
CITY OF DEER LODGE

**Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

Thursday, December 9, 2021 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Approval of Minutes:

Meeting Minutes, November 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: (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

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. January 13, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

8. Adjournment:

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Anthony Savalla (Chairperson) | Rob Kersch | John Skibsrud

CITY OF DEER LODGE

**Public Health & Safety
Committee**

MINUTES

Thursday, November 10, 2021, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers

Members Present: Robert Kersch, & John Skibsrud
Members Absent: Anthony Savalla
Mayor: Diana Solle
CAO: Jordan Green
Staff: Police Chief Smith, CE Officer Callahan, Cyndi Thompson
Guests: Ida Miller

1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Chairperson Savalla was absent. Unanimous vote Member Skibsrud Interim Chairperson. Interim Chairperson Skibsrud called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

2. Approval of Minutes for

- a. October 14, 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 October based upon 184 calls for service and 39 citations.

2. Code Enforcement..... Code Enforcement Officer Callahan

Code Enforcement Officer Callahan summarized recent department activities for October based upon 14 calls of dogs at large, 6 dog licenses issued and 6 stop work orders and RV updates.

3. Fire..... Chief Pierson
Fire Chief Pierson's report summarized department activities for October based on 3 calls for service.
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 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.

Samantha Ray is the 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. Currently Powell County does not have a Public Health officer.

b. Skate Park – CAO Green

CAO Green discussed the skate park safety and the possibilities of having a security camera. A chain link fence was discussed and the Fire Department burning the old cabin for fire training instead of a demolition.

5. Old Business:

a. Junk Vehicle Program follow up – Suzan Callahan

CAO Green updated the committee with the CE Officer still trying to work with Chad Lanis. Local towing company could house a few junk vehicles and would be happy to work with this program. Creating a list of the worse junk vehicles in town, particularly ones blocking alleys. CE Callahan has been creating the proper paperwork for the program.

b. Hotel Deer Lodge – CAO Green

CAO Green updated the committee Mr. Kimerly is to be borrowing a crane from Elk Tips construction crew so he can remove the debris from HDL roof in danger of falling. I have continued to invite him to the meetings so we can all work together on a plan of how Mr. Kimerly and the City can work together on these things.

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

a. December 9, 2021, at 5:00pm

8. Adjournment:

a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:41pm by unanimous vote.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Interim Chairperson: _____
John Skibsrud

Date: _____

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CHIEF OF POLICE
George Smith

CITY OF DEER LODGE

Police Department

300 Main St. Deer Lodge, MT. 59722

Phone: (406) 846-9585

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November City Council Report

Total Calls for Service: 173

Traffic Stop: 89

911 Abandoned: 1

Abandoned Vehicle(s) 4

Abuse 1

Alarms: 4

Assault Total: 1

Break-in - Attempted: 1

Civil Standby: 2

Courtesy Ride: 4

Disturbance: 1

Harassment: 1

Juvenile Problem: 2

Missing Person(s) - Adult: 1

Noise Complaint Music: 1

Parking Complaint: 1

Probation Officer Check: 4

Request Ambulance: 5

Request Officer: 3

Suicide: 1

Suicidal Adult: 1

Suspicious Activity Total: 3

Theft: 3

Traffic Accident: 3

Unwanted Person(s): 4

Welfare Check: 6

Total Citations Issued: 42



CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

November 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- 17 calls of dogs at large, 4 citations written
- Junk vehicle list generated. East side 86/ West side 84 = 170 throughout Deer Lodge this does not include properties that have more than 9 vehicles. (Copper Drive)

Reported from PD/dispatch and Animal Control Response

- Unlawful Dumping Total: 1
- Stray - Canine(s) Total: 1
- Gas Leak Total: 1
- Dog(s) at Large Total: 4
- Animal - Vicious Total: 1
- Animal - Injured Total: 5
- Animal - Found Total: 2
- Animal - Cruelty Total: 2
- Animal - Complaint Total: 2

