

The new event permitting process will take effect 30 days after approval. To schedule an event with the town, see <http://www.townofmonument.org/370/Special-Event-Permits>.

**New town contracts and purchasing policy approved**

Town staff members have been following an outdated purchasing policy. The new policy will now increase the board approval threshold for purchasing and contracts to \$25,000. Currently, checks over \$5,000 require board approval. Often this means the invoice is paid late to include a late charge. Wilson said, "I know this is something town staff has needed for a long time and has tied your hands" when it comes to paying bills on time.

The old policy was rescinded and then the new policy was adopted. Both requests were unanimously approved.

**Request of voters to remove April elections**

Town Clerk Laura Hogan asked the board to approve putting a question on the November ballot asking voters to stop holding April elections. The stand-alone elections are off kilter with the county's coordinated elections and so cost more money.

The average voter turnout for coordinated elections is more than double that of stand-alone elections. Special elections and recalls could still be held in April if necessary. Sitting officials' terms cannot be shortened, so trustees whose term ends in April will automatically go until November.

The board voted in favor of adding this to the November ballot.

**Checks over \$5,000**

The following checks were approved by the board:

- Murray Dahl Beery and Renaud LLP, \$21,782.
- Plan Tools—Monument land development code update, \$7,687
- Triview Metropolitan District—sales tax for May, Regional Building use tax, motor vehicle tax, \$225,168
- The following local businesses received a \$10,000 CARES Act payment from the town:
  - UT Proism Corporate (SmartStyle Hair Salon)
  - U.S. Taekwondo Center
  - SECWIN LLC
  - Jarrito Loco
  - Vi Vi Nails
  - Spa Medica LLC

- Tri-Lakes Community Preschool
- Pho Brothers II
- Mountain Air Salon Inc.

The board went into executive session at 8:34 p.m., to receive legal counsel regarding negotiations with the Monument Sanitation District. No decisions were made, and the board adjourned.

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*Monument Board of Trustees, Aug. 3*

**Board approves emergency water fixes, two land development requests**

*By Allison Robenstein*

The Monument Board of Trustees approved several emergency water project requests during its Aug. 3 meeting. Several land use decisions were approved, too.

Trustee Laurie Clark was noted absent.

**2-million-gallon water tank approved**

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish asked the board to approve \$378,650 from the 2A Water Fund for the design and engineering of a 2-million-gallon water tank and pipeline. This fund is to be used for "the acquisition of water rights and storage and delivery of any newly acquired water." Revenues for the 2A fund come from a 1% sales tax approved by voters in 1989. The 2020 budget includes \$3.5 million for a new tank and pipeline.

Currently, the town has only one water storage tank, which is reaching end-of-life and has been slowly deteriorating.

Originally, Tharnish had asked for a 1.2-million-gallon tank, but in light of the possible North Monument Creek Interceptor (NMCI) project, this tank can be used to store water returning from Colorado Springs Utilities. The town will contract with Forsgren Associates Inc. The request passed unanimously.

**New well approved to keep up with needs**

Tharnish said the town needs to drill a new well to keep up with water needs. The well will be situated near the Well 4/5 treatment plant at the corner of Beacon Lite Road and Second Street. It will access the treatment plant so that a new plant doesn't need to be constructed. Lytle Water Solutions has consulted for the town on numerous well projects and is "well versed in current water wells and water rights."

This will be an Arapahoe well dug to 1,000 to 1,800 feet. The other two wells nearby are Alluvium wells dug to a depth of 30 feet. The new well will have increased capacity over the older wells, providing 250 gallons per minute of water. Drilling will begin this fall.

Tharnish requested \$31,645 for the design and development of this new well from the 2A Water

Fund. The project is within the 2020 budget.

The project request passed in a vote of 6-0.

**Freedom Express Carwash**

The final planned development site plan for Freedom Express Carwash was unanimously approved. The new business is to be built in Monument Marketplace North on the west side of Jackson Creek Parkway. Monument Planner Debbie Flynn said the 5,966-square-foot tunnel car wash includes a self-service dog wash and 21 parking spots. The request was approved at the July 8 Planning Commission meeting. See <https://ocn.me/v20n8.htm#mpc>.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Elliott confirmed the majority of the water used will be recycled. Applicants Matt and Christy Musser confirmed the system will recycle 50% to 75% of wash water depending upon the various types of washing.

**Redline Pipeline**

Flynn requested board approval of the final development site plan of Redline Pipeline in the Wolf Business Park along Beacon Lite Road. The locally owned business, which was founded in 1999, will build a 15,000-square-foot building as a warehouse and office. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the request on July 8. See <https://ocn.me/v20n8.htm#mpc>.

The Board of Trustees approved the plan 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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