
CITY OF DEER LODGE

**Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Approval of Minutes:

Meeting Minutes, September 9, 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: (Accept reports as presented)

- i. PD Report - Chief Smith
- ii. Code Enforcement Report – Suzan Callahan
- iii. FD Report – Chief Pierson (No report per FD Chief)
- iv. County Health Report – Ida Miller

b. Landfill – Concerns for the City – Anthony Savalla

5. Old Business:

- a. Junk Vehicle Program follow up – Suzan Callahan

6. Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting: Committee to discuss November’s meeting date. November_____, 2021, at 5:00 PM.

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Anthony Savalla (Chairperson) | Rob Kersch | John Skibsrud

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Committee**

MINUTES

Public Health & Safety Committee | Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers

Members Present: Anthony Savalla, Robert Kersch, & John Skibsrud

Members Absent: None

Mayor: Diana Solle

CAO: Jordan Green

Staff: Police Chief Smith, Code Enforcement Office Callahan, & Cyndi Thompson

Guests: Ida Miller

1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Chairperson Savalla called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

2. Approval of Minutes for

- a. August 12, 2021 - Member Skibsrud motioned to table the minutes as section (d) discussing title 15 was incorrect. Member Kersch seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 No's. Motion Passed.

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Per Person

- a. None

4. New Business:

- a. Department Reports: Accepted as presented.

1. Police Police Chief Smith

Police Chief Smith summarized recent department activities for August based upon 156 calls for service and 28 citations.

2. Code Enforcement.....Code Enforcement Office Callahan

Code Enforcement Office Callahan summarized recent department activities for August based upon 13 animal calls, 42 dogs licensed, 5 stop work orders. Red tagged 2 cars, and junk vehicle program.

3. Fire.....Chief Pierson

4 calls for service: Small structure fire at R&C Home improvement. 1 Grass fire by the north exit into town, 1 call back to same grass fire for a smoldering stump. 1 extrication call at Montana State Prison for person trapped in a piece of machinery.

Had a joint extraction training with Powell EMS on August 13 that went very well. Was conducted by a trainer from MSU Fire Education. Completed all hose testing.

4. County Health Report.....Ida Miller

Powell County Public Health will be receiving 10 car seats from the Department of Transportation in conjunction with National Child Passenger Safety week which is September 19 thru September 25. Car seats are not free to the individual but are awarded on a sliding scale basis. Discussed a car seat raffle.

Testing and contact tracing for Coronavirus is continuing in Powell County. Currently there are 31 (08/31/21) cases of Covid-19 in Powell County and an average of 3 contacts per positive case.

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. DLMC does have some Johnson and Johnson vaccine that will soon expire. Currently, there does not appear a restocking date for this vaccine.

Butte-Silver Bow is providing Pfizer vaccination for the 12 to 18-year-old age group and Butte-Silver Bow Public Health has information regarding scheduling.

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.

Montana State Prison has current cases of staff at MSP. Currently MSP has 60.8% of its population fully vaccinated. Unclear regarding staff vaccination status but believe it is similar to that of the county.

MSP implemented mandatory masking for staff indoors and in instances when unable to socially distance. Inmates will continue to be encouraged to mask. Screening for all staff, inmates and visitors will continue. There is no plan to curtail any normal operations. Positive cases will be identified, isolated, and contacts will be quarantined following current CDC guidelines.

There will be a push to increase testing for both vaccinated and unvaccinated offenders. This will continue to be voluntary so difficulty to tell if this will be successful. Vaccines are continuing to be offered to all incoming offenders as well as hold outs currently within the population. We pick up about 15/week.

Deer Lodge Medical Center conducted thru August 26, 2021, had tested 294 of which 82 have been positive. This is a 27.9 percent positivity rate. We have also had several hospitalizations and some positive tests of persons who were vaccinated.

Remember that now is the time to be aware of the possibility of contracting hantavirus and rabies and ticks are out and about if the temperature is over 50 degrees. Rabies is contracted mainly through bats and skunks in Powell County. Hantavirus can be found in mouse infested areas such as infrequently used outbuildings. Ponds and other wet areas, where mosquitos breed, are being check for West Nile Virus throughout the state. Remember to use precautions for ticks and mosquitos.

So far for the month of August, no dog bites have been reported to Public Health.

Marianne Saylor is continuing with investigations of all communicable diseases and animal bites. Please continue to call her for dog, cat, bats, horses, and any other animal bites until further notice. Ida is the contact tracer for Covid-19 and is doing car seat inspections for Public Health. Jordan Friend is the Powell County Public Health officer.

b. Junk Vehicle Program - CAO Green and Suzan Callahan

Code Enforcement Officer Callahan provided information from DEQ "Motor Vehicle Wrecking & Disposal", MCA Rules, and samples from other counties in Montana. Also discussed a junk yard out of Spokane, WA taking junk vehicles.

CAO Green discussed how funding would work and the legality of getting a junk vehicle program going for the City.

