

high. In 2002, the state of Colorado told the town it could no longer divert water to fill the lake. The town never converted the industrial water right to a municipal right, and that is what the current case seeks to do.

According to Hulsmann, Palmer Lake needs to pur-

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sue its case simply because water is much more expensive now than previously, and the town would be able to sell any water it does not use for its own municipal purposes. He believes the town would have approximately 50 acre-feet of water available for other uses after the needs of the lake are met. Hulsmann stated that the Town of Monument believes that Palmer Lake abandoned its right to the water in 1958.

Hulsmann also answered questions from the council concerning the development of the west side of the lake and the grant proposal made to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). The questions were submitted by the council to Hulsmann because the town is required by GOCO to sign off on the grant, and in fact the town will receive the money from the grant. Hulsmann provided the council with copies of the project's budget. He directed people to the project's website at www.awakepalmerlake.org for additional details. He pointed out that Awake Palmer Lake is a 501c3 non-profit organization, and its finances are transparent. He invited the audience to make an appointment with the organization's treasurer to review the groups' finances.

According to Hulsmann, partner funding of the organization is \$67,300; this amount includes \$30,000 in cash and a pledge of \$10,000 from the Palmer Lake restaurant group, with the remainder being in-kind donations of ser-

vices, primarily from architect Bill Fisher. The grant from GOCO will provide \$349,893 to Palmer Lake, with the town putting up \$17,000 in matching funds. Hulsmann provided the council with a timeline for the project, and said he would also post it on the web page. He expects the disc golf course portion of the project to be completed by spring. The pedestrian bridge over the railroad will take two years to complete.

Hulsmann believes maintenance of area west of the lake can be funded through things like selling benches around the lake, and that the town will not have to pay for maintenance out of the Parks and Recreation budget. He plans to provide the results of the latest survey on the website. The work done to the lake bed will be paid for by the Awake the Lake committee and to date the town has paid nothing for this. The environmental checklist required by GOCO has been signed by Town Clerk Tara Berreth. Noxious weeds will be managed by landscapers. The master plan for the project is still being developed, and currently includes, in addition to the disc golf course and the pedestrian bridge, parking, lighting, athletic fields on the east side of the lake and a playground on the west side.

Trustee Allen moved that Mayor McDonald sign the GOCO grant agreement with the Town of Palmer Lake being the grantee and GOCO being the grantor. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Legal posting sites remain unchanged
Palmer Lake posts notices of public meetings at the Post Office, at the Town Hall, and outside the town office. Meetings are also announced on the town's web page, but the web page is not considered a legal posting site. The council voted unanimously to leave the legal posting sites unchanged.

Resident requests repeal of junk ordinance
Palmer Lake resident Jamie Rae asked the council to repeal the town's junk, junkyard, and junk vehicle ordinance due to ambiguities in the ordinance. She felt the law does not precisely define what junk is and is not.

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