
CITY OF DEER LODGE

Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE

AGENDA

September 14, 2023 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order:

2. Approval of Minutes:

a. Regular Meeting: August 10, 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 (absent, report in packet)

b. Adopting a New Police Department Policy Manual – Jordan/ Chief Smith

c. Deer Lodge Police Department Shooting Range – Jordan/ Chief Smith

d. Discuss Request by ReAct Group to Review Smoking in Front of Businesses - Jordan

6. Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

a. Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 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

August 10, 2023, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers

Members Present: Robert Kersch, Curt Fjelstad
Members Absent: Joe Callahan
Mayor: Absent
CAO: Jordan Green
Staff: Cyndi Thompson, Kody Ryan, Police Chief Smith
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: July 13, 2023

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

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Per Person

- a. Natalee Bohrer, Kevin Nagel, Faye Machler and Daisy Ryan representing ReACT Program. Provided graph results for cigarette smoking and vaping in front of businesses from the Powell County Customer Satisfaction Survey with 219 responses and provided results of 53 responses on "Other Thoughts or Suggestions for Improvements" on their Customer Survey.
- b. Amanda Bohrer provided information about the Clean Air Act for marijuana, cigarette smoking, and vaping.

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 July based on 230 calls for service and 18 Citations issued.

2. Code Enforcement..... Kody Ryan

Kody summarized recent department activities for July based on 5 citizens' complaints, 1 courtesy hold at shelter, 186 year-to-date dog tags issued, 9 letters sent for excessive grass, and 2 citations issued.

3. Fire..... Fire Chief Pierson

Fire Chief summarized recent department activities for July based on 1 call 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.

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 7 cases of Covid -19 reported in July with 2 cases hospitalized.

Animal bites: 4 bites in July both cat and dog and all from vet clinics

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. This is Rabies season.

Ticks: 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.

Giardia: A microscopic parasite that causes the diarrheal illness known as giardiasis. It can occur among backpackers or campers who drink untreated water from springs, lakes, or rivers. It also can be found in swimmers who swallow water from swimming pools, hot tubs, interactive fountains, or untreated recreational water from springs, lakes, or rivers.

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.

Wildfire Smoke: Montana issues daily air quality alerts. If you have health concerns, you may check <https://www.deq.mt.gov/air/Programs/smokeforecasts> for further information.

- b. Review Title 8 Dogs for Potential Changes - Jordan
Made a few changes to Tile 8 relating to vicious animals, violations and penalties. Discussed nonemergency violations for Code Enforcement should be reported to dispatch 406-846-2711 or emergency calls to 911.

Member Kerch motioned to approve the changes in Title 8 with recommendations to City Council. Member Fjelstad seconded the motion. 2 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Absent. Motion passed.

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

- a. Jordan discussed fence height Ordinance.
- b. Member Fjelstad: Renters above businesses that smoke and smoking distance.

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. Regular Meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 6:26PM.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Interim Chairperson: _____
Rob Kersch

Date: _____

**Public Health & Safety Committee
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DEER LODGE Police Department

August 2023 Monthly Report

Chief George Smith

- 250 Calls for Service
- 201 Reports Written
- 89 Traffic Stops
- Highlighted Calls
 - 1 Fatal Accident Assisted PCSO
 - 3 Fraud
 - 1 Animal Cruelty
 - 1 Vicious Dog
 - 2 Assaults
 - 4 Break-Ins
 - 7 Vandalisms
 - 6 Disturbances
 - 2 Drug Cases
 - 2 DUIs
 - 2 Non-Injury Accidents
 - 1 Restraining Order Violation
 - 9 Welfare Checks

We have 3 reserve officers being sworn in on Monday, September 11, 2023.



Montana's Undiscovered Treasure

CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

August 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- 12 dog at large complaints
- 7 citizen complaint
- 2 temporary foster
- 4 excessive grass
- 7 citations issued
- 190 dog tags sold
- 3 dogs at shelter
- 1 junk vehicle tow
- One new outdoor kennel set up
- One dog bite reported to code enforcement
- One vicious dog detained at shelter pending court ruling

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

None



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

AUGUST 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

7 Call for Service:

- 2 Vehicle accidents-each within a day of each other and in the same mile of I-90.
 - I. 1 truck and trailer roll over in median. We assisted EMS with traffic.
 - II. 1 single car rollover in median. It struck the overpass pile and rolled. It then caught on fire. This accident had a fatality.

