

for their chickens.

According to Town Clerk Tara Berreth, it is not completely clear that the existing ordinance addresses the

chicken question. Gaddis commented that many towns have an ordinance specific to chickens, and Mayor McDonald directed Gaddis to draft an ordinance addressing the question for the Town of Palmer Lake.

Snyder's neighbor Patty Gross pointed out that Snyder's residence was in a portion of Palmer Lake governed by covenants, and that those covenants excluded chickens. According to Gaddis, the Town Council does not have a role to play in the enforcement of covenants.

**Town receives grants for streets and weeds**

Mayor McDonald announced the town had received a grant from the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments for \$385,000. The money will be used to pave Douglas Avenue, install gutters, and address the danger of flooding on the street. Trustee Banta announced the town had received a \$3,500 matching grant to be used to fight noxious weeds.

**Business licenses and request to subdivide approved**

The council granted a business license to Big D Enterprise, a landscaping company, with the contingency that the business abide by the town's ordinance requiring a permit to be issued when materials are stored in a residential area. The council may reconsider the license if there are formal complaints about how the business is storing materials. The council voted unanimously to approve the license with the contingency.

The council also voted unanimously to approve a business license for Chad and Jessica Davis to do business as Palmer Divide Run CO at 84-4 Highway 105. The business will sell running shoes.

Joan Benson came before the board to request a subdivision to create two lots on her property at 222 Park St. The subdivision request had already been approved by the

Palmer Lake Planning Commission, and the council approved the request unanimously.

**Town adopts Fire and Police Protective Association pension plan**

The Fire and Police Protective Association plan requires 20 years of active service and a minimum age of 50 to receive pension benefits. Fire Trustee Kuehster made a motion confirming that requirement is adopted by the Town of Palmer Lake, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Disc golf course to get more holes**

John and Christie Rancher updated the council on plans to expand the disc golf course at Palmer Lake Park. At present the course has nine holes, but the GOCO grant provided funds to buy equipment for 18 holes in the future. As a next step, the Ranchers are working to add more holes to the south end of the existing course and are talking to the owners of the land they would like to use for expansion. Ultimately the course may extend to both sides of the railroad tracks, but that will wait for the bridge over the tracks to be completed first. To date there have been no issues with people using the Santa Fe Trail or the playground.

**Town seeks bids for Vaile House**

Mayor McDonald mentioned that the town is still trying to sell the Vaile House; the minimum bid is \$145,000. The money for the sale will be used for purposes that benefit the entire town, such as funding the town's portion of projects related to the GOCO grant. The property includes four hilltop lots in addition to the house. Anyone interested in the property should contact Mayor McDonald.

**Public input from Palmer Lake Technology Center and Greg Dobbs**

Ryan Far, representing Palmer Lake Technology Center, let the council know they would be pursuing the required permits to add a well at the center, which is at 850 Commercial Lane. To allow for more businesses at the site, the center is looking for 2.63 acre-feet of additional water per year as a next step. The owners of the property plan to spend \$87,000 drilling the well into the Arapahoe aquifer and another \$15,000 connecting the buildings to the new well.

Greg Dobbs asked to be on the agenda for June's workshop meeting to discuss the removal of a retaining wall by a contractor. Dobbs argued the removal of the wall affected the value of his property. Mark Schuler disagreed with Dobbs' assessment and asked to be invited to any meetings where the issue would be discussed. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

**Liquor License for Speedtrap transferred**

The Town Council Liquor Licensing and Marijuana Authority meeting held immediately before the Town Council meeting had a single order of business: to transfer the liquor license used by the Speedtrap to new owner Spencer Boyles. Trustees Paul Russell, Rich Kuehster, Banta and Grado voted in favor of the transfer. Finance Trustee Mitchell Davis was not present at the meeting.

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The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. June 11 at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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