12, 2023, at 5:00 PM.
8. **Adjournment:**

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Joseph Callahan (Chair) | Rob Kersch | Curt Fjelstad

CITY OF DEER LODGE

**Public Health & Safety
Committee**

MINUTES

February 8, 2023, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers

Members Present: Robert Kersch, Curt Fjelstad
Members Absent: Joseph Callahan
Mayor: Absent
CAO: Jordan Green
Staff: Kody Ryan, Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Pierson
Guests: See Sign in Sheet

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Interim Chairperson Kersch called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes for

a. Regular Meeting: January 11, 2023

Member Fjelstad motioned to approve as presented. Interim Chairperson Kersch 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: ***Department Reports Accepted as presented.***

1. Police Police Chief Smith

Police Chief Smith summarized recent department activities for January based on 156 calls for service and 19 Citations issued.

2. Code Enforcement..... Kody Ryan

Kody summarized recent department activities for January based on 11 dogs at large calls, 4 citizen complaints and 298 year-to- date dog tags issued.

3. Fire..... Fire Chief Pierson

Fire Chief summarized recent department activities for January based on 5 calls for service.

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

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

Animal bites: 3 animal bites were reported in January.

Influenza: Immunizations are available at Deer Lodge Medical Center (DLMC), 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. In January, there have been 9 laboratory-verified cases of influenza in Powell County. We are expecting an increase around spring break in the schools.

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, small children, and the elderly. Between influenza, COVID, and RSV, RSV is the most prevalent positively reported lab currently in Powell County.

COVID-19

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

Testing and contact tracing for COVID-19 continues in Powell County.

In January there were 18 positive cases.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza: This has not been detected in Powell County. There are flocks and wild bird infections in Montana. The most recent infection occurred in the Flathead area in poultry flocks. This virus is extremely infectious and fatal to poultry and some species of wild birds. Although the 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: Now being called Mpox. 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.

Ebola: Ebola is no longer a disease of concern as the outbreak has been declared over.

b. Draft Ordinance 2023-2; Marijuana Businesses Zoning & Regulations - Jordan
Presented draft as the body is still then same as presented a couple months ago. The following recommendations previously discussed are outlined below.

1. The City of Deer Lodge Zoning Ordinance is amended to zone the following business types accordingly:
 - o Cultivator: A conditional use in the B-2, Highway Business District.
 - o Manufacturing: A conditional use in the I-1, Industrial and Manufacturing District.
 - o Testing Laboratory: A permitted use in the B-1, Central Business District and a permitted use in the B-2, Highway Business District.

2. A Zoning Permit is required for the issuance of a state license in accordance with 16-12-207(3(ii), MCA in order to obtain approval by local building, health, and fire officials.
3. All requirements of 16-12-207, MCA must be met for a cultivator, manufacturing, or testing laboratory marijuana business to operate in the zones authorized by this ordinance.
4. Cultivator businesses that currently or in the future will use municipal water and sewer must connect and be metered within six (6) months of business operation Failure to do so will result in the revocation of a cultivator marijuana business license.
5. Cultivator and Manufacturing businesses must install and maintain carbon filters and fans to circulate air and mitigate odor both inside and outside the structure. The issuance of the Zoning Permit as required in item 2 of this ordinance will require verification of the installation and maintenance of carbon filters and fans. Failure to install or maintain carbon filters and fans will result in the revocation of a cultivator or manufacturing marijuana business license.
6. A copy of this zoning ordinance, and any future zoning ordinances pertaining to marijuana businesses, shall be delivered to the Department of Revenue for the purposes of providing the department the local approval criteria for marijuana business licenses.
7. Title 5: Business Licenses and Regulations of the City of Deer Lodge Code of Ordinances is amended to include the requirements, other than zoning requirements, for cultivator and manufacturing marijuana business types as listed in items 4 and 5 of this ordinance. The changes to Title 5 are attached to this Ordinance 2023-2 and are incorporated herein.
8. Title 11: Land Use of the City of Deer Lodge Code of Ordinances is amended to include the zoning requirements of adult-use and medical marijuana dispensaries as listed in item 1 of this ordinance. The changes to Title 11 are attached to this Ordinance 2023-2 and are incorporated herein.