- 1 Grass fire by the fairgrounds caused by arching powerline.
- 1 False alarm- Homeowner had fire in a fire pit but had thrown some grass on it.
- 1 Structure fire at the Fairgrounds. Caused by electrical wire to the building. Fair workers had it out with an extinguisher before arrival.

- 2 Gas leak calls:
 - I. 1 for a leak in a residence caused by water heater pilot light.
 - II. 1 for gas odor from a trench as the Northwest Energy was working on a gas line in an alley.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

Department Happenings:

- We completed railroad basic HAZMAT awareness training put on by BNSF Railway. Multiple agencies joined.
- Annual hose testing will happen soon.

Powell County Public Health

AUGUST 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. There will be a car seat inspection event on September 21, 2023, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Community Center.

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. Influenza vaccines will be available soon.

Covid: There were 16 cases of Covid -19 reported in August. Currently 3 active cases for September.

Animal bites: 1 dog bite in August with 2 rabies cases submitted to state by the vet clinic.

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. This is Rabies season.

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CITY COUNCIL/COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

THIS AGENDA ITEM REFERRED BY: CITY COUNCIL **TO:** PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Agenda Item Name: Adopting a New Police Department Policy Manual

For Meeting on: 09/14/2023 **Staff Member/Committee Referring:** Police Chief Smith

Description of the item:

The draft Police Department Policy Manual is created by Lexipol, a leading firm in Police Department Policy creation. It is an update to the current, but outdated, Policy Manual. It provides Police Officers with readily accessible information on department policies, state statute, personnel, and operations and is used by officers to perform their functions based on established legal authority.

Attachments:

The draft Policy Manual is too large to attach in email or packet. Copies for review are available at City Hall for public and Councilmember viewing.

Previous Committee Engagement:
(discussion, outcomes, recommendations, public comment)

This agenda item was on the August 21, 2023 City Council agenda. The Council moved to send the item to the Public Health and Safety Committee for review and recommendation back to City Council.

Recommended Motion/Action:

Recommend that the City Council approve the adoption of the new DLPD Policy Manual.

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CITY COUNCIL/COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

THIS AGENDA ITEM REFERRED BY: STAFF MEMBER **TO:** PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Agenda Item Name: Deer Lodge Police Department Shooting Range

For Meeting on: 09/14/2023 **Staff Member/Committee Referring:** Police Chief Smith

Description of the item:

The Deer Lodge Police Department is proposing to create a practice shooting range on the City property at Emery Road that can be used by both DLPD and Powell County Sheriff's Department. Currently, both departments use the shooting range at the old Mastodon site. The proposal is to fund and construct incremental improvements to the shooting range over the coming years. The PowerPoint presentation provides more detail on the proposal.

Attachments:

PowerPoint presentation of DLPD Range Proposal created by Chief Smith and Officer Malcomb.

Previous Committee Engagement:

