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Tharnish said he would give more details at the Oct. 17 meeting. However, he explained briefly that the town has been working with Forsgren Associates on plans for dilution using water from Well 8, and an "HMO" chemical treatment to remove the radium from the groundwater in Well 9. He said the town is applying for a grant from the Colorado Rural Water Association to help pay for the HMO treatment process. See related Oct. 17 Monument Board of Trustees article on page 6.

Town Manager Chris Lowe said that in addition to the one sampling site required by local, state, and federal law, the town has also been sampling further down the distribution system. "We are absolutely certain that the radium levels were always under 5 picocuries" by the time it was delivered to customers, he said. "Everyone was safe during that monitoring period."

Mayor Pro Tem Don Wilson asked if the radium present in some of the groundwater would cause a problem if the town were doing water reuse. Tharnish said with reuse, the town would be mixing groundwater originally produced from wells and diluting it with the surface water in Monument Creek, and it would also undergo "environmental scrubbing" in the creek.

Trustee Kelly Elliott asked Tharnish several questions about the difference between Triview Metropolitan District and the town's water system management and the level of standards required to make sure Triview had the right infrastructure in place. Tharnish said there were differences between the two organizations and that the request for help never came (during the Triview water leak in June and July).

Elliott accused Triview of incompetence and carrying too much debt and worried about the possibility that the town was considering an emergency water connection with them. See related comments by Triview President Reid Bolander at the Oct. 17 Monument Board of Trustees meeting in the BOT article on page 6.

Town Treasurer Pamela Smith said that the town could make capital recommendations to Triview, and that someday, when Triview's large debt is paid off, it would be absorbed into the town.

Senior living facility approved

Jackson Creek Assisted Living LLC submitted a development application seeking approval of a Planned Development Site Plan and Final Plat for the Jackson Creek Senior Living Center on six acres at the northeast corner of Jackson Creek Parkway and Harness Road, south of

Higby Road. It is planned as a three-story senior living facility consisting of independent, assisted, and memory care units in two phases. Principal Planner Larry Manning and Planner Jennifer Jones presented project details to the board.

The application was heard by the Monument Planning Commission on Sept. 14. The planning staff report included in the Board of Trustees packet noted that the Planning Commission "recommends approval with conditions," but it did not specify that the application was approved with a divided 3-2 vote by the commissioners, and it did not include the draft Planning Commission meeting minutes. See www.ocn.me/v16n10.htm#mpc.

Note: After the meeting, Manning told OCN that the planning staff now makes recommendations to the Planning Commission, which is a change from past procedures. He said there was "no definitive message from the dissenting (Planning Commission) voters." He also said, "The minutes are not considered accurate until approved by the commission and should not bear weight in the board's opinion."

Manning told the trustees and the public that the primary entrance would come from Jackson Creek Parkway and that the applicant would add a southbound left-turn lane, but he said no deceleration lane was needed for northbound traffic turning right into the property at either the main entrance or Harness Road entrance.

Triview has provided a will-serve letter for water and sewer service to this project. A separate tract on the property for drainage, open space, a trail, and utilities will be maintained by Triview.

Both the final PD site plan and the final plat were approved unanimously.

Note: Jackson Creek Senior Living Center will be the second senior living facility coming to Monument. The first, Bethesda Gardens Monument, is under construction on Beacon Lite Road south of Second Street. See www.ocn. me/v16n7%2026.pdf.

The board went into executive session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest, with respect to the water system.

Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman told *OCN* that no votes or announcements were made after the executive session, and the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

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Monument Board of Trustees, Oct. 17

Water reuse plan and water radium treatment discussed

By Lisa Hatfield

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about how a water reuse system could help the town's water supply and what options are available for dealing with radium in the town's water service area west of I-25. The Triview Metropolitan District board president asked that all public officials "take the high road" on issues between Triview and the town.

Trustee Kelly Elliott was absent.

Water reuse advantages explained

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish introduced water engineer Bruce Lytle of Lytle Water Solutions, who explained water reuse from a water rights and supply standpoint and how reuse could fit into the town's overall water portfolio.

Reuse works by capturing effluent that has already been treated to tightly regulated standards. Instead of



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