

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 8, 2009

The Palmer Lake Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Cressman at 7:03 p.m., January 8, 2009.

Attendees: Trustees: Mayor Cressman
Bristol
Coleman
Jack
McDonald
Stafford
Reynolds
Attorney: Gaddis - excused
Audience: 12

Pledge of Alliance: Trustee Jack

February Planning Commission Liaison – Trustee Jack
March Planning Commission Liaison – Trustee McDonald
April Planning Commission Liaison – Trustee Stafford

Item #2: Approval of Agenda

TRUSTEE STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE McDONALD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #3: Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes – December 11, 2008
- b. Payment/Ratification of Bills – December, 2008

TRUSTEE McDONALD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STAFFORD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4: Committee Reports

Mayor Cressman – Mayor’s Report

Attended the monthly meeting of PPACG. The main topic was the potential President’s stimulus package.

Forest View Acres have requested a meeting with Mayor Cressman and Trustee Stafford.

Trustees Bristol and McDonald – Parks and EDC

End of year report for Park and Rec. and Community Development

Parks started with the Columbine Festival which other than a glitch in advertising went okay. We managed to keep the parks looking good through the summer. The trails had a face lift due to the Chautauqua that was held in August. We have decided to take over the Bill Crawford Memorial Gardens, since we feel it reflects on the town and our parks department when they are neglected. I wrote the local American Legion and asked for a donation to help with this project.

As for Community Development we are attempting to visit all of the local businesses so far Jan has been to quite a few, What she has gathered thus far from those she has visited is that their main concern is the parking issue. The Streetscape goals will be reviewed after the sidewalk project is completed and more is known about the Highway 105 negotiations. Merchants are being asked to provide input for the streetscapes ahead of time. We are also inquiring about the prospects for them forming some type of organization or district. Jan and I attended the Chamber after hours Christmas party and spoke with several area businesses there. We asked to be informed of upcoming meetings and events.

We did tracking for the monies we have given to the Senior center and are happy with their use of the money. The money is spent on trips for those that can not afford to go, and is used for senior lunches. Furniture and a used piano were purchased for their recreation room at the

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new High school where piano lessons are also available. Folks I talked to are very happy with the programs they are offered.

We are also looking at transferring some money (very little) from inactive accounts to other places.

We are also involved now with the fire works committee and attending those meetings that will be happening monthly.

The immediate future will be planning for the upcoming winter fest.

Trustee Coleman – Fire

2008 CALLS:

	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Medical Calls	7	122
Fire Calls	6	44
Wildland Fire Calls	1	54
Traffic Accidents	4	18
Public Assist	1	19
Public Contact	3	15
Other	1	36
Total Calls	23	308
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Mutual aid rendered to other fire departments	9	93
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1. PLVFD Fire Elves transported Santa to Santa’s Breakfast at the Palmer Lake Elementary School on Saturday, December 13th.
2. PLVFD members assisted with the Yule Log Hunt on Sunday, December 14th.
3. PLVFD Officers were elected at the PLVFD December Business Meeting:
 - a. Chief – Dan Reynolds
 - b. Assistant Chief – Greg Lokken
 - c. Fire Captain – Alex Farr
 - d. Fire Lieutenant – Kim Polonsky
 - e. Medical Captain – Shana Ball
 - f. Medical Lieutenant – Abigail Vierling
 - g. Secretaries – Vicky Baker and Jane Garrabrant
4. PLVFD members would like to thank our outgoing Fire Chief Phillip Beckman for his 4 years of leadership, vision and dedication to the Department and the Town. We are grateful for his experience and knowledge as he continues as a Firefighter in the Department.
5. PLVFD members will provide refreshments at the 3rd Annual Winterfest scheduled for Saturday, February 14th.
6. Larkspur Ambulance Service Agreement was terminated 12/31/08. A new agreement has been presented and verbally accepted by Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District. In the interim, Tri-Lakes has been providing ambulance service.

REMINDERS: ***Place house numbers so they are visible from the street.***

TRUSTEE COLEMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE DAN REYNOLDS AS FIRE CHIEF FOR 2009, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JACK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Oath of Office was administered to Fire Chief Dan Reynolds by Clerk Gray.
Trustee Jack – Roads

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Annual Road Report – 2008

The Road Department was quite busy this last year. We received 500 tons of millings from El Paso County and 12,000 tons of millings from the I-25 resurfacing project. We resurfaced over 2 miles of gravel roads and rebuilt County Line Road with those millings. We accomplished all of this under \$100,000.00. We hired Dan Orcutt as a new equipment operator. We set up a “new” web site for citizens input. We acquired new 2-way radios for better communication during emergencies.

With the help of the Water Department, we installed about 150 feet of concrete ditch and a new concrete drop inlet at the intersection of Walnut / Crescent. We also installed 250 feet of concrete ditch on High Street in an ongoing effort to alleviate drainage issues during heavy rains. We are in the process of engineering the slope rebuild on Old Carriage Road in order to protect the integrity of the road.

All of this was accomplished in conjunction with our normal everyday road maintenance schedule. We placed over 8,000 gallons of magnesium chloride for dust control, cleaned and maintained ditches and culverts, graded roads, roadside weed & brush control and sign maintenance.

We are also getting closer to the completion of the engineering for our “Safe Routes to School” grant. We are a bit behind schedule, but are certain that after CDOT approves the engineering, we will get back on schedule.

Mayor Cressman read the following on behalf of the Roads Department: The Road Department would like to recognize all the hard work and support of our Commissioner – Bryan Jack. His assistance in obtaining the millings was invaluable. His tireless work in setting up and maintaining the “new” web site (plstreets.info), contacting and meeting with citizens and supporting the department means a lot to us.

