
CITY OF DEER LODGE

Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE

AGENDA

April 12, 2023 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

* Revised *

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Regular Meeting: March 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)
 1. PD Report - Chief Smith
 2. Code Enforcement Report – Kody Ryan
 3. FD Report – Chief Pierson
 4. County Health Report – Ida Miller
 - b. Fire Department Traffic Control – Jordan Green
 - c. School Zone Signage – Jordan
 - d. PD Vehicle Surplus – Chief Smith
 - e. 5-Year Committee Goals - Jordan
6. **Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:**
7. **Announcement of the Next Meeting:**
 - a. Regular Meeting: May 10, 2023, at 5:00 PM.
8. **Adjournment:**

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Joseph Callahan (Chair) | Rob Kersch | Curt Fjelstad

Public Health & Safety Committee

MINUTES

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

Members Present: Robert Kersch, Curt Fjelstad
Members Absent: Joseph Callahan
Mayor: Absent
CAO: Jordan Green
Staff: Cyndi Thompson, 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 at 5:02pm.

2. Approval of Minutes for

a. Regular Meeting: February 8, 2023

Interim Chairperson Kersch motioned to approve 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. John Henderson provided documentation for Fire Department Traffic Control. This will be presented at the next meeting.

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 February based on 119 calls for service and 12 Citations issued.

2. Code Enforcement..... Kody Ryan

Kody summarized recent department activities for February based on 13 dogs at large calls, 4 citizen complaints and 96 year-to- date dog tags issued.

3. Fire..... Fire Chief Pierson

Fire Chief summarized recent department activities for February based on 2 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 February by the veterinarians.

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 February, there have been 4 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

Testing for Covid-19 Montana Public Health Laboratory will no longer provide free testing for Covid-19. Testing is still available at DLMC and Heidi Applegate’s office.

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. Over 60 percent of eligible adults over 30 have been vaccinated.

Testing and contact tracing for COVID-19 cases continue in Powell County. In February there were 7 8 positive cases reported by lab testing.

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.

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

- b. Revise Signature Authority for Police Department Reserve Bank Account – Chief Reserve PD Bank Account was set up years ago and the signers are no longer with the department. To update the signature card with the following Chief George Smith, Assistant

Chief Austin Picton and Tom Malcomb. Jordan will write a resolution to reflect those names and add the Treasurer and Mayor to the signature card.

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

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

- a. None

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. Regular Meeting: April 12, 2023, at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:27PM.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Interim Chairperson: _____
Rob Kersch

Date: _____

**Public Health & Safety Committee
Members**

Joseph Callahan (Chair) | Rob Kersch | Curt Fjelstad



Deer Lodge Police Department

March 2023

Police CFS

911 Call Total: 2
Abandoned Vehicle(s) Total: 3
Accident Non Injury Total: 3
Alarm Total: 2
Alarm - Non Residential Total: 2
Animal - Complaint Total: 2
Animal - Found Total: 3
Animal - Problem Total: 2
Animal - Stray Total: 1
Animal - Vicious Total: 1
Assault Total: 1
Break-in Total: 1
Burglar Alarm Total: 1
Care for Sick/Injured Total: 1
Child Abuse - Cross Report Total: 1
Civil Total: 1
Civil Standby Total: 1
Complaint Total: 1
Courtesy Ride Total: 2
Disabled Vehicle Total: 1
Disturbance Total: 1
Disturbance Family Total: 1
Dog(s) at Large Total: 2
Domestic - Violent Total: 1
Drug Paraphernalia Found Total: 1
Extra Patrol Requested Total: 1
Found item(s) Total: 2
Gas Leak Total: 3
Harassment Total: 2
Hit and Run Total: 1
Information Total: 1
Intoxicated Person Total: 1
Juvenile Problem Total: 1
Lift Assist Total: 1
Medical Alarm Total: 1
Minor(s) in Possession - Vape Pen Total: 1
Missing Person(s) - Juvenile Total: 1
Noise Complaint Total: 1
Parking Complaint Total: 1
Probation Violation - Adult Total: 1
Property Found Total: 1
Property Lost Total: 1
Property Stolen Total: 1
Reckless Driving Total: 4
Request Officer Total: 16
Request Wrecker Total: 1
Runaway Total: 1
Scam - Internet Total: 1
Stray - Canine(s) Total: 1
Suicidal Juvenile - Male Total: 1
Suspicious Person(s) Total: 1

Suspicious Vehicle(s) Total: 5
Theft Total: 2
Theft Motor Vehicle Total: 1
Threat(s) Total: 2
Traffic Accident - Non Injury Total: 3
Traffic Accident - Unknown Injury Total: 1
Traffic - Complaint Total: 2
Traffic - Hazard Total: 1
Traffic Stop Total: 44
Traffic - Stranded Motorist Total: 2
Traffic - Wrong Way Driver Total: 1
Unattended Death Total: 2
Unwanted Person(s) Total: 2
Vandalism Total: 2
VIN Inspection Total: 1
Walk Through/Security Check Total: 3
Welfare Check Total: 10
With Prisoner(s) Total: 1

