

Fritsche suggested authorizing Kronick to work on how to upload information, such as the 2020 draft budget, to the MSD web page.

Howe pointed out the monthly cash flow report shows a 480% increase in administration costs. Fritsche said the unusual increase could have been caused by certified letters that were sent out to delinquent accounts.

Timing of biggest invoices

Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLWWTF) Manager Bill Burks attended the meeting briefly to clear up invoicing issues the MSD has had since Wicklund and Krueger have been gone. At the Oct. 21 meeting, MSD discussed a late \$8,000 check that is part of its monthly invoice to the TLWWTF. See www.ocn.me/v20n11.htm#msd, www.ocn.me/v20n11.htm#tlwffuc.

Burks attended the meeting to answer the board's questions about

the quick turnaround time for large monthly invoices due to TLWWTF for wastewater treatment costs.

Instead of holding large cash reserves from MSD, Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, and Palmer Lake Sanitation District, the TLWWTF Joint Use Committee voted in March 2017 to use a two-invoice system. Each district is billed by the third day of each month, using estimated amounts for incoming bills and for regular monthly budgeted items such as payroll. Then a second invoice is sent to each district based on the remaining actual amounts. These two invoices are approved by the JUC at the regular meetings each month, and the districts are expected to promptly pay their shares. See www.ocn.me/v17n4.htm#tlwffuc,

Executive session on personnel

The board went into executive ses-

sion at 10:21 a.m. to discuss a personnel issue 24-6-402. The Oct. 21 minutes were not approved as is normally done at the beginning of the meeting as Hamilton said he wished to discuss them in this executive session. However, when the session was announced, he only mentioned the personnel matter. Note: This is an issue with special district laws as all relevant discussion topics must be announced before the session. It is unclear if the board intended to discuss the minutes or not.

According to Fritsche, upon completion of the executive session, the board adjourned and no decisions

were made.

Monument Sanitation District meetings are normally held at 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month in the district conference room at 130 Second St., Monument. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Dec. 16 at 9 a.m. See <https://colorado.gov/msd>. For a district service map, see <https://colorado.gov/pacific/msd/district-map-0>. Information: 481-4886.

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Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, Nov. 16

Public hearing on budget held

By James Howald

The Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board held its November meeting at the Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) Barn Community Center. The details of this meeting will be reported, along with the January board meeting, in the January issue of Our Community News.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. Meetings are usu-

ally held on the second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. The November meeting was delayed a week to allow the board members to study the proposed budget. Meetings are currently held at the Woodmoor Barn Community Center rather than the district office; please see www.woodmoorwater.com or call 488-2525 to verify meeting times and locations.

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Monument Board of Trustees, Nov. 9

Willow Springs Ranch approved for infrastructure buildout

By Allison Robenstein

During a special meeting held Nov. 9, the Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) approved a land use request and the final plat of Willow Springs Ranch Filing No. 1 and discussed the 2021 budget.

Nov. 3 election results for the Town of Monument

Ballot issue 2E (increasing local sales and use tax from 3% to 3.5%):

Yes, 2,643 (42.57%)

No, 3,565 (57.43%)

Ballot question 2F (changing the election schedule):

Yes, 3,711 (62.57%)

No, 2,220 (37.43%)

Willow Springs Ranch approved to begin building

Willow Springs Ranch is a 109-acre development on the west side of town north of Baptist Road. The 372 lots and 16 streets will sit along one main route that connects Mitchell Avenue at the north end and Forest Lakes Drive on the south.

The land was annexed into the town in 2019, although at that time there were concerns that not all the homes could be supplied with water. See <https://www.ocn.me/v18n4.htm#mbot0319> and <https://www.ocn.me/v18n11.htm#mbot>. Public Works Director Tom Tharnish said the town has enough water to service 300 homes now. A new well is being dug to supply water for the rest of the homes.

The Monument Planning Commission approved the request at its Oct. 14 meeting with the condition that fencing design should be consid-

ered by the developer, Willow Springs Ranch LLC. The commission also recommended parking restrictions on main thoroughfares. See <https://www.ocn.me/v20n11.htm#mpc>.

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