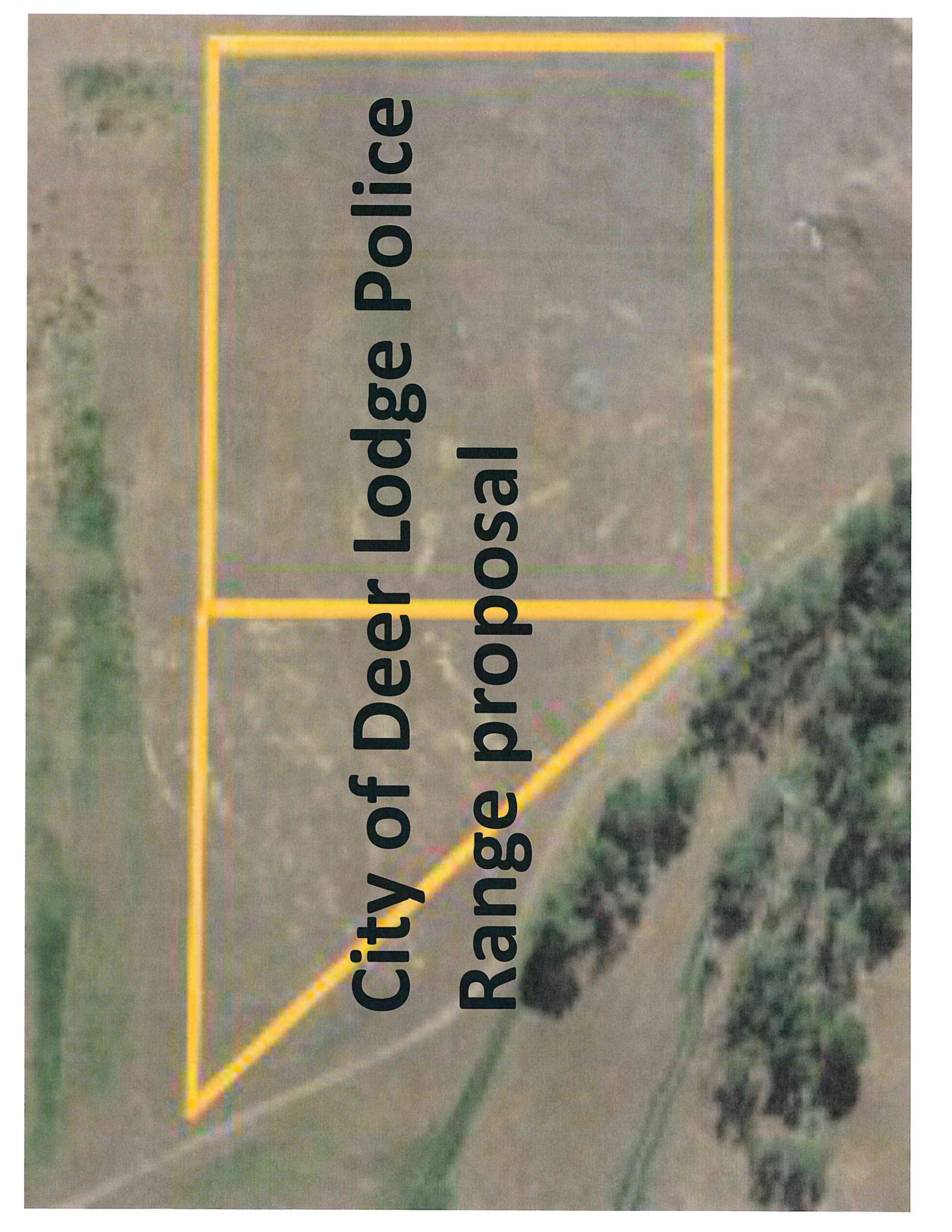
(discussion, outcomes, recommendations, public comment)

None.

Recommended Motion/Action:

Discussion.

Motion to move forward with discussion, design, and implementation.

An aerial photograph showing a rural landscape with a dirt road, fields, and trees. A yellow rectangular boundary is overlaid on the image, enclosing a portion of the road and surrounding fields. The text "City of Deer Lodge Police Range proposal" is centered over the image.

**City of Deer Lodge Police
Range proposal**

Bill Wood Memorial Law Enforcement Range



In 1973 Bill went to work for the Deer Lodge Police Department and served as Chief of Police from 1977 to 1992. He then worked at the State of Montana as an investigator for the Department of Justice and the Department of Labor until he retired in 2016. Bill also served as a reserve deputy for the Yellowstone and Powell County Sheriff's Offices.



