
CITY OF DEER LODGE

Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE

AGENDA

May 17, 2023 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Regular Meeting: April 12, 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/Austin Picton
 2. Code Enforcement Report – Kody Ryan
 3. FD Report – Chief Pierson
 4. County Health Report – Ida Miller
 - b. Title 7 Fireworks Time Restrictions – Council Member Jackie Greenwood.
 - c. Committee Goals - Jordan
6. **Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:**
7. **Announcement of the Next Meeting:**
 - a. Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 5:00 PM.
8. **Adjournment:**

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Joseph Callahan (Chair) | Rob Kersch | Curt Fjelstad

Public Health & Safety Committee

MINUTES

April 12, 2023, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers

Members Present:	Robert Kersch, Curt Fjelstad, Joseph Callahan
Members Absent:	None
Mayor:	Absent
CAO:	Jordan Green
Staff:	Cyndi Thompson, Kody Ryan, Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Pierson, Assistant Fire Chief, Trent Freeman, Ida Miller
Guests:	See Sign in Sheet

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Interim Chairperson Kersch called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. Approval of Minutes for

a. Regular Meeting: March 8, 2023

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

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Per Person

- a. Conn Coughlin stated he was not happy with the way Deer Lodge looks and recommends council members look around in their wards at the destructive properties in town. Stated the dump is a mess and this should be looked at. Need to look at Street Maintenance as the roads need patched. Member Kersch replied, we will refer this to Public Works for them to look at. Jordan talked about the 10 year plan to hit every street in town.
- b. Greg Larkins stated that HB12 passed.
- c. Dave Williamson discussed stop sign violation at Granville Stuart School. Improper alley Parking 400-500 Main Street on the East side. South side of St Mary's (700 block), Ice & Snow buildup. Not safe for kids and kids will walk in the street because of the buildup.

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 March based on 171 calls for service and 17 Citations issued.

2. Code Enforcement..... Kody Ryan

Kody summarized recent department activities for March based on 15 dogs at large calls, 6 citizen complaints and 142 year-to- date dog tags issued, Issued 1 stop work order.

3. Fire..... Fire Chief Pierson

Fire Chief summarized recent department activities for March based on 4 calls for service.

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

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.

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.

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.

d. Fire Department Traffic Control – Jordan Green

This was presented in last meeting from Council Member John Henderson for potential traffic control for the Fire Department. Fire Chief Pierson had discussed with an MSU Fire Trainer Step 4 :Research Fire Police from the handout. After review we have decided this will not be necessary at this time. Discussed an open dialog with the Highway Patrol District, City Mayor, City Police Department and Fire Department. Fire Chief Pierson will continue to do more research. No motion, discussion only.

e. School Zone Signage – Jordan

Help to control traffic, install more up to date signage for the school district areas to help ensure the safety of the children. Trent provided a rough estimate for signage from his sign study. Approximately \$245 per sign (without labor cost), approximately 90 signs to be placed with approximate total of \$21,500.00. Public Works Crew does the work it will take approximately 6 weeks non-stop, 2 hours per sign to install = \$30,000 man hours to install.

Jordan stated, we will be talking with the schools, finding the right direction, and seeing if we can get a grant to support the costs. No motion, discussion only.

f. PD Vehicle Surplus – Chief Smith

We will need to have a resolution to city council and receive a two-thirds vote to surplus. This will go through an open bid process. They both would need a decent amount of work to get them up to par. Donation was discussed.

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

Member Kersch motioned to approve the open bid process of the two Crown Vic's with recommendation to Finance. Chairman Callahan seconded the motion, 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

g. 5-Year Committee Goals - Jordan

Received two goals out of the five. More goals to come at future meetings.

1. Review Public Health & Safety related codes.
2. Seek more opportunities for public outreach.
3. TBD
4. TBD
5. TBD

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

- a. Change date and time of monthly meeting to 2nd Thursdays of the month at 5pm.

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. Regular Meeting: May 10, 11, 2023, at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Chairperson: _____
Joseph Callahan

Date: _____

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Deer Lodge Police Department
April 2023

Police CFS

Total Calls For Service: 195

Citations Issued: 18

Assistant Chief Picton resigned, last day is 5/18/2023

Chief Smith out for ankle surgery

Highlighted Calls:

1- Partner Family Member Assault

7- Medical Assists

1-Sexual Assault

1-Stolen Vehicle

4-Suicidal Calls

5-Thefts

4-Traffic Accidents

82-Traffic Stops

11-Welfare Checks

3- DUI Stops

6-Request Officer Calls



CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

April 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- 10 citizen complaints
- Daily patrols
- 13 dog at large calls
- 163 dog tags sold ytd
- 1 dogs at shelter
- New Dog tags are in so people are being warned to get them
- 3 property cleanups
- Monthly culvert inspections
- 2 stop work order issued
- 3 citations issued
- One city adoption

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

None



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

April 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

3 Call for Service:

- 1 call for car accident with entrapment. Occupant was removed before our arrival. We helped with traffic control for a short bit and then returned to the hall.

- 2 calls for camper/RV on fire,
 - 1 was a 5th wheel and was fully involved on arrival. A wood stove is the suspected cause. No Injuries. Total Loss.

 - 1 was a truck bed camper. Flames were showing on arrival, but we kept the fire interior. 1 neighbor was looked at for smoke inhalation. An extra mounted A/C-heater unit is the suspected cause. Total loss.

In both instances the campers were being used as a full time residence.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

Department Happenings:

I met with all our neighboring fire chiefs, the County Planner, and an engineer from Great West to discuss grant money that is possible to obtain and where we could use it. We also discussed opening up and dialogue for future meetings to make sure we are all on the same page as far as our critical assets each of our fire districts and to make sure mapping of our Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) is correct. More meeting to come...

Powell County Public Health

APRIL 2023

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

Bike Safety at the Elks on May 21, 2023. Bike and skate helmets are available at Deer Lodge Medical Center Physical Therapy office.

Animal bites: 4 animal bites were reported in April.

Spring is here. We are entering the season of hantavirus, increased bat activity, and ticks. Use precautions when cleaning old buildings, don't pick up bats, and prepare for ticks when outside.

Vaccinations are available for Covid-19. The recommendation is to consult your health professional to see if you need a booster dose.

Testing and contact tracing for COVID-19 cases continue in Powell County. In April there were 7 positive cases reported by lab testing. Influenza reporting continues until June 1st but 0 positive cases in the last 2 months. Covid-19 is a reportable condition in Montana under Administrative Rule of Montana 37.114.203. This means that all positive molecular (NAAT, PCR) and all positive antigen tests conducted with CLIA oversight are still required to be reported to MTDPHHS and Powell County Public Health.

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Canine Brucellosis: Canine brucellosis is increasing rapidly in Montana. It is commonly found in stray dog populations but can be found in pets and is considered incurable in dogs. It does spread to other dogs and humans. There is a lab test for dogs, but human testing is more problematic.

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Public Health & Safety 5-Year Committee Goals

1. Review Public Health & Safety Codes
2. Seek More Opportunity for Public Outreach.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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