Chairperson Savalla asked about funding sources based off what was started from the previous Code Enforcement Officer.

c. Title 15: Building Permit Violations – CAO Green & Rob Kersch

CAO Green stated Title 15, "Violations" was reviewed by the City Attorney. It was recommended by the Attorney to remove the verbiage "Jail Time" and was replaced by:

15.02.110: Violations; Penalty

F. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and each such person shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of any of the provisions of this chapter is committed, continued or permitted, and upon first conviction of any such violation such person shall be punishable by fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) ~~or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or both such fine and imprisonment.~~ Upon second and subsequent conviction of any such violation such person shall be punishable by fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Chairperson Savalla motioned to approve the changes and forward to Council Ops, contingent that Rob Kersch finds the previous version that was approved from the previous meeting. Member Kersch seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 No's. Motion Passed.

5. Old Business:

- a. None

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

- a. Member Skibsrud discussed the Campground, Cattle, and grass height.

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. October 14, 2021, at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm by unanimous vote.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Chairperson: _____
Anthony Savalla

Date: _____

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Council Report

September 2021

Total Records: 161

Traffic Stop: 60
Welfare Check: 7
Burglar Alarm: 7
Unwanted Person(s): 6
Request to Speak to Officer: 5
Partner Family Member Assault: 5
VIN Inspection: 4
Public Safety: 3
Suspicious Activity: 3
Domestic: 3
Minor(s) In Possession: 3
Complaints: 2
Courtesy Ride: 2
Courtesy Ride: 2
Custodial Inference: 2
Fight: 2
Request Officer: 2
Suspicious Person(s): 2
Theft Total: 2
Harassment: 2
Probation Officer Check: 2
Threat(s) Total: 2
Traffic Accident - Non Injury: 2
Traffic - Complaint: 2
Abandoned Vehicle(s): 1
Assault: 1
Assist Other Agency: 1
Citizen Assist: 1
Civil Standby: 1
Dog Bite: 1

Drug Paraphernalia Found: 1
DUI: 1
Hit and Run: 1
Identity Theft: 1
Juvenile Problem: 1
Ministerial Assistance Requested: 1
Noise Complaint: 1
Runaways: 1
Property Found: 1
Theft Motor Vehicle: 1
Traffic - Hazard: 1
Train Incident: 1
Unattended Death: 1
Weapon(s) Discharged: 1

25 Citations Issued

Partner or Family Member Assaults: 5
MIP: 3
Assault: 1
Negligent Endangerment: 1
Criminal Mischief: 2
Destruction of a Communication Device: 2
Theft: 2
Unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle: 1
Resisting Arrest: 1
Disorderly Conduct: 1
Criminal Contempt: 1
Animal Disturbing the Peace: 1
Traffic: 7



CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

September 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- 8 calls of dogs at large. 2 taken to shelter as owners were not home, all returned by 7pm.
- 12 dog licenses issued
- 7 stop work orders out, all recipients purchased building permits.
- Dead bird, and severed dog's foot put in my truck containers. Most of the boxes do NOT lock. A panel van would work better as no dog will go into container boxes. They jump into the cab with me.

PROJECT SUMMARIES

- Junk Vehicle program is still pending, email sent to Chad Lanes for approval.
- 81 verbal warnings with copies of city code given or posted at residence, 30 closed.
- 28 letters sent out.
- West north Street clean up is going well and I will be continuing working on project to clear California Ave breezeway of vehicles, trash, and debris.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- Sledding Hill (citizen complaint) wants a new fence to put up as the jack fence is falling down.
- Travel Lodge Hotel manager and regional director were sent an email follow-up to clean up property. Manager believes that the property is fine as it is and refused help from community worker. Community worker will do hill side outside of property line and gully to street.
- I have been accused of targeting my neighborhood, so I'm putting together a map presentation so it will be more visible for those that do not get my running report.

STAFFING CONCERNS

- None

Powell County Public Health – September Report

Powell County Public Health continues to offer Child Safety Seat inspections. They also have some child safety seats available on a sliding scale fee basis.

Testing and contact tracing for Coronavirus is continuing in Powell County. Powell County had a 7-day metric of 30 active cases for the month of September. Current 7-day metric is 39 cases with 114 tests completed. Over the month of September, there were 5 hospitalizations and 1 death. During a one-week period in September, active cases in Powell County were between 45 – 55 active cases of Covid-19 per day. There has been an average of 3 contacts per positive case identified.

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Cancer screenings were limited during 2020 and now are revealing later stage cancers, so now is the time to get your screenings done.

Samantha Ray is the new Public Health Nurse please contact her for all animal bites. Animal bites include dog, cat, bats, skunks, horses, and any other animals. Samantha can be reached at (406) 691-0242. Ida is the contact tracer for Covid-19 and is doing car seat inspections for Public Health. The Powell County Public Health officer has resigned effective September 30, 2021.