
CITY OF DEER LODGE

Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, January 13, 2022 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Approval of Minutes:

Meeting Minutes, December 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-No report due to absence
- iii. FD Report – Chief Pierson
- iv. County Health Report – Ida Miller

5. Old Business:

- a. Hotel Deer Lodge – Jordan

6. Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. February 10, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

Date tentative for potential date change to accommodate new members

8. Adjournment:

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

John Skibsrud (Interim Chairperson) | Rob Kersch | Vacant

CITY OF DEER LODGE

**Public Health & Safety
Committee**

MINUTES

Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers

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

Members Absent: None

Mayor: Diana Solle

CAO: Jordan Green

Staff: Police Chief Smith, CE Officer Callahan, Fire Chief Pierson

Guests: See sign in sheet

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Approval of Minutes for

- a. November 10, 2021 – Minutes approved unanimously, 1 abstained

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 November based upon 173 calls for service and 42 citations.

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

- Code Enforcement Officer Callahan summarized recent department activities for November based upon 17 calls of dogs at large & 4 citations.

- 3. Fire..... Fire Chief Pierson

- Fire Chief Pierson's report summarized department activities for November based on 5 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. In November, there were 63 positive cases in Powell County. Over the month of November, there were 5 hospitalizations and 3 deaths. There has been an average of 4 contacts per positive case identified. The majority of Covid-19 cases found 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 or check the DLMC website at dlmed.org. for more information or to register to receive the vaccine. The vaccine is also available at Safeway in Deer Lodge. Booster doses for individuals who are 18 years and older are now available. Everyone ages 18 and older should get a booster shot either when they are 6 months after their initial Pfizer or Moderna series or 2 months after their initial J&J vaccine.

Butte-Silver Bow is 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.

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.

There have been 13 state-confirmed influenza cases 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.

5. Old Business:

- a. Junk Vehicle Program follow up – Suzan Callahan

Meeting with Chad to discuss finding a location/lot to house junk vehicles. Will reach out to Anaconda or Butte to see if there is a location there to house junk vehicles.

- b. Hotel Deer Lodge – CAO Green

Mr. Kimerly gave an update stating he will be borrowing a lift to remove the hanging fascia off the roof that creates a safety hazard and remove the barricades off the sidewalk. Mark Christianson, structural engineer from Texas was discussed to complete the structural certification. Grants were discussed to assist in the funding. Asbestos report is filed with the County. Sidewalk safety was discussed.

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

- a. Code Enforcement Officer vehicle was discussed. Needs a van, the truck is not suitable for what is needed.

- b. Chairperson Savalla stated this is his last meeting and wanted to know if he needs to appoint a new chair.

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. January 13, 2022, 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: _____

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

Anthony Savalla (Chairperson) | John Skibsrud | Rob Kersch



CHIEF OF POLICE
George Smith

CITY OF DEER LODGE

Police Department

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December 2022, Police Department Report

Total Calls for Service: 137

Total Citations: 34

Traffic Stop: 47

911 Open Line: 1

Alarm - Gas/CO2: 1

Alarm - Non-Residential: 2

Alarm - Residential: 1

Animal - Complaint: 12

Assault: 1

Care for Sick/Injured: 2

Citation Service: 1

Courtesy Ride: 4

Disturbance: 2

Domestic - Nonviolent: 1

Extra Patrol Requested: 1

Harassment: 3

Hit and Run: 1

Missing Person(s) - Juvenile: 1

Motorist Assist: 1

Open Burning Violation: 1

Parking Complaint: 1

Parking Violation: 1

Probation Officer Check: 4

Reckless Driving: 2

Ambulance Assists: 6

Request Officer: 5

Request Wrecker: 1

Suspicious Vehicle(s): 2

Theft Motor Vehicle: 1

Threat(s): 2

Traffic Accident - Non-Injury: 3

Traffic - Complaint: 2

Traffic - Slide Off: 3

Traffic - Stranded Motorist: 1

TRO Violation: 1

Unsecure Premises: 1

Unwanted Person(s): 1

Vandalism: 6

Welfare Check: 8



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

DECEMBER 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 calls for service in December
 - 1 confined space rescue. Person passed out in sub floor molasses holding tank. Has since made a full recovery.
 - 1 car vs light pole on the interstate on ramp. Crews protected the scene until Northwest Energy was dispatched.

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- No new business to speak of. As it was a quiet holiday season

Powell County Public Health

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. In December, there were 34 positive cases in Powell County. Over the month of December, there were 5 hospitalizations and 1 death. We are seeing more people testing, we had about 180 tested. The majority of Covid-19 cases found in Powell County are still the Delta variant, but the Omicron variant has been found here.

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 or check the DLMC website at dlmed.org. for more information or to register to receive the vaccine. The vaccine is also available at Safeway in Deer Lodge. Booster doses for individuals who are 18 years and older are now available. Everyone ages 18 and older should get a booster shot either when they are 6 months after their initial Pfizer or Moderna series or 2 months after their initial J&J vaccine.

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Montana State Prison has had staff and offenders testing positive with Covid-19 during the month of December.

New guidelines for isolation and quarantine have been issued by the CDC and Montana DPPHS. For the general population, a positive case must isolate for the first 5 days and if able to wear a mask may return to normal activities while wearing a mask at all times for the second five days. If exposed, the quarantine period is recommended by Powell County Public Health but can not be required.

There have been 6 confirmed cases of influenza in Powell County. 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.

Isolation – General Population Updates

- Isolation for COVID -19 cases has been shortened to 5 days , regardless of vaccination status .
 - An individual may be released from isolation after five days if they are asymptomatic, or their symptoms are resolving, and if they can continue to mask for 5 additional days to minimize the risk to others (days 6-10).
- Updates are based on studies showing that an individual is most infectious 1 -2 days before, and 2-3 days after, onset of symptoms

If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves

Isolation – General Population

Isolation guidelines apply to everyone, regardless of vaccination status

If positive:

- Stay home for 5 days
- If no symptoms, or symptoms are resolving, you can leave your house after 5 days of isolation
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days (this is day 6 through 10)

Isolation starts based on symptom onset or positive test date

- If sick, day 0 is symptom onset date
- If asymptomatic, day 0 is test positive date
- *this part of the guidance has not changed*

If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves

Quarantine Part 1 – General Population

Boosted or recently completed primary vaccine series:

| Vaccination Status | Quarantine Recommendation |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boosted, OR• Completed primary series of Pfizer or Moderna within last 6 months, OR• Completed primary series of J&J within last 2 months | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wear a mask around others for 10 days• Test on day 5, if possible• <u>If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home</u> |

Quarantine Part 2 – General Population

Unvaccinated or no recent primary vaccine series:

| Vaccination Status | Quarantine Recommendation |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unvaccinated, OR• Completed primary series of Pfizer or Moderna over 6 months ago and are not boosted, OR• Completed primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days (days 6-10).• If you can't quarantine you <u>must</u> wear a mask for 10 days• Test on day 5, if possible• <u>If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home</u> |