
CITY OF DEER LODGE

Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE

AGENDA

July 13, 2023 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Regular Meeting: June 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. Fireworks Follow up - Jordan
6. **Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:**
7. **Announcement of the Next Meeting:**
 - a. Regular Meeting: Thursday, August 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

June 8, 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: May 17, 2023

Member Fjelstad motioned to approve as presented. Member Kersch seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. 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 May based on 245 calls for service and 38 Citations issued.

2. Code Enforcement..... Kody Ryan

Kody summarized recent department activities for May based on 10 dogs at large calls, 6 citizen complaints and 171 year-to-date dog tags issued.

3. Fire..... Fire Chief Pierson

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

4. Recreation Program Report.....Sean Herrick

Sean summarized recent department activities for May based on Coed Softball started June 6th. 10 Teams will play this year. Cornhole Tournaments at Territorial Days and Draft Horse Expo.

5. 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.

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.

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

- a. Fire Chief Pierson: Talked about the CCR's in the paper.

b. Member Callahan: Certain members of the police force need to be trained on city code.

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

a. Regular Meeting: July 13, 2023, at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:23PM.

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

June 2023

Police CFS

Total Calls For Service: 210

Citations Issued: 21

Highlighted Calls:

911 Call Total: 6

Abandoned Vehicle(s) Total: 2

Accident Non Injury Total: 2

Alarm Total: 13

Animal - Abuse Total: 1

Animal - Vicious Total: 3

Dog Bite Total: 2

Domestic - Violent Total: 3

Drugs Total: 1

Fireworks Complaint Total: 9

Identity Theft Total: 1

Indecent Exposure Total: 1

Intoxicated Person Total: 3

Juvenile Problem Total: 2

Gas Drive off Total: 1

Probation Officer Check Total: 2

Reckless Driving Total: 4

Request Officer Total: 5

Request to Speak to Officer Total: 4

Suspicious Activity Total: 5

Theft Total: 10

Traffic Stop Total: 67

Trespass to Property Total: 2

Welfare Check Total: 6



CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

June 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 citizen complaints
- Daily patrols
- 1 courtesy hold at shelter
- 1 vicious dog report
- 174 dog tags sold Year-to Date
- 0 dog at shelter
- 12 letters sent about excess grass (all compliant)
- Property cleanups (progress slow)
- Monthly culvert inspections
- 1 citation issued

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- None



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

JUNE 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

2 Call for Service:

- 1 Smell of gas. Our Gas sniffer was requested at the Ivy Care and Rehab. Was a false alarm. Odor was believed to be coming from a drain.
- 1 call requesting help for extrication at MM 172 I-90. All occupants were fine and only had minor injuries.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

Department Happenings:

Powell County Public Health

JUNE 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 on the lowest level of the courthouse in Suite 106.

Covid: There were 2 cases of Covid -19 reported in June.

Animal bites: 2 bites in June

Rabies: Rabies is a fatal but preventable viral disease. It can spread to people and pets if they are bitten or scratched by a rabid animal. In the United States, rabies is mostly found in wild animals like bats, raccoons, skunks, and foxes.

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 and can lead to potential exposure to hantavirus. Appropriate precautions should be used when evidence of rodents is visible. In Montana, the deer mouse can cause Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza: While not detected in Powell County, precautions should be taken such as gloves 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.

Mosquitos: The most commonly identified disease caused by mosquitos in Montana is the West Nile virus which can affect humans. Draining standing water, dressing in light colors with loose layers, and defending by using mosquito repellent will help lessen mosquito impact.

§ 7.04.020 RESTRICTED SITES AND TIME LIMITATION FOR RETAIL SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS.

(A) Any temporary trailer, building or structure used for the sale or storage of fireworks must conform to general permissible safety standards and be approved by the Fire Chief or law enforcement agency.

(B) No structure may be placed upon an approved site prior to June 28 and such structure must be removed on or before July 6.

(C) No structure shall be allowed to be placed within ten feet of an adjoining property line.

(D) No fireworks shall be discharged or fired within 200 feet of a licensed structure and signs reading "It shall be unlawful to discharge or fire or cause to be fired any fireworks within 200 feet of this building" shall be displayed.

(E) The sale at retail or use of fireworks will only be permissible between June 30 and July 5, both dates inclusive.

(F) Permitted use of fireworks will also be permissible on December 31 and January 1, both dates inclusive.

(G) No fireworks will be permitted to be fired after 10:00 p.m. on permitted days.

(H) Exceptions.

(1) July 4 through July 5: no fireworks will be permitted to be fired after 1:00 a.m. on July 5.

(2) December 31 through January 1: no fireworks will be permitted to be fired after 1:00 a.m. on January 1.

(Prior Code, § 7.04.020) (Ord. 150, passed 6-18-2012; Ord. 2021-11, passed 12-20-2021)