



Above: Town Manager Mike Foreman (right) started an employee of the month program for the town. Police Chief Jake Shirk (center) presented police officer Andrew Romano (left) with the award after he was nominated for ensuring all officers are trained in standard field sobriety testing. Romano is the community resource officer who is responsible for business and neighborhood watch programs and the Citizens Police Academy underway through May 29. Photo by Allison Robenstein.

March 4 meeting pending the outcome of an ongoing criminal investigation by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the FBI and IRS. See <https://ocn.me/v19n4.htm#mbot>.

At the April 1 meeting, the BOT appointed Harry Whitenight interim town treasurer. According to Town Manager Mike Foreman, Whitenight came to work for one day but then resigned. Foreman asked that the board defer making another appointment until the HR Green company can find a qualified candidate.

After previously directing Rivera to cast a wider net that yielded only one other candidate, at the April 1 meeting the board agreed to bring in Carrie Penaloza as the town's municipal prosecuting attorney. However, Town Attorney Joseph Rivera told the board Penaloza declined the position when told she had been appointed.

So, Rivera and Foreman asked the board to appoint the backup candidate, the Ausmus law firm, to provide three prosecuting attorneys who will alternate responsibilities for monthly municipal court. Whereas Penaloza had agreed to an hourly fee plus mileage, the Ausmus firm will charge a set fee of \$600 per municipal court session.

Trustee Greg Coopman was concerned about appointing the firm without seeing the associated contract, so the board approved the request subject to contract negotiations.

Promontory Pointe traffic concerns

At its Jan. 7 meeting, the board heard comments about traffic issues from Promontory Point residents who were concerned that Sanctuary Pointe construction traffic would speed through their neighborhood along Gleneagle Drive. See <https://www.ocn.me/v19n2.htm#mbot>.

Construction in the new phase of Sanctuary Pointe has not yet started. Police Chief Jake Shirk cited a 2018 traffic study commissioned by Triview Metropolitan District and performed by HR Green that found only 0.3 percent of cars were speeding. Monument Corporal and Traffic Safety Officer Rob Stewart validated these findings but added, "I observed that many motorists traveling at or below the posted speed limit were unable to maintain their lane through the curves driving either into the center safety zone/turn lane or into the bike lane," and suggested speeds be decreased to 25 mph rather than the posted 30 mph.

Shirk said Classic Homes' construction vehicles traveling to and from Sanctuary Pointe are legally allowed to travel over Gleneagle Drive—"end of story." Classic, which is concerned about having all engaged tradespeople follow traffic laws, will remind vendors of the speed limit and has offered to assist with the purchase of a mobile speed trailer.

Fire burn bans now under county authority
Shirk told the board current Monument municipal code dictates the BOT must hold a public meeting and vote to impose or suspend a fire ban. This time-consuming process could delay the delivery of safety measures to the community, so Shirk asked the board to replace the existing fire ban code with the same El Paso County ordinance passed by the Board of County Commissioners that regulates open burning. When the county sheriff, who is the county's fire warden, issues or rescinds a fire ban for the county, those specific restrictions would automatically take effect in Monument, too. Monument police would enforce the ban.

Trustee Jeffrey Bornstein was concerned about removing people's rights if a ban were put into place. Bornstein asked if anyone could be fined for smoking a cigarette on their back porch during a stage 1 or 2 fire ban. Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Fire Marshal and Administrative Battalion Chief Jamey Bumgarner said their bigger concern is someone throwing a lit cigarette out their car window during a ban. Shirk said his officers would be inclined to educate a first offender rather than writing them a ticket.

The ordinance passed unanimously.

Pikes Peak Business and Education Alliance presentation

Bob Gemignani, incoming PPBEA executive director, told the board the goal of the program is to transfer knowledge to the next generation of kids who will see significant job demands but are not learning the right skills in school. Fifteen local school districts including

District 38 have signed on to partner with the alliance in an attempt to connect kids to jobs based on their interests before they enter college.

The town's Community Development Department is working with PPBEA to provide an internship

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