46°24'05"N

Emery Rd

46°24'N

112°41'35"W 112°41'30"W 112°41'25"W 112°41'20"W 112°41'15"W 112°41'10"W 112°41'05"W 112°41'W

46°23'50"N

46°23'45"N

Emery Rd

Cottonwood Creek

Emery Rd

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Swamp area

Junk vehicle area



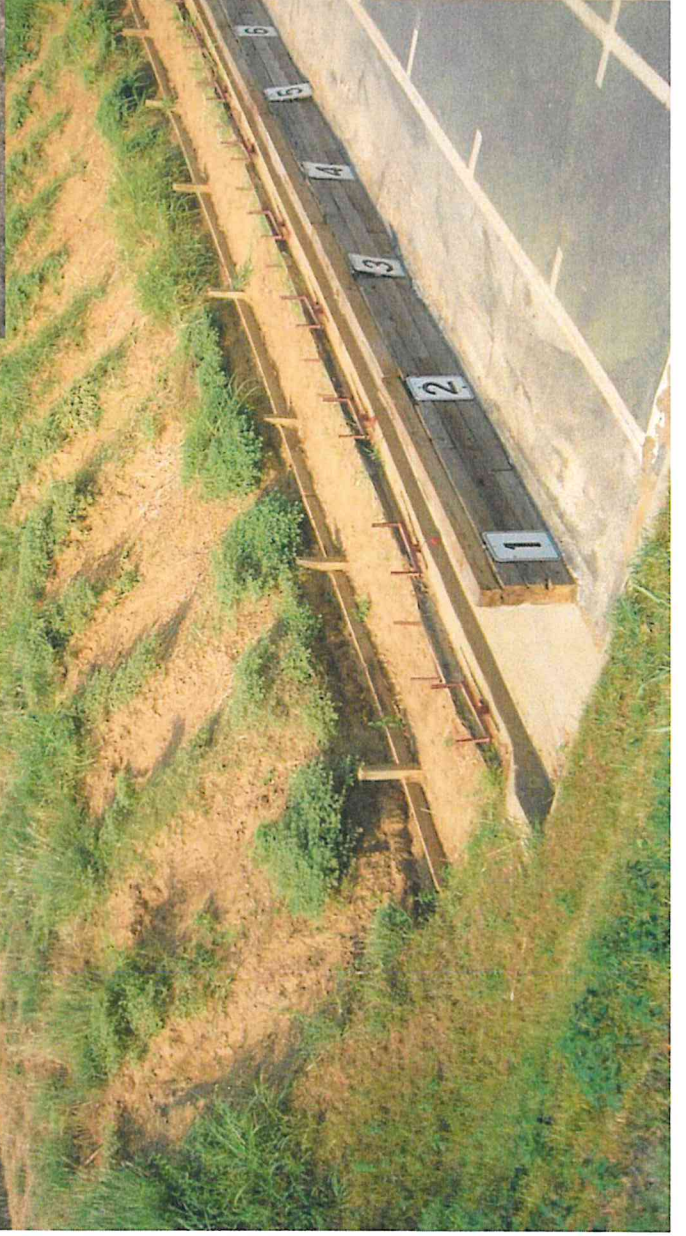
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Range Area

