
CITY OF DEER LODGE

**Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

Thursday, January 14th, 2021 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Minutes for December 10th, 2020.
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes per person
4. Old Business:
 - a. None
5. New Business: (Public Comment period prior to each topic)
 - a. Reports
 1. Police Department – Chief Bender
 2. Fire Department – Chief Pierson
 3. Code Enforcement – Tom Malcomb
 4. COVID 19 Update – County Public Health Representative
 - b. Dog Licensing and Census – Tom Malcomb/Rob Kersch
 - c. Insurance Billing for Fire Dept. Emergency Response to vehicular incidents – Committee Discussion
6. Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns
7. Announcement of the Next Meeting: February 11th, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Rob Kersch | Vacant | John Skibsrud

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MINUTES

Public Health & Safety Committee | Thursday, December 10, 2020 | Council Chambers

- Members Present:** Robert Kersch, & John Skibsrud
- Members Absent:** None
- Mayor:** Diana Solle
- CAO:** Interim CAO Trent Freeman
- Staff:** Police Chief Bender, Fire Chief Pierson, Tom Malcomb
- Guests:** Ida Miller

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes for

- a. November 12th - approved unanimously

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Per Person

- a. None

4. New Business:

a. COVID-19 Update – County Health Nurse.

Ida Miller provided a recent update on COVID reporting. Powell County total count: 337.
Total Active: 27, Total resolved: 310, Death: 1 (possible COVID-19 related).
State Prison: 472 resolved, 4 inmates active, 5 staff currently active, 3 deaths.

b. Department Updates:

- i. Police Chief Bender

Chief Bender summarized recent Department activities based upon 268 service calls.

ii. Fire..... Chief Pierson
Chief Pierson summarized recent Department activities 1 call for service.

iii. Code Enforcement..... Tom Malcomb
No report currently.

c. Code Enforcement Officer. – Discussion only, Welcomed Tom Malcomb aboard, Chairperson Kersch read over the Code Compliance Officer duties and responsibilities, and titles in the City Code Book pertaining to the Code Enforcement Officer position/duties.

5. Old Business:

None

6. Staff Comments:

- a. Mayor Solle asked Police Chief Bender the status on the Radio Grant. Per Police Chief Bender it is still moving forward.
- b. Fire Chief Pierson stated there will be a few Firefighters going to Fire Training Jan/Feb. The masks that we received, we did not pay for them. This was not a budgeted item, therefor the masks were lumped in with City COVID Grant.

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. January 14th at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm by unanimous vote

Prepared by: **Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk**

Chairperson: _____
Rob Kersch

Date: _____

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Robert Kersch | John Skibsrud | VACANT



POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS

2020 November, 2020, December 28, 2020

Issued Twenty-three notice to appear. From October 2020, November 10, 2020

- Two DUI.
- One speeding
- Three Expired registration
- Two theft.
- One Driving without driver license.
- one PFMA.
- Two Operating W/O Liability protection in effect
- Three stop signs
- One providing alcohol to an intoxicated person
- One Noise Complaint.
- Two Accident.
- Fifteen welfare check
- Nine Courtesy rides,
- Two Criminal Mischief
- Two Death Notification
- On Elder Abuse.
- Twelve requests for Officer,
- Eighty-seven traffic stops.
- One unattended Death.
- One underage Party/Drinking.
- 268 call for service. As of 11/10/2020.

PROJECT SUMMARIES

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL,

None STAFFING CONCERNS

None.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Ensuring all Officers are adhering to the necessary protocols to reduce their risk of exposure to the virus including minimizing face to face contact with members of the public.



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

December 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- One service call; (1) Vehicle Fire, was directly behind the Sherriff's Office. Fire was confined to the engine bay.

PROJECT SUMMARIES

- Rescue 1 truck in the shop for engine replacement.
- Annual Christmas Tree pick up, Saturday, January 23rd. An add will be placed in the newspaper.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- None

STAFFING CONCERNS

- None.
- Monthly meeting held on January 11th.



CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

December 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- 7 Animal calls
- Red tagged one car which was removed by owner the next day
- 2 cases one Barking / Dogs at large and one vicious dogs

PROJECT SUMMARIES

- Basically getting set up with computer access and being issued equipment then familiarizing myself with city areas and people
- Starting to document areas of concern
- Started work for Dog Licenses for 2021 will send out direct to door (mass mailing)

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- Conducted background check on 1 business license

STAFFING CONCERNS

- None

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Scheduled for vaccination



Montana's Undiscovered Treasure

City of Deer Lodge
300 Main Street
Deer Lodge, MT 59722

DOG TAG RENEWAL REMINDER

It is that time of year to license all canines over the age of 6 months, in the City of Deer Lodge for the year 2021. **Remember to bring proof of your dog's Rabies Vaccination.** The license renewal period is from 1 January through the end of February. Any person licensing after 1 March shall pay a late fee. The current fee schedule is as follows.

Spayed /Neutered	\$10.00
Non-spayed / Non-neutered	\$15.00

Fees after 31 March will be double.

There is a two dog limit per household for dogs over 6 months unless one obtains an **Excessive Dogs Permit**. The Excessive Dogs Permit allows the person or family to keep up to five dogs. Persons purchasing an Excessive Dogs Permit will also be required to pay twice the normal licensing fee for each dog over two and up to five. That fee schedule is as follows.

Excessive Dog Permit	\$25.00
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Plus each dog 3, 4 &5

Spayed / Neutered	\$20.00
Non-spayed / Non-neutered	\$30.00

NEW dogs to household: For new dogs not on record the fee remains \$10.00/\$15.00 throughout the year. No late fee is charged.

As a reminder there is a leash requirement in the City of Deer Lodge.

Restraint – shall mean any dog controlled by a leash, “at heel” beside a competent person and obedient to that person’s commands. Animals may be on or within a vehicle being driven or parked on the streets, or within the property limit of its owner. Voice command is not an acceptable method of control.

Every licensed dog shall at all times wear a choke chain, collar or harness to which is attached its license tag. Although it is not required by statute having a tag with contact information would assist in helping to get your dog home should he or she stray

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