
CITY OF DEER LODGE

**Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

Thursday, March 11th, 2021 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Minutes for February 11, 2021.
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – *Limit to three minutes per person*
4. Old Business:
5. New Business: (Public Comment period prior to each topic)
 - a. Department Reports:
 1. Police Department – Chief Bender
 2. Fire Department – Chief Pierson
 3. Code Enforcement – Tom Malcomb
 4. Public Health – County Public Health Representative – Ida Miller
 - b. Deer Lodge Hotel – Update with Mr. Kimerly
 - c. Insurance Billing of Fire Department – Rob Kersch
 - d. Flooding Outlook / Coordination with Powel County Emergency Planning Coordinator – Britni Evans, DES Officer and Ruth Koehler.
6. Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns
7. Announcement of the Next Meeting: April 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Rob Kersch | Anthony Savalla | John Skibsrud

Public Health & Safety Committee

MINUTES

Public Health & Safety Committee | Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 5:00pm | Council Chambers

Members Present: Robert Kersch, John Skibsrud & Anthony Savalla

Members Absent: None

Mayor: Diana Solle

CAO: Interim CAO Trent Freeman

Staff: Police Chief Bender, Code Enforcement Officer Malcomb, Fire Chief Pierson, & Cyndi Thompson

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. January 14th – Member Skibsrud motioned to approve minutes, Chairperson Kersch seconded, with 1 abstained.

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Per Person

- a. None.

4. Old Business:

- a. Deer Lodge Hotel - Code Enforcement Officer Tom Malcomb
 - I. Update of Hotel and communications with owner on temporary barrier.
 - II. State Inspection of building, where are we at?

Code Enforcement Officer Malcomb stated there is supposed to be a State Inspector coming out next Tuesday (Feb 16th) per the President Non-Profit Organization Kib Kimerly. Chairperson Kersch suggested to have Kib Kimerly and his Non-Profit Organization attend the next meeting so the Hotel can be discussed.

5. New Business:

a. Department Reports:

1. Police..... Chief Bender

Chief Bender summarized recent Department activities based upon 152 calls for service.

2. Fire..... Chief Pierson (absent)

Chief Pierson summarized report of recent Department activities based on 2 calls for service.

3. Code Enforcement..... Tom Malcomb

Code Enforcement Officer Malcomb summarized report of recent Department activities based on 10 animal calls, 2 citations, red tagged abandoned junk RV, 2 stop work orders and a concerned citizen call over neighbor's cat.

4. COVID-19 Update – County Health Nurse.

Ida Miller provided a report from Powell County Public Health Officer regarding mask mandate.

b. Police Retirement Plan MPORS – Chief of Police Bender and Assistant Chief of Police Smith.

This subject was already presented to the Finance Committee. If the PH&S Committee approves this to move forward, Officer Smith asked that this be presented to Council. The MPORS would need to be budgeted for the next Fiscal Year. Per Officer Smith, transferring DLPD to MPORS would be a great retirement for recruiting and retention. Offering a 20-year retirement that is competitive with MSP, MHP, PCSO and many agencies in the state and country will help keep officers here working for DLPD and not seek better benefits elsewhere. The cost increase is about \$2,200 per officer per year ($\$2,200 \times 6 = \$13,200$). Chairperson Kersch motioned to present this to Council Committee with a favorable recommendation, Member Savalla seconded the motion. 2 Yea's, 1 No

c. Snow Removal – Rob Kersch – Discussion Only

d. Insurance Billing Fire Department Emergency Response to Vehicular Incidents – Fire Chief Pierson.

Chairperson Kersch will research the Law from the Attorney General. Mayor Solle will reach out to the Mayor Group via email and ask a general question of what other Municipalities do.

6. Staff Comments:

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

a. March 11th at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

a. Meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm by unanimous vote.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Chairperson: _____
Rob Kersch

Date: _____

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS

February 8,2021, March 5,2021

Issued

Thirty-seven notice to appear.

- Eight speeding
- Five Criminal possession
- Two Expired registration
- One theft.
- Four Driving without driver license.
- One PFMA.
- One stop sign
- Two Operation without liability
- One Endangering the welfare
- One Criminal endangerment
- One Obstructing a Peace officer
- One U turn
- One Criminal Mischief
- Two Disorderly conduct
- Three Abandon vehicles
- Two Fraud
- One Identity theft
- Four Assist another Agency Probation Officer
- One Unattended Death
- Six Accident
- Eight welfare check
- 131 call for service. As of 3/05/2021.

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

February 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

➤ Nothing to report. No calls at all. Very quiet.

PROJECT SUMMARIES

➤ None.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

➤ None.

STAFFING CONCERNS

➤ None.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

➤ None.



CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER REPORT February 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- 13 animal calls, 3 calls concerned over cold weather and dogs left out, 2 complaints of dogs at bus stops, 8 dog at large, missing or runaway. 1 of those was at Grant Kohrs.
- 2 Citations issued for Restraint (Dog at Large), with multiple complaints on both (Bus Stops)
- Gave land owner info on Junk vehicle program RV 209 2nd Street adjacent alley (private property)
- Citizen complaint of a refrigerator that was dumped behind house illegally. This was removed by city crew

PROJECT SUMMARIES

- We have over 280 dogs that have been licensed as of February
- Written warning on 9 February and 2 Citations issued on 23 Feb to Renter of property and the RV resident of 1106 5th street. They were cited for Public Nuisance
- Tagged 7 abandoned / junk vehicles parked in city right of way end of California I am still trying to make contact with the owner.
- Met with Chad Lanes Tri-County Health Sanitarian on 4 February over the state Junk Vehicle program.
- Picked up a used wheel and new tire from Les Schwab so animal control vehicle has a spare

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- Conducted background checks on 3 business licenses, 1 was referred to Tri-County Health
- Filled out application for account at Cow Poke

STAFFING CONCERNS

- None

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Completed second shot on 4 Feb