
CITY OF DEER LODGE

Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE

AGENDA

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

1. Call Meeting to Order:

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Regular Meeting: May 17, 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
- 5. Recreation Report – Sean Herrick

6. Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

8. Adjournment:

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Joseph Callahan (Chair) | Rob Kersch | Curt Fjelstad

Public Health & Safety Committee

MINUTES

May 17, 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, Fire Chief Pierson
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: April 12, 2023

Member Kersch motioned to approve as presented. Chairman Callahan seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Per Person

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 April based on 195 calls for service and 18 Citations issued.

2. Code Enforcement..... Kody Ryan

Kody summarized recent department activities for April based on 13 dogs at large calls, 10 citizen complaints and 163 year-to-date dog tags issued, Issued 2 stop work orders.

3. Fire..... Fire Chief Pierson

Fire Chief summarized recent department activities for April based on 3 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 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.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza: This has not been detected in Powell County. There are flocks and wild bird infections in Montana. 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.

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.

Public Health Office: The Powell County Public Health office has regularly scheduled office hours every Thursday from 11 am to 2 pm. The office is in the courthouse in Suite 106.

- b. Title 7 Fireworks Time Restrictions – Council Member Jackie Greenwood.
Reviewed City Code section 7.04.020, Sections (E), (F), (G) (H): 1 & 2. Fireworks times.

Member Kersch motioned to have a Public Hearing with three options, 1) Only permit fireworks on July 4th through 1:00am July 5th and December 31st through January 1st 1:00am. 2) Only permit fireworks on July 3rd through July 5th to 1:00am. 3) Leave times as indicated. Committee vote separately on a 9am start time. Member Callahan seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

Member Kersch motioned recommendations to City Council, we alter City Code section 7.04.020 (G), to say No Fireworks be permitted prior to 9:00am or after 10:00pm on permitted days, Exceptions still apply. Chairman Callahan seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

c. Committee Goals – Jordan

Completed 5 year goals by adding three additional items.

- i. Reader Board at the Fire Hall.
- ii. Publish/Promote Public Health & Safety Topics for Departments on Living Local App.
- iii. Assist Fire Department Rural Water Supply.

Member Kersch motioned to approve the three additional 5 year goal items. Chairman Callahan seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

- a. Fire Chief Pierson: Discussed monitoring of weather conditions and emergency Fireworks shut down should that need to happen.

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. Regular Meeting: June 8, 2023, at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:54PM.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Chairperson: _____
Joseph Callahan

Date: _____

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Joseph Callahan (Chair) | Rob Kersch | Curt Fjelstad



Deer Lodge Police Department

May 2023

Police CFS

Total Calls For Service: 245

Citations Issued: 38

Been interviewing for officer, offer made to Bill Denend.

Starting on June 19th

Ron Slauson promoted to sergeant

Highlighted Calls:

79-Traffic Stops

8- 911 Calls

1-Sexual Assault

2- DUI

1-Minor in Possession of Tobacco

3- runaway, located

6- Partner Family Member Assaults/Domestics

4- Traffic Accidents

5- Vandalisms

3- Custodial Interference

2- Child Abuse

3-Thefts

10-Trespass/Unwanted Persons

8-Welfare Checks

5-Medical Assists

1-CPR/Narcan Revived

1-Indecent Exposure

1-Hit and Run



CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

MAY 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- 6 Citizen Complaints
- Daily Patrols
- 10 Dogs at Large Calls
- 171 Dog Tags Sold Year to Date
- 1 Dog at Shelter
- Grass Monitoring Begins
- 3 Property Cleanups
- Monthly Culvert Inspections
- 1 Citation Issued

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

None



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

MAY 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

4 Call for Service:

- 2 grass fires. 1 caused by permitted control burn getting out of hand and the other caused by malfunction equipment at the sawmill.
- 1 structure fire. Contained in the kitchen area. Caused by cutting board left on the oven top. Checked for other heat and helped ventilate the house before we left.
- 1 car accident MM 180 Westbound. Truck was showing smoke on arrival. We checked for other hazards and left the scene.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

Department Happenings:

Powell County Public Health

May 2023

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Public Health Office: The Powell County Public Health office has regularly scheduled office hours every Thursday from 11 am to 2 pm. The office is in the lowest level of the courthouse in Suite 106.

Animal bites: 2 cat bites were reported in May.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza: Still a virus of interest. 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 suspected or confirmed cases of communicable diseases that are reportable to local public health jurisdictions and the State of Montana under ARM 37.114.201. STDs have been replacing Covid-19 for testing and tracing.

Summer Season: Hantavirus, increased bat activity, the possibility of rabies from bats or skunks, and tick season are now all here with temperatures in the 50's and over.

Plants that cause rashes are common in Montana. The most prevalent are stinging nettle, western water hemlock, poison hemlock, and poison ivy. If encountered the affected areas should be washed with soap and water. This includes all exposed skin and in the case of poison ivy, shoes, pants, or other areas that have come in contact with the oils of the plant. If pulling noxious weeds such as Canadian thistle, knapweed, or henbane gloves should be worn to provide protection due to toxicity.



RECREATION PROGRAM REPORT

MAY 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- Coed Softball started June 6th. Looks like 10 teams will play this year.
- Cornhole Tournaments will be at Territorial Days.
- Cornhole Tournaments will be at the Draft Horse Expo.

PROJECT SUMMARIES

None.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

None.

STAFFING CONCERNS

None.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

No update.