

Gazette titled "County urges water planning; providers pushed to think of future." It mentioned Colorado Springs Utilities' (CSU) \$2 million water resources plan, which explores options for how CSU might help smaller providers fill a supply gap. He said he looked forward to the town staff's presentation on water options for the future this fall. See related Aug. 7 Board of Trustees article on page 1.

Trustee Kelly Elliott said she also looked forward to additional water presentation information and concurred with Mayor Jeff Kaiser's Aug. 7 comment that the town already has experts working on water solutions, so spending \$50,000 on an independent study was something she did not want to think about.

Wilson said he had attended a meeting with downtown Monument businesses who appreciated recent beautification efforts and the grant program.

At 7:09 p.m. the board went into executive ses-

sion to discuss personnel matters, specifically the town manager's contract. The board took no votes nor made any announcements after the executive session, said Town Clerk Laura Hogan.

The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 5. Call 884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information about live video streaming of meetings. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for the Board of Trustees or to download audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees. This link will help you see whether or not you live within the boundaries of the Town of Monument: <https://arcg.is/0TTjib>

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Palmer Lake Town Council, Aug. 24

Council OKs marijuana ordinance

By James Howald

The Palmer Lake Town Council met only once in August, on Aug. 24. At that meeting, the trustees took a final vote on the ordinance governing the cultivation and sale of marijuana, heard a report on the 2016 audit, continued work on an ordinance restricting certain types of fires, and began discussing a moratorium on new building permits.

Council approves marijuana ordinance

Before the vote on the proposed marijuana ordinance, Town Administrator Kathy Green-Sinnard summarized the previous discussion of the ordinance. The town initially had several ordinances relating to marijuana businesses within the town's boundaries, she said, and the first goal was to consolidate them into a single ordinance and resolve any contradictions. Some new issues were addressed, such as a ban on clubs where marijuana could be consumed. Throughout the drafting of the new ordinance, the town sought to hold the two existing marijuana businesses harmless, but also to prevent any new marijuana businesses from opening, Green-Sinnard said.

Because the language of the ordinance defined

a business as having a single address, an issue arose with the plans one of the existing businesses had to expand operations to a second building, with its own address, on the same property. According to Green-Sinnard, the latest draft of the ordinance addressed

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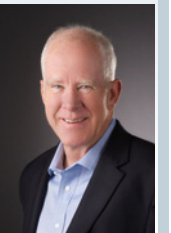
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