
CITY OF DEER LODGE

Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, November 10, 2021 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Approval of Minutes:

Meeting Minutes, October 14, 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
- iv. County Health Report – Ida Miller

b. Skate Park – CAO Green

5. Old Business:

- a. Junk Vehicle Program follow up – Suzan Callahan
- b. Hotel Deer Lodge – CAO Green

6. Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. December 9, 2021, at 5:00 PM.

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Anthony Savalla (Chairperson) | Rob Kersch | John Skibsrud

CITY OF DEER LODGE

**Public Health & Safety
Committee**

MINUTES

Thursday, October 14, 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
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. September 9, 2021 – Minutes approved unanimously.

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 September based upon 161 calls for service and 25 citations.

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

Code Enforcement Office Callahan summarized recent department activities for September based upon 8 calls of dogs at large, 12 dog licenses issued and 7 stop work orders.

3. Fire..... Chief Pierson

Chief Pierson stated no report.

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

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.

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. A third vaccination for residents with certain immunocompromised diseases is available. Contact your healthcare provider for more information. Booster vaccination is not yet available for Moderna, or Johnson and Johnson vaccinated people.

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 Covid-19 in staff and offenders. Currently MSP has 892 offenders fully vaccinated.

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.

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.

b. Landfill – Concerns for the City – Anthony Savalla

Chairperson Savalla attends the landfill board and was asked to present this to the City for discussion. Chairperson Savalla discussed covered loads and if the City Police and Code Enforcement could keep their eyes open for an uncovered loads going to the landfill.

City replied with, they will keep an eye out and should they see any uncovered loads they will notify the people as they can.

5. Old Business:

- a. Junk Vehicle Program follow up – Suzan Callahan
No update currently. Working on getting with Chad Lanes.
Committee discussed a housing area for junk vehicles in Deer Lodge before they are disposed of.

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

- a. Member Kersch asked for an update on Hotel Deer Lodge.

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm by unanimous vote.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Chairperson: _____
Anthony Savalla

Date: _____

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Anthony Savalla (Chairperson) | John Skibsrud | Rob Kersch



CITY OF DEER LODGE

Police Department

300 Main St. Deer Lodge, MT, 59722
Phone: (406) 846-9585
Fax: (406) 846-2500

Council Report

October 2021

Total Records: 184

911 Call Total: 3
Alarm: 1
Animal Calls: 9
Assist Other Agency: 4
Citizen Assist: 1
Civil Standby: 3
Courtesy Ride Total: 4
Disabled Vehicle Total: 1
Disturbance Total: 5
Domestic Violence: 2
Drug Paraphernalia Found Total: 2
DUI Total: 1
Endangering the Welfare of Children Total: 1
Fire - Other Total: 1
Gun Fire Total: 1
Juvenile Problem Total: 2
Missing Person(s) - Adult Total: 1
Motorist Assist Total: 1
Probation Officer Check Total: 6
Property Found Total: 1
Reckless Driving Total: 3
Ambulance Assists Total: 4
Request Officer Total: 10
Request to Speak to Officer Total: 2
Scam - Phone Total: 1
Suspicious Activity Total: 1
Suspicious Person(s) Total: 3
Theft Total: 3

Threat(s) Total: 1
Traffic Accident - Fatal Total: 1
Traffic Accident: 3
Traffic - Complaint Total: 2
Traffic Stop Total: 76
Trespass to Property Total: 2
Unsecure Premises Total: 2
Unwanted Person(s) Total: 3
Unwanted Phone Call(s) Total: 1
Vandalism Total: 2
VIN Inspection Total: 3
Wanted Person Total: 1
Welfare Check Total: 7

39 Citations Issued

Partner or Family Member Assaults: 2
MIP: 3
Assault: 4
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: 3
Criminal Possession of Drugs: 1
DUI: 2
Criminal Mischief: 2
Resisting Arrest: 1
Disorderly Conduct: 1
Criminal Trespass: 1
Criminal Contempt: 1
Traffic: 18



CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

October 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- 14 calls of dogs at large. 1 dead, two citations written
- 6 dog licenses issued
- 6 stop work orders out, all recipients purchased building permits.

PROJECT SUMMARIES

- 22 verbal warnings with copies of city code given or posted at residence, 46 closed.
- 1 letter sent out; Representative from Travel Lodge Corporate is here addressing issues. New pictures taken, ongoing case.
- California Ave breezeway is now clear of vehicles. Property owner is still working on grass, trash, and debris. Two trailers full are to go to dump. Neighboring lot cleared and mowed.
- 9 residences spoken to about being hooked up to City Sewage and/or water. It was explained that power is not a city issue and water only temporarily to fill tanks. It is not allowed to have sewage hooked up to residential line at all, it over taxes the system.
- 1 RV dweller spoken to about dumping grey water into creek. (Stopped immediately) and got a special permit while house is being built to be using sewage/water from residence.
- 1 RV dweller hooked up to old lines where house burnt down and has special permit.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- Community worker finished Nelson creek, Cottonwood creek, Travel lodge hill, and picked up trash along roadways.
- Huge construction box left by crew after Cottonwood Apartments completed gone.
- Volunteers helped clean up at second street address due to medical issue with property owner. Camper moved off street also.
- Community workers will be sweeping main street and picking up trash throughout Deer Lodge. If there is an area of concern, please call me. 594-0911

STAFFING CONCERNS

- Truck is going into shop. Engine light came on and the lights are not working on passenger side.



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

OCTOBER 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 total calls:
 - 1 grass fire at Mile Marker 179. Very small and was out when we arrived.
 - 1 grass fire at Mile Marker 194. About 100 yards long on the shoulder. We had it out fast.
 - 1 Structure fire at a local business. It burned some structure and equipment components and was controlled by the installed sprinkler system before we got there. The crew cleared smoke and chased down hot spots for a while.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- Fire prevention day went off without a hitch in the grade school. As always it was enjoyed by kids and adults alike.
- At our November meeting we will be receiving training from MSU Fire Training for forcible entry into commercial buildings.

Powell County Public Health

OCTOBER 2021

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 continues in Powell County. Powell County had a 7-day metric of 40 active cases for the month of October. The last week of October there were 53 positive cases with 127 tests completed. Over the month of October, there were 5 hospitalizations and 5 deaths. During the month of October, there were 210 cases in Powell County. In one week in October, there were 62 diagnosed cases. There has been an average of 4 contacts per positive case identified. The majority of Covid-19 cases in Powell County are the Delta variant.

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. A third vaccination for residents with certain immunocompromised diseases is available. Contact your healthcare provider for more information. Booster vaccination is becoming available for Moderna, or Johnson and Johnson vaccinated people. Call the location where you were vaccinated to see if it is available there. Pediatric doses of Pfizer are also becoming available in Montana.

Butte-Silver Bow will begin providing Pfizer vaccination for the 5- to 11-year-olds. They currently have the vaccine for 12 to 18-year-old age groups and Butte-Silver Bow Public Health has information regarding scheduling. CVS in Anaconda may also have the pediatric vaccination and they can currently vaccinate 12 years old and over.

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 about 6 current cases of Covid-19 in staff and offenders. Currently MSP has 892 offenders fully vaccinated. They have had 32 positive cases in offenders from September 1 until October 31st.

There has been one state confirmed influenza case in Montana. Deer Lodge Medical Center and Safeway have vaccines for influenza available. Influenza and Covid-19 have similar symptoms and can occur at the same time. Only a lab test can determine if you have influenza, Covid-19, or both.

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