PROJECT SUMMARIES

- 26 cases still open overall, 23 given extensions until Spring to comply.
- 11/02/2021 Second letter sent out 2 non-compliant residences. Residents are non-compliant due to "targeting MSP employees" and does NOT want to follow city codes or ordinances. Spoken to CAO about this entitlement issue.
- 5th Street resident compliant with Port-a-potty, then had a second one delivered and placed in his driveway. Spoke to resident and it was removed without issues.
- 11/08/2021, 7 letters sent out to clear alleyway for sanitation trucks after 2 postings and no responses from residences. 6 compliances on 11/15/2021.
- 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, golf carts are gone as well as some scrap metal. Extension given due to hard work put in.
- 1 resident spoken to about being hooked up to City Sewage and/or water after warned the first time. Received a call from the resident and 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. He understood and I revisited his home to check it off.
- 1 RV dweller on second street spoken to about dumping sewage onto public street. Pictures taken.
- 11/22/2021- Four "second" postings on vehicles creating a nuisance and alley obstruction. I called our regular tow truck guy and was told "he's a friend of mine, I

don't want to tow his vehicle" (300 Clark) and on a second occasion when vehicles were blocking city access gates he stated, "can't I just move them into the yard/side parking, he is my friend we grew up together" (926 Winchester). As this is a tenant and at the property owners request to have them removed after 3 postings and 2 verbal conversations with owner and tenant. I allowed them to be repositioned and sent a letter to property owner notifying them access gates are clear, but they still have an issue with the vehicles. Waiting on a response.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- Community workers helping clean the High School after hours and picking up trash due to windy days. If anyone sees areas needing picked-up, please call 594-0911.
- Working with CAO and possible new tow driver to assist with junk vehicles. Also looking into a new section of land possibly to use as a impound lot. This keeps cost down by not having a tow by the mile added. As Monty Ward has passed away the lots previously used are not available until his children deal with the issues of his death. They are working on the process and will have an answer in a month or so. Hopefully up and running for the Springtime to be added to the Junk Vehicle program.
- 6 puppies missing, possible stolen case. Resident from Racetrack called asking if anyone turned in a litter of pointer puppies. I relayed information to Daniel Stephenson and P.A.W.H.S. I referred her to Anaconda to see if a vet saw them there. Monitoring for puppies if they come to city limits.
- Second puppy found at 100 4th street in the puppy abuse case. In protective custody pending court case. Case complete and turned over to Chief Smith regarding abused puppy. Case referred over to County Attorney. Individual served by Chief Smith on 11/16/2021 and was told to stop coming to City Hall and harassing staff. 11/20/2021 Individual was taken from Deer Lodge by his mother to Billings. Third puppy, white and black still missing, presumed adopted by another family.
- Dog at large chasing kids on sledding hill. Dog caught taken to owner with first warning.
- Started calling dog owners of expired tags come January, will work with Gena to get mailings out & 4 Updated records brought in.

STAFFING CONCERNS

- Truck is going into shop, driver's door won't unlock, second time. Several boxes don't lock and pop open when driving. When it starts to snow heavy it will need snow tires.
- Possible mini transport van available and I am looking for a replacement for truck. In the meantime, I have had use of the city car. Thank you.



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

NOVEMBER 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 total calls:
 - 2 Calls for natural gas leaks. Both were minor
 - 2 Automobile Accident Calls. Both were unknown injuries at time of call. 1st one the crews did a short traffic control till scene was safe. On the 2nd the crews did contain a small diesel leak from wrecked truck.
 - 1 Interstate grass fire. Less than 1 acre.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- We trained with MSU Fire Education commercial and residential door entry. Steel prop doors were used. It was educational and fun. I've also been in contact with them about doing a burn on the old cabin where the new skate park is to go. Should have solid plans by the end of January.

Powell County Public Health

NOVEMBER 2021

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Montana State Prison does not have any staff or offender's positive with Covid-19.

The Omicron variant of Covid-19 is occurring among younger people. First case in U.S. was reported 11/30/2021. Testing should identify this variant. We know how to prevent this variant from spreading throughout our community, by getting vaccinated, getting your booster, staying home if you are ill. Use handwashing, masks, and social distancing to keep our community members safe.

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