

doesn't have the same problem next year. Bornstein revealed that he didn't agree with the audit but felt it should be sent to the state.

Trustee Laurie Clark pushed to see the invoices to which Monument Auditor Kyle Logan referred that had been devalued by the vendor to fall below the \$5,000 BOT approval requirements. Town Treasurer and Acting Town Manager Pamela Smith said she was very busy but would try to find them. Mayor Don Wilson reiterated the audit will not change.

Trustee Ron Stephens said they should just change the resolution to read the board authorizes sending it to the state. Trustee Greg Coopman abstained from voting, and Trustee Laurie Clark voted no without an expressed reason. The motion passed 4-1-1.

Loan for water enterprise projects on hold

At the Aug. 6 meeting, Smith asked the board to approve Key Bank as the lender for a \$1.8 million loan to be used for two water-related projects.

The next step is to pass a resolution for approval of the loan to pay for the projects. Smith said these two projects were approved at the Jan. 2 meeting. However, only the \$924,500 Well 4 and 5 project was awarded to contractor Velocity Constructors Inc. The booster upgrade project, at \$625,000, was not approved.

Clark said the ordinance is misleading, and the situation doesn't rise to an emergency. Coopman brought up several other issues, including:

- The request is missing a list

of projects represented by this loan.

- The two projects originally discussed total \$1.549 million, which was approved by the BOT in the budget, so he wondered where the other \$248,000 would be used. Smith said the loan also includes a \$150,000 well 4 and 5 building rehabilitation. We are borrowing more money than we budgeted, Coopman said. Additional funds would reduce the amount of sales tax that has to be used for capital projects, Smith said.
- Because water rate revenue is the only money that can be used to pay back the loan, Coopman calculated this will require a mandatory 125 percent rate increase to raise enough cash to pay it back.

Clark was concerned that they were being asked to approve loan covenants they not yet seen. Smith initially said the resolution verbiage equates to the covenants; later she said she would try to get the loan paperwork for them to review.

Smith said they wouldn't start the booster station project if the loan isn't approved, because it would deplete their cash. She also said the board shouldn't have gone forward with well 4 and 5 without funding.

The board unanimously tabled this discussion until they get answers to their questions.

Safety of median access and camping discussed

In a previous meeting, the BOT directed Town Attorney Alicia Corley to draft an ordinance

concerning median safety. Specifically, the board was concerned for the safety of a man panhandling in the Jackson Creek shopping center. Corley reviewed the situation along with the town Planning Department and the police. The portion of the median where the man sits is private property, and it is up to the landlord there to determine if panhandling is allowed.

The board also discussed camping and abandoned vehicles without making a decision. Wilson noted the town has a camping code, and all other issues regarding property would be the job of code enforcement. Chief of Police Jake Shirk said people can have any types of vehicles on their property. Bornstein asked if private property owners could be forced to register all vehicles on their property.

Code enforcement full-time job description

The board discussed posting a full-time code enforcement job description at this meeting. Wilson reached out to Community Preservation Specialists, the company previously responsible for the town's code enforcement, which said a full-time position was justified and there was more than enough work for this person. Coopman asked that the job description be expanded so that it included enough work for a full-time employee. Research will be done to determine average salary.

Sale of town property along Village Center at Woodmoor

El Paso County is moving forward with the Highway 105 NB

I-25 ramp to Lake Woodmoor Drive and needs to acquire additional right of way and easements. This includes 0.373 acres of Tract B in the Village Center at Woodmoor, which sits on the south side of Highway 105.

The county offered \$4,300 for the property, which was unanimously approved. If the town didn't sell the property to the county, the county would have started eminent domain proceedings.

Site plan for drive-through restaurant approved

The board unanimously approved a site plan for a drive-through restaurant in Jackson Creek Market Village.

The property is 0.6 acres along Baptist Road east of the 7-Eleven and Monument Dentists. The Planning Commission approved the request on Aug 8. The applicant, Ridgetop Engineering and Consulting, will build a 2,086-square-foot restaurant with 25 parking stalls and drive-through lane.

Tri-Lakes Collision addition approved

An amendment to the PD (Planned Development) site plan was approved to allow for a 10,000- square-foot addition to Tri-Lakes Collision's building on Beacon Lite Road. The Planning Commission approved the amendment Aug. 8. This request was approved 5-1 with Clark voting no, without any reason given.

Checks over \$5,000

At the Aug. 20 meeting, the following checks were approved in the consent agenda:

- Triview Metro District -

sales tax due for June 2018, motor vehicle sale tax for July 2018 and regional building use tax for July 2018, \$198,772.

- Solitude Lake Management - Phoslock treatment, \$10,160.
- City Glass Co. - Americans with Disabilities Act door replacement at Old Town Hall, \$5,013.
- Green Electric - three invoices for temporary feed to booster station, and electric improvements shop, \$7,743.
- Caliber Collision - repair police car after collision with deer, \$5,000.
- Common Knowledge Technology - four invoices for server/hardware/software upgrade \$11,052.73

The board went into executive session at 8:11 pm. When members returned to the public meeting, they immediately adjourned.

The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 pm on the first and third Monday of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 4 due to the Labor Day holiday. Call 884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for the BOT or to download audio recordings of past meetings see, <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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Monument Board of Trustees Special Meeting, Aug. 27

Board whittles interim town manager finalists to three

By Allison Robenstein

The Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) pared the list of interim town manager finalists from four to three at a special meeting Aug. 27. The three are Malcolm Fleming, Mike Foreman, and Ja-

son Wells.

Also at the meeting, Mayor Pro-tem Kelly Elliott was appointed Monument's representative on the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department's Advisory Committee.

The board entered executive session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter with town Human Resources Director Robert Bishop. Upon returning to the public meeting at 6:40 p.m., Trustee Greg Coopman

directed Bishop to compile contractual requirements for Fleming, Foreman, and Wells.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

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Palmer Lake Town Council, Aug. 9 and 23

Recreational marijuana headed for the ballot again

By James Howald and Jackie Burhans

The Palmer Lake Town Council met twice in August, on Aug. 9 and 23. The first meeting was a regular council meeting and the second was a working session, but Mayor John Cressman allowed comments from the public, and votes were taken, at the second meeting.

At the Aug. 9 meeting, the council returned to an issue it has discussed and debated many times in the past: the future of recreational marijuana sales in the town. At this meeting the board also heard an update on the budget from Town Clerk Verla Bruner and voted to authorize Mayor John Cressman to sell town property. The council also heard comments from residents who were unhappy with the council's deci-

sion to ban dogs from the trail adjacent to the reservoirs that hold the town's drinking water.

At the Aug. 23 working session, the council approved resolution 10 of 2018, authorizing



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