Total Records: 171

Citations Issued: 17

Officer Slauson to Academy January 8- April 5
Report of drugs received in the mail
State Probationer was found with drug paraphernalia
Fentynal OD- Survived
Autopsy report came back one of our unattended
deaths was a drug OD
Pill and Alcohol OD at Jr High
Robbery case, Officer had to OC suspect
Contempt of Court, not following bail conditions
Vandalism to Softball Field
Internet Fraud Case
3-Felony PFMA's
2-Unattended deaths



CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

March 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- 6 citizen complaints
- Daily patrols
- 15 dog at large calls
- 142 dog tags sold ytd
- 0 dogs at shelter
- New Dog tags are in so people are being warned to get them
- Two property cleanups
- Monthly culvert inspections
- 1 stop work order issued

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

None



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

March 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

4 Call for Service:

- 1 Call for semi vs snowplow collision. It was near the Racetrack exit. A semi-truck left the eastbound lane of I-90 and struck a parked DOT plow as it was sitting in the turnround. We had to extricate the driver of the semi-truck. Minor injuries for both drivers.
- 1 Call for possible gas leak at the post office. We arrived, investigated, and found nothing. We touched base with Northwest Energy and left the scene.
- 1 Call for car crash at Sager Lane on the South Frontage road. 1 occupant was fine, the other had to be extricated. Injuries are unknown at this time.
- 1 Call for structure fire with possible occupant still inside. Upon arrival the occupant was outside suffering from smoke inhalation and EMS attended to them. The crew encountered heavy smoke from the basement of the structure. Upon entry they found the source and extinguished the flames. The structure sustained some burn and smoke damage but is repairable. Status of the injured occupant is unknown at this time.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

Department Happenings:

- No other Dept happenings at this time.

Powell County Public Health

March 2023

Child Safety: Powell County Public Health has car seats available on a sliding scale basis and a trained child seat technician to help with installation and questions.

Animal bites: 0 animal bites were reported in March.

COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV

Vaccinations are available for Covid-19 and Influenza.

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

In March there were 14 positive cases reported by lab testing.

Influenza reporting continues but cases are slowing.

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Communicable Disease: There are 77 reportable diseases required by the State of Montana code. STDs have been replacing Covid-19 for testing and tracing.

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

Public Health Office: The Powell County Public Health office has regularly scheduled office hours every other Thursday from 11 am to 2 pm. April dates will be April 13 and April 27. The office is located in the courthouse in Suite 106.

Option 1
Step 1
Used Walk-in



Option 2
Step 1
Used attenuator truck



Step 2 Add Traffic Advisor board & cone holder



1 SERIES LED TRAFFIC ADVISOR ARROW STICK
The 2 Series offers the greatest variety of traffic patterns as this LED traffic advisor arrow stick can be displayed via the front down angle or the vertical pop-up design.





2 SERIES LED TRAFFIC ADVISOR ARROW STICK
The 2 Series offers essential traffic patterns in a lighter design. The LED arrow stick can be displayed via the front down angle or the vertical pop-up design.





3 SERIES LED TRAFFIC ADVISOR LIGHT BAR
The 3 Series features an LED traffic advisor light bar that provides a convenient way to get traffic. The light bar mounts to the top of a 1 Series traffic trailer.





MESSAGE BOARD
Our Message Board Series provides the best way to communicate on-site. The board features a large 10" wide x 10" high LED panel with 400 high-contrast characters.



Step 2 Paint and Add Emergency Lights
Hire Prison to Paint the truck Red
Add Emergency light bar and Siren



Step 3 Steal a page from Chicago Fire Department
Commissioner Albert Goodrich (1927 - 1931) of the

Chicago Fire Department had a nautical background. He applied the marine scheme (red light = port, green light = starboard) to fire apparatus, and the idea became a tradition of the Chicago Fire Department. It is also used to mark the bay doors at most Chicago fire stations.

(See Highway Dept. Snowplows)



Step 4 Research Fire Police

Fire police are fire brigade/company members who, based upon their jurisdictional authority, receive sworn police powers, special training, and support firefighting efforts at emergency incidents.

In addition to securing firefighting equipment, incident and fire scenes, and the station itself, fire police perform traffic and crowd control.

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Cyndi Thompson

From: George Smith
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 12:14 PM
To: Jordan Green
Cc: James Jess; Cyndi Thompson
Subject: Resolution to sell surplus vehicles

Jordan

Can we get a resolution to sell the Crown Vics?

2008 Crown Vic 2FAFP71V28X141289 unknown miles, odometer is broken- KBB trade in value \$1,634
2010 Crown Vic 2FABP7BV8AX112947 unknown miles, odometer is broken- KBB trade in value- \$2,645

I would like to get \$1,000 each for these cars. They both would need a decent amount of work to get them up to par.

Thanks

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