
CITY OF DEER LODGE

**Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

Thursday, July 8, 2021 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Minutes:
Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2021.
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes per person
4. New Business: (Public Comment period prior to each topic)
 - a. Department Reports:
 - i. PD Report & Code Enforcement Report – Sergeant Smith
 - ii. FD Report – Chief Pierson
 - iii. County Health Report – Ida Miller
5. Old Business:
 - a. Hotel Deer Lodge update – CAO Green & Mayor Solle
 - b. City Code Title 8 (Definition of Neutered) – Rob Kersch
 - c. City Code Title 9 (Noise) – Rob Kersch
 - d. Short-Term Rentals – CAO Green
6. Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns
7. Announcement of the Next Meeting: August 12, 2021, at 5:00 PM.

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Anthony Savalla (Chairperson) | Rob Kersch | John Skibsrud

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MINUTES

Public Health & Safety Committee | Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers

Members Present: Robert Kersch, John Skibsrud & Anthony Savalla

Members Absent: None

Mayor: Diana Solle

CAO: Jordan Green

Staff: Acting Police Chief Smith, Cyndi Thompson

Guests: None

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes for

- a. May 6, 2021 - Vote was unanimous.

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Per Person

None.

4. New Business:

- a. Department Reports: Accepted as presented.

1. Police Acting Police Chief Smith

Acting Police Chief Smith summarized recent Department activities for May based upon 199 calls for service and 22 citations.

2. Fire.....Chief Pierson

5 calls for service-1 Camper on fire. Was contained to the kitchen area. 2 Call for Highway accident with unknown injury. 1 was a mutual aid for Garrison FD as they were already out, and the other was at exit 187. 1 fire at the sawmill by the bark holding bins. Contained to a very small spot. 1 smoke on structure call- Determined to be an AC unit gone bad and producing smoke. No fire damage to the building.

3. Code Enforcement..... Acting Police Chief Smith

Acting Police Chief Smith summarized recent Department activities for May based upon 15 Animal calls, 3 abandon vehicles and 3 stop work orders.

4. County Health Nurse. Ida is at a Car Seat Technician course in Billings learning about child car seat safety. Testing and contact tracing for Coronavirus is continuing in Powell County. Currently there is one case of Covid-19 in Powell County and there is one contact quarantined. Vaccination for Covid-19 is available to all residents of Powell County who are 18 and over. Deer Lodge Medical Center is administering the vaccine free of charge call 846-2212 or 846-1722 for more information or to register to receive the vaccine. Also check the DLMC website at dlmed.org. Butte is doing the 16- to 18-year-old age group and Butte-Silver Bow Public Health has information regarding scheduling. From July 23, 2020, until May 13, 2021, there have been 1,000 Covid-19 cases in Powell County. Over 3,000 covid tests have been run at Deer Lodge Medical Center. From DLMC, 1,284 patients have been fully vaccinated with 171 being Johnson and Johnson vaccine. In the county, 2,843 residents are listed as fully vaccinated with that giving a population total of 46% vaccinated. Because positive cases have decreased the state lab is only testing for Covid-19 Monday thru Friday which is a reduction from the seven days per week during the height of the pandemic. There is currently no suggested recommendation for a booster shot.

If you have had Covid-19 the recommendation is to still get vaccinated but to check with a healthcare professional to see how soon after recovery the vaccination should be given.

Remember that now is the time to be aware of the possibility of contracting hantavirus and rabies and that ticks are out and about if the temperature is over 50 degrees.

5. Police Officer Contract – CAO Green

We have finalized negotiations with the union. These will go before Finance and Council for approval. Similar wage increases as last year. We declined adding family insurance. Declined tax free individual uniform allowance. We would track vest and replace vests for all members every five years after their previous vest furnishment to ensure adequate performance and safety is achieved. Asked us to provide an ammo allowance of 600 rifle rounds and 600 handgun rounds per year which is a lot. We countered with 200 rifle rounds and 200 handgun rounds per year. We declined Teamsters Legal Defense Fund as we currently provide legal defense for each officer through MMIA. They wanted to change some of the shifts so they could do twelve-hour shifts-three- or four-day work week. Twelve-hour, four-day work week would create eight hours of overtime weekly for members who choose this shift assignment. On Grievance Procedures we would keep the current language in article 10:part C. Terms of Agreement the City agreed to a 2-year contract. The Police Contract was voted on unanimously by the PD members of the union.

This will go before Finance on June 14th and Council June 21st for final approvals.

6. Police Officer Confirmation – CAO Green & Mayor Solle
Mayor Solle, we put in the posting for In-house for the 2-week posting that is required. We had 3 applications, one (1) was withdrawn, we now have two (2) applicants. We conducted about a 1.5-hour interview with the 2 applicants individually. We decided to select George Smith as Chief of Police based on his experience. Once we get your affirmation, we will present this to the Police Commission and then to Council on June 21st.
Member Kersch motioned to approve Sergeant Smith as the new Chief of Police. Chairperson Savalla seconded the motion. 3 Yea's, 0 No's. Motion passed.

7. Code Enforcement Job Position – Mayor Solle
This position will remain in effect under the City, and not within the Police Department.

