



**Above:** Town Clerk Tara Berreth presents John Cressman with a plaque commemorating his term as mayor of Palmer Lake. Cressman's term ended April 5. *Photo by David Futey.*

**Public input**

A citizen said that while hiking, he and others have encountered dogs that have been off-leash, presenting uncomfortable to dangerous situations. Trustee Maddox spoke of similar situations he has witnessed. The citizen was seeking information on how the law is enforced. It was pointed out that the limited staffing of the Police Department makes it difficult to enforce this law while addressing other issues. The department seeks citizen assistance to report situations when unleashed dogs are encountered.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. May 10 in Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally on the second Thursday of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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ity to run the wells. He also said the plant should be upgradeable in the future to address changes in water regulations.

Lokken said the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department has responded to 80 calls for the year and 24 for March. He said there is an outdoor burn ban in effect and if residents need to burn something outside, they should contact the department.

**Staff reports**

Town Clerk Berreth thanked the resigning board members and presented Coleman, Stafford, and Cressman with commemorative plaques.

Town accountant Linda Ousnamer of Pencil Pusher Inc. said that the town has spent 25 percent of the year's budgeted amount with a quarter of the year completed. She expressed continued concern regarding the police budget and

will continue monitoring it. The auditor was scheduled to do a final review in the week of April 16. The auditing firm will produce a report of governance, recommendations, and controls that can be made to streamline accounting and operations. The final audit report is expected by the July meeting.

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