

community for some time.

The Police Department is responsible for enforcement of the ordinance, and they would like some clarification, Harrington said.

Harrington and Grado believe the best approach is to adopt the same wording used by El Paso County, and develop an intergovernmental agreement so that the county will help with enforcement.

The ordinance needs to be updated to address more directly the question of fire hazards, Harrington said. Harrington pointed out that a homeowner can comply with the existing ordinance by building a fence to block off the view of rubbish on their property, but that a fence does nothing to address the possibility of fire.

Pre-disaster mitigation plan approved

McDonald led a discussion of whether or not the town should adopt the Comprehensive Update to the El Paso Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. Jurisdictions in El Paso County updated this plan in response to the

fires that have taken place in the last few years, McDonald said. The plan addresses roles, responsibilities, communications, and evacuation tactics that come into play when there is a fire or a flood, according to McDonald.

Having the plan in place is a requirement for the town to be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds in the case of a disaster, according to Harrington.

The board voted unanimously to approve the plan.

Request to purchase land from town considered

Local business owner Ron Reed asked the board to consider his offer to buy a portion of a lot the town owns near Highway 105, close to the building housing Sara's Sausage of Palmer Lake. Reed proposed that the town agree to subdivide the 3.46-acre lot so that he can purchase a single acre.

The board voted unanimously to allow Reed and his investors to go onto the property to test the soil as a next step.

Improved insurance rating saves homeowner dollars

Kuehster gave the board details on a recent drop of one point in the Insurance Services Organization rating for some parts of the town. The lower rating has the potential to save homeowners \$100 on their insurance bills, and speaks to the effectiveness and training of the town's Fire Department,

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