City Staff is working on City Code Title 5 for placement in Title 5 of the marijuana business regulations. Committee discussed signage onsite or offsite for a business. Jordan will research sign requirements/restrictions.

Member Callahan motioned to recommend to Council and have City Staff look at signage requirements and bring that to City Council. Member Fjelstad seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

- a. None

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. March 8, 2023, at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:28PM.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Interim Chairperson: _____
Rob Kersch

Date: _____

Public Health & Safety Committee
Members

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Deer Lodge Police Department

February 2023

Total Records: 119

911 Abandoned Total: 5
 Abandoned Vehicle(s) Total: 1
 Accident Non Injury Total: 1
 Alarm Total: 5
 Animal - Problem Total: 2
 Arrest Warrant Total: 1
 Child Pornography Total: 1
 Civil Standby Total: 1
 Custodial interference Total: 1
 Disorderly Total: 1
 Burglary Non Residence Total: 1
 Disturbance Total: 1
 Disturbance Family Total: 1
 Dog Bite Total: 1
 Elder Abuse Total: 1
 Embezzlement Total: 1
 Found item(s) Total: 1
 Gas Drive off Total: 1
 Gas Odor Total: 1
 Harassment Total: 3
 Hit and Run Total: 1
 Identity Theft Total: 1
 Information Total: 1
 Intoxicated Driver Total: 1
 Juvenile Problem Total: 1
 Missing Person(s) - Adult Total: 1
 Partner Family Member Assault Total: 1
 Probation Officer Check Total: 2
 Property Damage Total: 1
 Reckless Driving Total: 2
 Request Ambulance Total: 1
 Request Officer Total: 8
 Search Warrant Total: 1
 Sexual Assault Total: 1
 Stolen Vehicle Total: 2
 Stolen Weapon Total: 1
 Suspicious Activity Total: 5
 Theft Total: 5
 Threat(s) Total: 4
 Traffic Stop Total: 24
 Traffic - Stranded Motorist Total: 4
 Unlawful Dumping Total: 1
 Unsecure Premises Total: 1
 Unwanted Person(s) Total: 6
 VIN Inspection Total: 1
 Walk Through/Security Check Total: 2
 Welfare Check Total: 7
 With Prisoner(s) Total: 1

- *Officer Jason Kinsey starts on March 6
- *Officer Ron Slauson returns from Acadamey April 5
- *One of the new Explorers will be done getting out fitted in the next couple of weeks
- * seeing an increase in internet sex crimes
- * Suicide attempt, male shot himself in front of officer
- * Embezzlement case
- * 3 felony arrests
- * 1 misdemeanor arrest



CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

February 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 citizen complaints
- 1 Dog attack
- Daily patrols
- 13 dog at large calls
- 96 dog tags sold ytd
- 0 dogs at shelter
- New Dog tags are in so people are being warned to get them
- One Courtesy hold for a citizen experiencing homelessness
- Monthly culvert inspections beginning
- 1 stop work order issued

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

None

Jordan Green

From: Pierson, Brant C <Brant.Pierson@BNSF.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:17 AM
To: Jordan Green; Cyndi Thompson
Subject: Feb 2023 FD report

2 Calls for Service

1 Cancelled In Route for a semi wreck in the Garrison FD district. We did sent Rescue 1 to the scene to help until Garrison FD arrived.

1 Call for Traffic Control help at Mile Marker 184 (North on/off ramp into town) for a semi rolled over and blocking lanes. We set up traffic control until the tow company showed up and took over the scene.

Dept Happenings

We completed Naloxone (NARCAN) training provided by Rand Dickson for Powell EMS. Most of our department attended and now we carry a couple doses on Rescue 1 that we never hope to use.

Brant Pierson
406-249-7550

Powell County Public Health

FEBRUARY 2023

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Spring is fast approaching. We are entering the season of hantavirus, increased bat activity, and tick season.