
CITY OF DEER LODGE

**Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

July 11, 2024 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:**
- 2. Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Regular Meeting: June 13, 2024
- 3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – (Limit to three minutes per person)**
- 4. Continued 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
- 6. Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:**
- 7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:**
 - a. Regular Meeting: Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 5:00 PM.
- 8. Adjournment:**

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

John Molendyke (Chair) | William Fox | Rob Kersch

CITY OF DEER LODGE

**Public Health & Safety
Committee**

MINUTES

June 13, 2024, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers

Members Present: Kirk Hayes, Curt Fjelstad, John Molendyke

Members Absent: None

Mayor: Absent

CAO: Jordan Green

Staff: Cyndi Thompson, Fire Chief Pierson, Police Chief Smith, Kody Ryan, and Ida Miller

Guests: None

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Molendyke called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: May 16, 2024

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

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Per Person

- a. None

4. Old Business:

- a. Police Department Supplemental Funding Discussion – Jordan
Looking at different ways to supplement Police Department funding. List of needs and wants was provided to the committee. Discussed a grant the Police Department applied for. Moving forward we'll be looking at funds through the legislature and other alternative ways of funding. Discussion only, no motion.

HIGHEST NEEDS ABOVE REGULAR BUDGET

DESCRIPTON	COST	
2 Patrol Cars	\$30k X 2=	\$60,000.00
2 Patrol Set-Ups	\$10k X 2=	\$20,000.00
FTE LEO		\$77,000.00
Duty Weapon		\$900.00
Taser		\$1,600.00
TOTAL		\$159,500.00

only \$25,000 per year for first 2 years if grant is awarded

NEXT LEVEL NEEDS

DESCRIPTON	COST	
7 Portable Radios	\$25,000.00	
6 New Duty Weapons	\$6,000.00	
TOTAL		\$31,000.00

- b. DL Police Department Gun Range – Chief Smith & Jordan
 Chief Smith and Officer Malcomb reviewed the area of the potential gun range. Letters will be going out to residents in the area to receive feedback. Will review this topic again next month. No motion, discussion only.

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 253 calls for service 201 reports generated, 89 traffic stops and 25 Citations issued.
2. Code Enforcement..... Kody Ryan
 Kody summarized recent department activities for May based on 12 dogs at large calls, 19 new cases, 1 junk vehicle removed, 2 dogs at shelter, 186 year-to- date dog tags issued, 3 citations issued and 3 stop work orders.
3. Fire..... Fire Chief Pierson
 Fire Chief Pierson summarized recent department activities for May based on 3 calls for service.
4. County Health May Report.....Ida Miller
 Ida Miller provided May’s Health Report along with a copy of the Montana Clean Indoor Air Act Implementation Protocol for Powell County.

Child Safety: Powell County Public Health has car seats 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 changed their regularly scheduled office hours to **every Wednesday** from 11 am to 2 pm. The office is on the lowest level of the courthouse in Suite 106.

Animal bites: One dog bite in May

Influenza/Covid-19: There were 6 cases of COVID-19 reported in May.

Spring is here. Some health issues to be aware of are:

Rabies: As more wildlife becomes active as the weather warms, caution should be taken to prevent potential exposure.

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. However, in many other countries dogs still carry rabies, and most rabies deaths in people around the world are caused by dog bites.

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: With spring weather, cleaning of outbuildings which may harbor rodents can lead to potential for exposure to hantavirus. Appropriate precautions should be used when evidence of rodents is visible. The most important hantavirus in the United States that can cause Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome is spread by the deer mouse here in Montana.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza: This virus is extremely infectious and fatal to poultry and some species of wild birds. HPAI is now being found in dairy cattle and can cause decreased milk production and illness. The USDA has confirmed that there is no threat to human health and milk. Dairy products remain safe to consume. Pasteurization (high heat treatment) kills harmful microbes and pathogens in milk, including the influenza virus. Infections of HPAI have been identified in Montana in wild bears, mountain lions, skunks, raccoons, foxes, and domestic cats. Although the risk to humans is very low, Montanans should take precautions when handling game birds or any sick or dead bird or any other animal that they find. Gloves should always be worn when handling game birds or any sick or dead bird or animal 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 by calling code enforcement at 406-594-0911 or public health at 406-691-0242.

The Powell County Public Health Board has amended the Montana Clean Indoor Air Implementation Protocol for Powell County. The amendment has changed the wording from a reasonable distance in section 4.2 to 30 feet to provide clarification for enforcement if needed.

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

- a. Fire Chief Pierson asked if the Growth Policy covers fire. Jordan replied, No you will find that in the CCIP Capital Improvement Plan.
- b. Chairman Molendyke, nursing homes sprinkler run all the time. Jordan replied, he will have Code Enforcement investigate this.

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 5:00PM.

8. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:51PM.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Chairperson: _____
John Molendyke

Date: _____

**Public Health & Safety Committee
Members**

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DEER LODGE Police Department

June 2024 Monthly Report

Chief George Smith

- 263 Calls for Service
- 210 Reports Generated
- 96 Traffic Stops
- 31 Citations Issued
- Highlighted Calls
 - 8 Assaults/Disturbances
 - 6 Unwanted Person(s)
 - 3 Vandalisms
 - 1 Unattended Death
 - 2 Trespassing
 - 2 Internet Fraud
 - 3 Drug Cases
 - 13 Bar Checks
 - 9 Welfare Checks
 - 8 Medical Assists

Officer Highlights

Sergeant Slauson- 21 cases, including a drug distribution case.

Officer Schmidt- 16 cases, including a domestic violence case.

Officer Malcomb- 93 cases, including 70 traffic stops.

Officer Kinsey- 13 cases, including 2 disturbances.

Officer Denend- 52 cases, including 11 bar checks.



CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

June 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- 43 new cases started
- 10 dog at large calls
- 1 dog surrender
- 3 animal attacks (citations issued)
- 2 reports of animal cruelty
- 2 City to Pawh's adoptions of abandoned animals
- 1 dog held at shelter per judge's order
- 2 dog barking complaints
- 196 dog tags sold year to date
- 26 property and grass cleanup cases started 7-01-2024
- Water usage monitoring
- 2 cases started for watering on wrong days
- 2 stop work orders
- 5 citations issued
- 4 junk vehicles removed
- Beaver abatement
- 12 citizen complaints
- Monthly culvert inspections
- Daily patrols and inspections

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

None



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

JUNE 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

4 Calls for Service:

- 1 Truck vs powerline. Truck was in the river. We helped protect the scene then handed it to the PD.
- 2 Vehicle fires. Both at MM 191 on I-90 eastbound on separate days.
 - 1 RV with a blown engine component. Occupant had out before we arrived.
 - 1 Car on the side of the Frontage Road with fire in the engine compartment. We extinguished. The car was unattended.
- 1 Electrical hazard call. Occupant was hanging pictures and put a nail through and electrical wire. We shut the breaker off and advised they call an electrician.

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Department Happenings:

- None

Powell County Public Health
JUNE 2024

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Animal bites: Four bites in June

Influenza/Covid-19: There were 4 cases of COVID-19 reported in June.

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