Discussion only-no action items

8. Ordinance/Resolution City Code Title 8 – CAO Green
Mayor Solle, under definitions page 2, section 10, it is listed "Spayed" and only referring to female dogs. We should have listed in here male dogs because non-neutered male dogs can be more aggressive. This is to be reviewed at the next PH&S meeting for clearer definition for Spayed & Neutered dogs.

Kennel Agreement was discussed, how they are housed at the kennel, length of dog's span in the kennel. Should no owner come forward for an animal picked up what are the steps going forward with that animal and how it is handled after abandonment. CAO Green Asked City Clerk to forward the Kennel Agreement to the Mayor and CAO.

Member Skibsrud mentioned the excessive dog section 8.02.025. Stated that having up to 5 dogs is a bit excessive and we should be looking at the number of dogs in the City limits. Member Skibsrud thinks that if we are revamping Title 8, we should reconsider the number of dogs allowed.

Chairperson Savalla motioned to move Title 8 to the next PH&S meeting, clarify the "Spayed" section and keep the current ordinance and definition of "Allowed Dogs" the same. Member Kersch seconded the motion. 2 Yea's, 1 No. Motion passed.

9. Old Business:

- a. Readdress Police Academy Questions – Chairperson Savalla

Member Skibsrud proposed we look at extending the commitment for recouping the fees from 36 months to 60 months so that the City is not shorted funds for sending police to the academy at the cost \$1,500.00 which calculates to \$1,750 after room and board. We have officers that leave a month prior to the end of the 36-month commitment, and we don't make them pay back what is owed to the City by leaving the PD early.

Chairperson Savalla, we are doing our best to maintain officer retention and offer Officers the Police Academy Training with a 36-month contract for the repayment of the \$1,500, which is more than adequate to retain our officers. So with that said, I make a motion to keep the current City/PD contract. Member Kersch seconded the motion. 2 Yea's, 1 No. Motion passed.

10. Staff Comments or Concerns:

- a. Member Kersch asked about Hotel Deer Lodge and if we can place this on the next agenda and have Mr. Kimerly attend the next meeting so we can get an update on the Engineer Report as requested by the City in the past meetings and where he is at in the Hotel progress.
- b. Member Skibsrud asked about the excessive/abandoned vehicles parked on city streets that don't move.

11. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. July 8, 2021, at 5:00pm

12. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm by unanimous vote.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Chairperson: _____
Anthony Savalla

Date: _____

Public Health & Safety Committee

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Anthony Savalla (Chairperson) | John Skibsrud | Rob Kersch



CITY OF DEER LODGE

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Police Department Report June 2021

Calls for service-239

Traffic Stops-86
Welfare Checks-19
Medical Assists-8
Burglar Alarm-8
Disturbances-6
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism-1
Traffic Accident-3
Domestic Violence-3

Citations-44

Traffic Citations-25
Assault- 4
Criminal Mischief-1
DUI-1
Dog Bite-1
Partner or Family Member Assault-1
Drug Charges-7

Code Enforcement Calls

Animal Calls-11
Dog Citations- 5
Abandoned Vehicles-3
RV Removed -1



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

JUNE 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 calls for service-
 - a. 3 Grass Fires. 2 small ones in town, 1 at Beck Hill off the interstate about an acre in size. Garrison FD call for our help.
 - b. 1 false alarm, cancelled in route.
 - c. The fireworks show was a success. Everything went off without a hitch.

PROJECT SUMMARIES

- None.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- The county is currently under an open burn ban. I expect our whole region will be under stage 1 fire restrictions soon. Very hot and dry conditions are expected for the foreseeable future.

STAFFING CONCERNS

- None.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- None.

Powell County Public Health

JUNE 2021

Here is how the training went. I have given an interview to the paper and will be looking for ways to use this training in Powell County. Law enforcement and fire are aware that I have successfully completed this training.

The National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification training class was a definite 4-day class.

The first day was spent just dealing with and understanding how child passenger seats and vehicles work together in keeping child passengers safe.

The next two days were spent learning about the 5 major types of child passenger seats and how to install them so that they provide protection for the child passenger.

There were 5 different written tests and 5 different hands-on tests. A passing grade required that on the written tests, you could not miss more than 8 questions.

On the last day after the final tests, a technician inspection clinic was scheduled for the public and over 30 vehicles came in. The age range of passengers was unborn to 12 years old, and the caregivers were from 20 to 65 years old.

Montana law is child restraints are required for under 6 years and under 60 pounds. The maximum fine is \$100.00.

Laws vary from state to state, with some states having higher standards than others. Safe Kids encourages all families to adopt the following safety guidelines for protecting their children. Here are the top five recommendations for keeping kids safe in cars.

Children who have outgrown their rear-facing car seat move to a forward-facing seat with a harness. Keep them in the forward-facing car seat until they reach the weight or height limits on the label of the car seat. Remember to use the car seat's tether to secure the forward-facing car seat to the car.

After a child gets too big for the weight or height limits listed on the forward-facing car seat's label, move to a booster seat used with the vehicle lap and shoulder seat belt.

A child is ready for using the seat belt alone when they pass these three tests: The child's knees should bend at the edge of the seat when their backs and bottoms are against the vehicle seat back; the vehicle lap belt fits snugly across the bony hips or upper thighs (not soft stomach); and the shoulder belt fits across the bony shoulder and chest (not across the soft face or neck.)

Federal law is that all children under 13 years of age are safest riding in a back seat.