

**RESOLUTION
(Cont. from 1)**

cluding law enforcement and fire prevention and response.

- Critical government services.

Trustee Ron Stephens said the idea that one business is essential and another not is discriminatory, noting that when he watches football none of the players in the huddle is wearing a mask. "If they can do it for a football team, they can do it for businesses," he said. It all comes down to individual responsibility, said Stephens. He said the board is not asking residents

to ignore CDC guidelines.

Mayor Don Wilson steered the board away from the "sanctuary city" terminology used during the Dec. 7 meeting because the state, not the town, holds business and liquor licenses. He said the town has no way of stopping the state from coming in and removing local businesses' licenses if they are not following restrictions. See www.ocn.me/v21n1.htm#mbot.

Typically, the public is not allowed to make comments during a workshop, but the board made an exception this time. Members of the public, including

Danny Briscoe, Terri Hayes, Julian and Linda Drummond, Megan Davis, Susan Dewey, and Steven Phillips, spoke in favor of the resolution. Linda Drummond noted everyone is essential, saying the news and the government are brain-washing residents.

During the regular meeting, Ryan LaVier, Patricia Graham, Scott Weiser, Mary York, Kim Green, Scott Dontaville, and Linda Price made public comments.

Commissioner Holly Williams said the El Paso Board of County Commissioners is in favor of the resolution and will not hold back any funding that be-

comes available for economic relief.

Ultimately, the board approved a resolution "reasserting the rights of the Town of Monument and its residents and condemning the unconstitutional limitations imposed upon their freedoms by the governor of Colorado." *The full resolution may be read at <https://monument-townco.documents-on-demand.com/>*

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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Monument Board of Trustees, Jan. 4

UPS distribution center; water-related projects

By Allison Robenstein

During the Jan. 4 Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting, the board passed several land use resolutions. The annual animal services contract with the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region (HSPPR) was approved, too.

Water-related projects approved

Three water-related project addendums were approved for existing contracts. Public Works Director Tom Tharnish asked the board to approve an addendum to the contract with Forsgren Associates for the new 2-million-gallon water

tank and 2 miles of associated pipe.

The town currently has a 1-million-gallon water tank. The new tank was originally approved at the Aug. 3 board meeting. See www.ocn.me/v20n9.htm#mbot.

Tharnish said because there have been significant changes to the pipe routes, more money is required. Water line routes have been an issue for as long as Tharnish has been discussing the tank location north of Monument Lake Road. The town had been in litigation over the land in the past and any new easement requirements could land them in judicial

jeopardy again. Two 12-inch water lines will be installed, one as a supply line and other for returns.

This is one of the many projects approved within the \$22 million bond the board approved in 2020. See Vol. 20 No. 10 - October 3, 2020 (ocn.me). The request adds \$233,350 to the design and engineering portion of the \$5 million project. It was approved 6-1 with Trustee Laurie Clark voting against.

Tharnish asked the board to approve another addendum to a Forsgren contract for the Raspberry Lane distribution

system redesign. Tharnish reminded the board this area of the town sees numerous water main breaks. Staff has determined Raspberry Lane itself needs to be fully rebuilt now rather than waiting for replacement in the five-year replacement plan.

A total of \$53,460 will be used to replace the water line, the roadway, and the concrete curb. The project will be renamed "Raspberry Lane Street and Waterline Improvements Project". Clark opposed the project, but all the other trustees voted in favor.

Finally, although the radium removal process is moving forward for Well 9, a building issue needs to be addressed in Treatment Plant 3/9, which is being expanded. The 1,110-square-foot expansion includes an 800-square-foot expansion of the adjacent building's lab and office space. Specifically, a pre-engineered metal building will be considered as an option to the expansion. The project is expected to be completed in December.

The radium removal project was approved at the April 6 meeting. See www.ocn.me/v20n5.htm#mbot0406. The expansion project was approved at the Oct. 19 meeting. See tinyurl.com/1shl6l62.

Although the request passed, both Clark and Trustee Jamy Unruh voted against. Neither provided reasons.

**Sanctuary Pointe
Final Plat Filing No. 8**

The final plat of Sanctuary Pointe in Phase 3 is 45.551 acres consisting of 27 single-family lots. Pocket parks and open space make up 61.93% of the acreage. These will be maintained by Triview Metropolitan District.

The Monument Planning Commission recommended approval of the plat at its Dec. 9 meeting. See www.ocn.me/v21n1.htm#mpc.

Trustee Ron Stephens was concerned about traffic, noting the issue has come up with residents in the past. Planner Debbie Flynn confirmed there are two egress roads the residents can use and one that is locked and can be used by the Fire Department. Sanctuary Rim Drive connects to the now extended Gleneagle Drive. Both end at Baptist Road. Town Manager Mike Foreman reminded the board that Gleneagle Drive couldn't be extended to Higby until improvements were done to the county-owned road.

The ordinance was approved unanimously.

UPS center approved

A new United Parcel Service (UPS) Distribution Center will be coming to Monument. Located on 16.91 acres of Falcon Commerce Center Phase 1, the site will employ 150 people. Forest Lakes Metropolitan District will supply water and wastewater service. The 98,290-square-foot building will be used for warehousing and administration. Trucks will access the site from Squadron Drive. Eventually, Woodcarver Road will be improved and be annexed into the town for UPS use at that point.

The Planning Commission approved the request unanimously on Dec. 9. Several members of the public spoke during the public hearing portion. Susan Vella

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