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Palmer Lake Town Council, May 10 and May 24
Council considers updated fire ordinance and trailhead parking

By James Howald and Jackie Burhans

The Palmer Lake Town Council met twice in May, on May 10 and 24. A rewritten fire ordinance and a discussion of how to manage parking at the Palmer Lake Reservoir Trailhead were the main topics of discussion. The council also took up two requests to subdivide lots in the town, approved a contract to install a water line, and expressed their gratitude to an intern.

After lengthy debate, council votes down updated fire ordinance

At both meetings, the council considered an updated fire ordinance, drafted primarily by new council member Gary Faust in consultation with the town’s attorney, Maureen Burhans, that sought to define what types of outdoor fires would be permitted in the town. Several residents commented on the ordinance as it took shape.

The version of the ordinance presented in the May 10 meeting tied the town’s burning restrictions to the fire danger assessments in place from El Paso County. This version specified that no open burning would be allowed when the county has declared either a Stage 1 or Stage 2 fire alert, which, according to Faust, meant that open burning would never be permitted in the town during the alerts. Recreational fires would be permitted during Stage 1 fires. Fires in fire pits on permanent pads would be permitted during Stage 1 alerts, with the provision that fire pits be inspected by the Palmer Lake Fire Department (PLFD) on an annual schedule. During Stage 2 alerts, recreational fires would not be permitted.

Outdoor cooking in gas-fueled grills, charcoal grills, or liquid-fueled camp stoves would be allowed during Stage 1 alerts, but only gas-fueled