Trustee Stafford – Water

Trustee Stafford reported he had two meetings, one with DOLA and one with the Department of Agriculture in regards to obtaining a loan to upgrade the surface water treatment plant and attended the monthly meeting of PPRWA.

Trustee Stafford stated that as an agenda item, Ordinance 1, 2009 will be discussed.

Trustee Stafford’s annual report will be given during the February meeting.

Trustee Reynolds – Police

A total of 22 citations were written in three separate incidents involving underage drinking. At this time criminal charges have been filed for at least one adult for providing a place where juveniles were consuming alcoholic beverages.

Also on two separate weekends it appeared that somebody drove around in the glen and shot windows out of 10 different parked vehicles. Those cases are still under investigation.

On December 18, 2008 at 5:45 a.m., Chief Ferrin was involved in a traffic accident on highway 105 and Beacon Light Road, resulting in minor injuries to the Chief. The 2001 Impala was totaled. The plan, at this time, is for the money received from the insurance company is to be placed on hold. No plan has been made to replace the vehicle.

Three DUI arrests were also made in December.

- ❖ The Training of the new officers is proceeding. Part time Officer Deyoe is now able to cover shifts on his own. I expect to see Full time Officer Sekowski to complete his training program and able to cover shifts by himself by the end of January.

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- ❖ The new Eforce computer program is now being used and is already showing to be a great improvement over the old system. Kathleen is working with Eforce to get this system fully operational.

Bob Miner– Fountain Creek Watershed

1. Discussion about the yet to be scheduled meeting with El Paso County BOCC.
2. IGA concerns:
 - a. Ability of Watershed Authority to tax and/or pose a fee on areas of the county outside of the physical watershed boundaries. Would be a hard sell.
 - b. How would Watershed Authority pose a tax and/or a fee on the City of Colorado Springs which has a “Storm Water Enterprise” in place?
 - c. Lack of Northwest El Paso County representation on the Citizens group list.
 - d. Comment in the presentation of “Citizens Committee” list of members at the last FCWTF consensus committee meeting that **“We felt the Northwest part of the county was not important”**.
 - e. Lack of input from others on the FCWTF consensus committee to the list.
 - f. Disparity in representation within the “Citizens Committee” list also noticed by County Commissioner Williams.
 - g. Lack of established partner and stakeholder relationships considered for the Watershed Authority (i.e. Conservation Districts, NRCS, US and Co. Forest Service, US and Co. Wildlife Divisions to name a few).
 - h. What part does Palmer Lake want in the Watershed Authority?

After discussion, it was decided that council members would try to attend the informal Colorado Springs City Council Meeting to gather further information.

Larry Meyers – Awake the Lake

Larry stated the committee would like to see the lake filled.

The next meeting will be held, in the Museum at 6:00 pm the following Tuesday. Larry stated he would email the information to Clerk Gray in order for it to be posted in the event 3 or more trustees attend.

Staff: Clerk Gray

Submitted a grant for Street Trees for the parking lot on Highway 105.

Submitted the Letter of Intent for the Community Block Grant for sidewalks, handicap ramps and auxiliary parking lot.

The computer upgrade is 98% complete.

Tara Berreth has been utilizing the eForce software to track information for Municipal Court. The system still has some bugs that need to be worked out.

Item #5: Request for Business License – Upscale Resale – Patricia Bragg
New & Used (Second Hand Store)

TRUSTEE McDONALD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR UPSCALE RESALE, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JACK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6: Request for Business License – Anything Goes Gallery – Marsha Romack-Bailey
Consignment Furniture, Collectibles, Art/Vintage Collectibles

TRUSTEE McDONALD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR ANYTHING GOES GALLERY, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BRISTOL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7: Request for Business License – Geni in a Bottle Auto Brokers – Ricky Haddock
Web based Auto Sales and Wholesales

Mr. Haddock will submit to the town office proof of bonding and his dealership licensing. There will be no outside parking of vehicles for sale. In the event Mr. Haddock would like to have outside parking, he will need to go to follow town procedures to obtain a conditional use.

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TRUSTEE McDONALD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR GENI IN A BOTTLE AUTO BROKERS, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STAFFORD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #8: Ordinance 1 – 2009 Amending 2009 Budget
Ordinance 2 – 2009 –Appropriating Additional Funds

Clerk Gray stated that upon review, Ordinance 2 would not be necessary. The item was removed from the agenda.

Ordinance 1 – 2009 pertains to protecting the integrity of the Water Enterprise Fund by paying the Bond payment directly from General Fund instead of transferring money to the Water fund for payment. The town’s auditor was consulted and this action is allowable under tabor. By this action the town can borrow money under the Water Enterprise Fund in order to upgrade the water surface treatment plant.

TRUSTEE STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1 – 2009 AMENDING THE 2009 BUDGET, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JACK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #8: Public Input

Gary Atkins, Circle Road, stated he had a concern regarding the activity at the Palmer Lake Technology Center. Mayor Cressman asked Mr. Atkins to talk with the owners and if the concerns could not be addressed to bring the matter to the town office.

Jeff Hulsmann, asked for permission to park the ‘Buzz Bus’ in the town parking lot that was currently under construction. The ‘Buzz Bus’ is a 15 passenger van that is being utilized by O’Malley’s to safely transport patrons to their homes. Currently it is being used on the weekends only. Jeff is looking for volunteers to drive the bus during weekdays.

TRUSTEE McDONALD MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:22 PM, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STAFFORD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approved as written or amended this 12th day of February, 2009.

John Cressman, Mayor

Della Gray, Town Clerk