
The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 in Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. Meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month. Information: 884-8017 or www.townofmonument.net.

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Medical marijuana dispensary license transferred



Above: Dino Salvatori requested a transfer of license for Palmer Lake Wellness Center, 850 Commercial Lane, where he is co-owner with Joseph Pernarelli. Salvatori said he has experience in this business already in Lakewood, and he told the council, "As far as the (Colorado medical marijuana) law, sir, I'm a stickler with the law." The council approved the request, contingent on the successful completion of fire and police inspections. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield*.



Above: On Jan. 10, Palmer Lake resident and former Speed Trap Coffee Bar owner K. Peter Kavanagh addressed the Palmer Lake Town Council and was approved to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Mayor Nikki McDonald said, "Thank you for wanting to get involved. I wish more people did. I'm sure you'll be a real asset to the planning commission and to the council too, because you know we depend on you guys. You do the groundwork. Thank you very much." *Photo by Lisa Hatfield*.

By Lisa Hatfield

On Jan. 10, the Palmer Lake Town Council held two separate meetings, a Liquor Licensing Authority and Medical Marijuana Authority meeting, then a combined Town Council workshop and regular meeting. The council approved a medical marijuana license transfer for Palmer Lake Wellness Center in the first meeting, then approved K. Peter Kavanagh's application to become a Palmer Lake planning commissioner and an ordinance vacating portions of three streets.

The trustees reported a quiet beginning to 2013, with the exception of an armed robbery discussed during trustees' comments, but no new information about this incident was presented.

Fire Trustee Rich Kuehster and Roads Trustee Jerry Davis were absent. The council has one vacant seat.

Medical marijuana license transferred

Dino Salvatori presented a request for a transfer of license for Palmer Lake Wellness Center, 850 Commercial Lane, where he is co-owner with Joseph Pernarelli. Salvatori has "no doubt at all" that they can meet the security needs of this business. The security plan had been turned in, but final inspections and approvals were still being scheduled with acting administrator Jason Vanderpool of the Palmer Lake Police Department and Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Fire Marshal John Vincent. Vincent is conducting fire inspections for the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department until a new fire chief is hired. Police

Trustee Bob Grado, Water Trustee Michael Maddox, and Mayor Nikki McDonald told Berreth they would like to go along with Vanderpool to take a look at the business soon.

Town Attorney Larry Gaddis recommended a motion for approval of the transfer of the existing license to owners Salvatori and Pernarelli "contingent upon the approval of police department and fire department inspections." The license transfer was approved by vote of 3-1, with Maddox opposed. He initially wanted to abstain from the vote; McDonald said he couldn't do that, so Maddox voted no. He gave no reason for his dissenting vote.

Planning Commission vacancy filled

The council unanimously approved Palmer Lake resident K. Peter Kavanagh to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. "Are you sure you don't want a council seat?" asked McDonald, referring to the vacant Parks and Recreation trustee seat. "Is that next?" Kavanagh answered.

Kavanagh is a licensed Colorado architect. He opened the Speed Trap Coffee Bar 10 years ago but sold it last year. He said he volunteered for this position as a "way to stay involved." McDonald thanked Kavanagh for his willingness to volunteer and expressed her wish that more people would get involved in the town.

Vacated property ordinance

The council unanimously approved Ordinance 1 of 2013, an amendment to the meeting agenda. McDonald explained this ordinance vacated portions of First Street, Second Street, and Eaton Road in the Lakeside Addition. Two property owners are involved, and "It's not land-locking anyone," Berreth said. "It's more or less just cleaning up the plats." The topic had been discussed at a previous council meeting.

Public notice posting locations

The council unanimously approved the official locations for public notice postings of upcoming council meetings and events. Just as last year, the three locations are the Palmer Lake Town Office, Post Office, and Town Hall. Notices may also be placed in other locations and via email, but those are optional additions.

Committee reports

Police Trustee Grado said it was a "very quiet month," with one "major incident," five case reports, and eight citations for December. "Things are going very well on the Police Department. I'm really happy, considering the big changes that were made recently.... It's going very well with Jason Vanderpool, who is our acting administrator right now." The department is interviewing to fill some vacancies and has one applicant who's "extremely experienced," Grado said, and he hopes to make introductions of new officers at the next council meeting.

Grado stated that he had no new information about the armed robbery that took place in December. Grado referred to the press release of Dec. 26 from the Police Department about this incident. The release reported that at 3:15 a.m. on Dec. 26, three suspects armed with handguns entered a home on Gillia Street through a window. Three residents were home at the time. During the ensuing struggle, the male resident received minor injuries when he "was held against his will in a bedroom ... and a female resident and teenage child were locked in a bathroom," according to Lt. Vanderpool in the press release. The suspects took items, including household electronics and live marijuana plants, from the home.

McDonald said that the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department is looking for new a fire chief and has three applicants who will be interviewed toward the end of January by a committee put together by Fire Trustee Rich Kuehster. The department hopes to have a new fire chief by February. "We do have some good candidates, so that's exciting, "McDonald said. No official Fire Committee report was presented; Berreth explained that she received it but would have to email it to the council after the meeting.

Water Trustee Maddox said, "We're doing OK on the reservoir; we're low, and we need some snow." The town used 2.8 million gallons of surface water in December, took no water out of Well A-2, and took 1.4 million gallons from Well D-2. For December, the total water used was 4.2 million gallons, for an average daily use of 137,000 gallons, and a single-day high of 157,000 gallons. "That's