138 meters

130 meters

Parking area





150 meters

Range Area

138 meters

130 meters

Parking area

Power building

150 meters

Range Area

138 meters

130 meters

Conex containers for storage

Parking area





Power building

150 meters

Range Area

138 meters

130 meters

Conex containers for storage

Parking area



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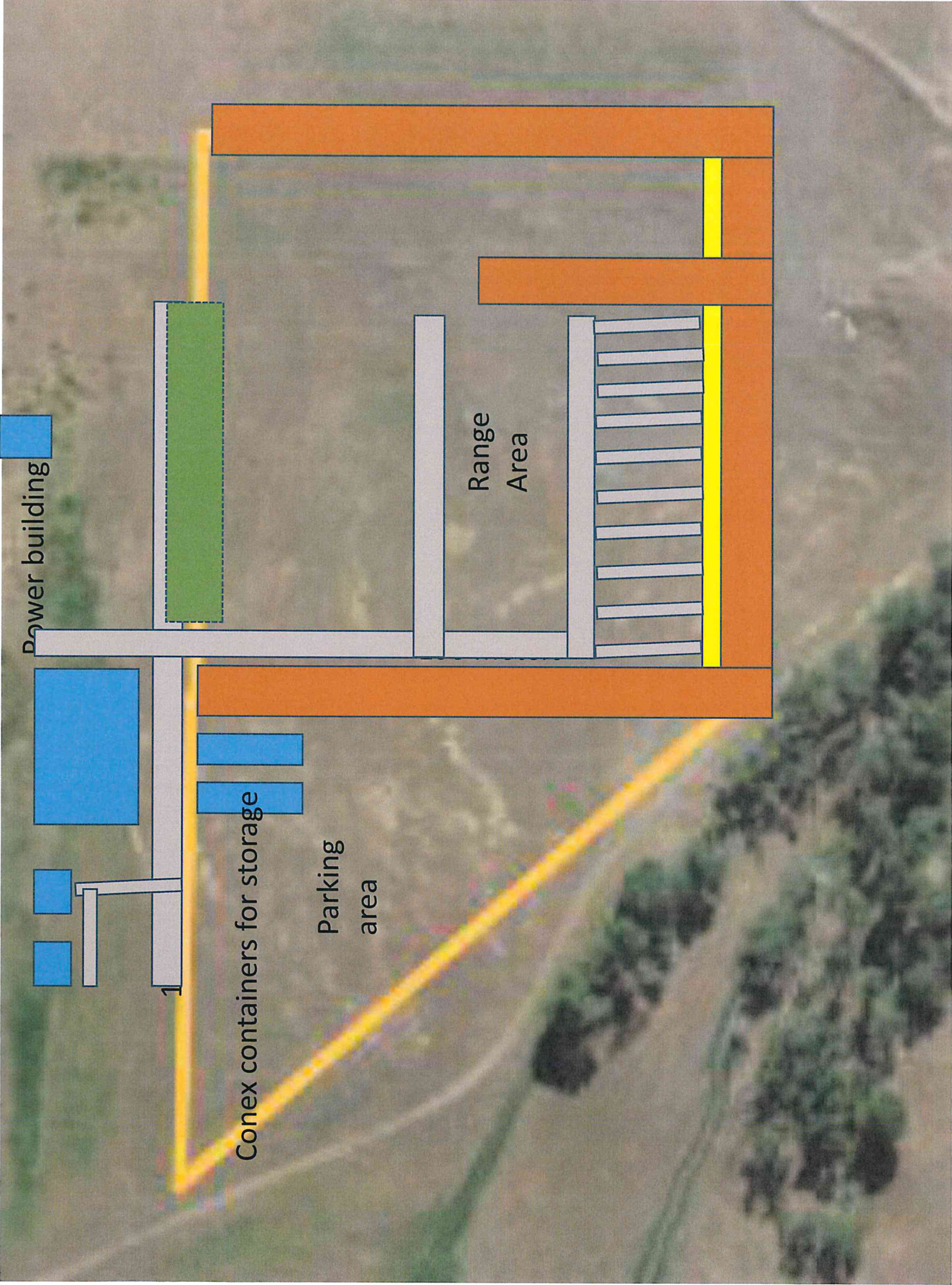
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Range Area

Conex containers for storage

Parking area

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Power building

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CITY COUNCIL/COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

THIS AGENDA ITEM REFERRED BY: COMMITTEE



TO: PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY



Agenda Item Name: Discuss Request by ReACT Group to Review Smoking in Front of Businesses

For Meeting on: 09/14/2023 **Staff Member/Committee Referring:** Public Health and Safety

Description of the item:

At the August 10, 2023 Public Health and Safety Meeting, 3 members of the ReACT Coalition presented survey results to the Committee regarding smoking and vaping in front of businesses in town. They requested the Committee review local ordinances pertaining to the Clean Indoor Air Act in an attempt to remove smoking/vaping from in front of City businesses.

Attachments:

None

Previous Committee Engagement:

(discussion, outcomes, recommendations, public comment)

Public Health and Safety Committee voted on August 10, 2023, following public comment, to place on the next agenda a discussion about this item.

Recommended Motion/Action:

Discussion only.