

onto the vacant Brody lot on the southeast corner of Front and Third Streets. All requests that the town pay court costs and attorney's fees were denied.

Kassawara presented the Development Services report and commented on a joint letter to the Pikes Peak Region Mayors Council from him, County Engineer Andre Brackin, and Colorado Springs Transportation Manager Kathleen Krager. Some of the points these three made in their letter were:

- They agreed with the analysis in the May 14 letter from Don Hunt, executive director of the Colorado Department

of Transportation (CDOT), to Colorado Springs Mayor Steve Bach stating that the Pikes Peak region has not received its fair share of road revenues from the CDOT budget in recent years.

- The Pikes Peak region will receive \$96 million from the 2012 budget of \$935 million (10.27 percent).
- The Pikes Peak region's proportional allocation is actually 9.48 percent for 2012.
- From 2006 to 2011, the Pikes Peak region's portion of CDOT funding was only 7.06 percent of the state's total for roads, \$135 million less than

a 9.48 percent allocation would have been.

- Had the region received this addition \$22 million per year, reconstruction of the still needed Cimarron and Fillmore I-25 interchanges could have been completed.

During public comments, Richard Arnold of DARB Group Inc. in Monument presented four options for new town logos with the motto: "Monument Colorado—The Home of Strong Families." Green and Mayor Travis Easton thanked Arnold for his unsolicited proposal and advised him that there would be considerable expense

in changing the town logo, which is only a few years old, on vehicles, uniforms, and other town property and supplies.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 4 at Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. Meetings are normally held on the first and third Monday of the month. Information: 884-8017 or <http://townofmonument.net/TownEventsCalendar.html>.

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Palmer Lake Town Council, May 10

Fire chief will leave department

By David Futey

On May 10, Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department Chief Greg Lokken told the Town Council that he will have to leave the department. Also, the Fireworks Committee submitted a request to operate a beer garden on July 4.

Trustee Bruce Hoover was excused from this meeting

Fire chief will leave position

Lokken told the council that his employer gave him the option to either move to Huntsville, Ala., or be laid off. Lokken accepted the offer to move and will be doing so at the end of June. He said he will work with Fire Trustee Rich Kuehster to identify a possible replacement as chief.

Mayor Nikki McDonald thanked Lokken for all his 21 years of service to the community. Lokken said he will keep his house in Palmer Lake because he hopes to return to the area.

Fireworks Committee requests beer garden

Fireworks Committee President Mary Russelavage and Vice President Gloria McCartan submitted a special events request to operate a beer garden on July 4. A property owner on County Line Road is offering space for the committee to use. The beer garden would operate from noon to 7 p.m., with all proceeds going to the Fireworks Committee. A hay wagon would be used to transport people between the beer garden and other locations. The committee will request a liquor license at the next workshop meeting.

Russelavage said the committee has funding for this year's fireworks, but the budget for next year is in question. The committee is considering having a mascot circulate among the fireworks spectators and ask for donations. The council suggested other ideas, such as hosting a parking lot area, to assist the committee in fundraising.

Superintendent John Borman thanks council

Lewis-Palmer District 38 Superintendent of Schools John Borman thanked the council for funds received from the increase in cash in lieu of land payments. In August 2011, Borman, Interim Superintendent Ted Bauman, and Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman met with the council and asked for an increase from \$300 to \$1,200 per roof. The council approved the increase at that time.

Borman said he felt "Palmer Lake Elementary School is, of all our schools, the school most embraced by the community." He also looks forward to working with the new council.

Vote postponed on lease agreement with riders

The council postponed a vote on renewing the lease agreement with the Palmer Lake

Sportsriders until the June meeting. The lease agreement was increased to \$2,000 in March 2011. The club has 36 members.

Town Attorney Larry Gaddis said the club is required to maintain insurance. The council requested that the group increase its liability coverage to \$1 million, up from the present \$500,000. The council also requested representation from the club at the June meeting so it can meet with the club's leadership and discuss the insurance increase.

Committee reports

Mayor McDonald said the bathrooms by the tennis courts in the Glen will not be available because of vandalism. A portable unit will be placed in the area. She also said this is the 30th year the town will be recognized as Tree City USA.

Roads Supervisor Bob Radosevich said new bleachers were installed at the ball field for \$5,713. He reported work has started on the tennis courts and anticipates five working days to complete the project, weather permitting.

Former Economic Development Trustee Michael Maddox said the town of Larkspur will partner with Palmer Lake on the balloon festival, particularly in requesting use of an open space in Douglas County.

Police Trustee Bob Grado said he talked with Palmer Lake Police Chief Kieth Moreland about budget concerns. Grado said Chief Moreland and he want to meet with Town Accountant Linda Ousnamer to better understand how the department funding is being spent.

Grado said there were 17 police case reports in April. One case was the Internet sexual exploitation of a child, which was turned over to the Colorado Springs Police Department. Wild animal intrusions, including bears and mountain lions, occurred nearly once a week. As a result, citizens are asked to keep pets indoors and cover trash bins. Police were dispatched to 100 calls by El Paso County.

Water Trustee Michael Maddox said the town used 4.9 million gallons, or 165,000 gallons per day, in April. He toured the town's water plant and well sites to gain an understanding of the operation. Maddox expressed a concern about the town not having a backup for Water Supervisor Steve Orcutt, given Orcutt's extensive knowledge of the water plant and well operation.

Pumps were pulled out of Well D2 for repair because of metals in the water. Orcutt estimates repairs will cost \$30,000 to \$40,000. Funds from the capital improvement fund will be used to cover the repair cost.

A \$5,000 payment to the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) is due. The council briefly discussed the pros and cons of belonging to the PPACG.

They decided to continue with participating and maintaining the relationship with area water districts.

Fire Trustee Kuehster said the Fire Department responded to 21 calls in April and a total of 105 for the year. Volunteers logged 2,605 hours for the month and 10,283 hours for year. Three firefighters have completed probation and are now full members.

The Fire Department will conduct training opportunities for the community, including CPR, residential fire safety audits, and other classes. Contact the department at (719) 481-2902 for more information.

Roads Trustee Jerry Davis said the department fixed potholes on Circle Road, Wheat Ridge Street, Third Street, Trinidad Lane and other streets. The de-

partment also regraded Columbine Drive, Columbine Road, Fifth Street, Highland Street, High Street and others.

Dust control has started and began in the Glen. Roads are selected by bus route and traffic flow patterns. Grading, watering, and rolling is performed and, given the present staffing, one mile a week is being completed.

Budget on target

Ousnamer provided a budget report to council and said the budget is balanced at this time. The annual report on accounting practices recommends two signers on the account and checks. She said direct deposit needs to be setup for payroll. Town employees will be given two months' notification because there will be a three-day lag with the initial payment. She recom-

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