

- in each to provide a visual presence.
- The Memorial Day ceremony set for May 25 at the Monument cemetery has been canceled.
 - Northern Water Utility entities, including the

Monument Water Department, developed a plan for backup supplies and operators should an agency be affected by the virus.

To read the entire report, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y7p-cu3qm>.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument

Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 4. Call 719-884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for BOT or to down-

load audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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Palmer Lake Town Council, April 9, 11 and 23

Council bans parking on streets



Above: Palmer Lake Reservoir Trailhead parking is closed. Photo by Steve Pate.

By James Howald and Jackie Burhans

The Palmer Lake Town Council met on April 9, 11, and 23. To comply with social distancing requirements, all three of the meetings were held online using Zoom. Links to future online meetings can be found on the town's website at www.TownofPalmerLake.com in the Agendas and Minutes section.

Emergency measures to address coronavirus concerns took center stage at the first two meetings. At the April 11 meeting, the council passed an ordinance banning parking on streets within the town's boundaries. At the April 23 meeting, the council addressed an ordinance detailing how the town would handle public displays of art, and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) defining how the town would work with Awake the Lake (ATL) in the future.

Town bans parking on streets

On April 11, the Town Council passed Ordinance 2020-1, which prohibits parking by non-residents on all town roads. All parking is also pro-

hibited in the lots at the trailhead of the reservoir trail on Old Carriage Road. The ban took effect immediately.

Parking is allowed at the lot on Highway 105 adjacent to the gazebo. Trails remain open, and those wishing to hike can park at the lot adjacent to Highway 105 and walk to the trailheads.

The council took action because of an increase in hikers visiting the town to use the town's trails since Colorado was placed under stay-at-home restrictions.

The council has discussed the problems resulting from over-use of the town's trails many times, and a range of solutions has been proposed. The increase in hikers has caused chaotic parking at the town's trailheads, in some cases making it impossible for emergency vehicles to reach residences.

Ordinance defining public art standards is approved

The council passed Ordinance 2020-2, which defines design, construction, and placement standards for art, including

memorials and advertising placed on public land. The ordinance specifies the Town Council must approve any art on the town's property. The council wrote the ordinance to facilitate fundraising efforts planned by the ATL committee that would install plaques on the bridge between the town and the lake.

The general ordinance was followed by a resolution that specifically authorized ATL to install railroad-themed displays on the bridge as a means of raising money to complete the project. The resolution requires that the displays be consistent with Ordinance 2020-2.

Chris Cummings of ATL assisted in drafting the ordinance.

Council passes memorandum of understanding with Awake the Lake

The council passed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the ATL organization that will define how the town and ATL will work together to complete the pedestrian bridge and maintain the lake and parkland. The memorandum specifies:

- ATL will raise funds for the project.
- ATL will work in cooperation with the town and in accord with the Comprehensive Plan.
- ATL will assist the town with public outreach.
- All funds will be spent on public lands.

The MOU also requires:

- The town and ATL engage in a public/private partnership.
- The town has the right to oversee all work.
- ATL events will be covered under town insurance if there is no additional cost to the town.
- The ATL board will produce and present an annual report at a Town Council meeting.
- ATL meetings, minutes, annual reports and information regarding donations will remain open to the public.

Other meeting highlights

- A portion of Eaton Road was vacated at the request of Steve and Julie Martin.
- A liquor license was ap-



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