

at Dirty Woman Creek Park. See related photo on page 28.

**Change in public comments sign-in**

Town Clerk Laura Hogan and Mayor Jeffrey Kaiser explained a change in sign-in procedures for citizens wanting to make public comments. If commenting on an item specifically listed on the agenda, people need to fill out a slip at the beginning of the meeting and give it to the clerk.

However, comments on items that are not listed on the agenda can be made during the public comments section at the end of the meeting without prior registration.

**Checks over \$5,000**

As part of the consent agenda, the trustees unanimously approved the following checks over \$5,000:

- Lytle Water Solutions LLC, water engineering for four projects – \$8,506
- Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority, 2017 dues and transit loss – \$5,933
- CIRSA Insurance, second-quarter workers' compensation insurance – \$18,278
- CIRSA Insurance, second-quarter liability insurance – \$29,056

**Public comments**

Laramie Cummings of The Independence Center addressed the trustees with concerns about accessibility and safety for people with disabilities trying to cross Highway 105 to get to the Safeway Shopping Center. She said the rock gravel was difficult to walk on and caused people to have to walk in the road to get into the parking lot.

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish said he was already working with Safeway, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and El Paso County on this issue, since adding sidewalks there is not in the town's jurisdiction.

**Trustees' comments**

Trustee Greg Coopman thanked Donala District Manager Kip Petersen for his presentation at the last meeting about Donala's plans for renewable water supplies and his advice to the town.

Coopman also commended Police Chief Jake Shirk on his efforts and testimony in the state Legislature to form a statewide police reserve unit.

Trustee Jeff Bornstein thanked Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Terri Hayes for the James Bond-themed annual awards night held in Colorado Springs. He also asked that the board discuss some of the



**Above:** Monument's new Town Clerk Laura Hogan was sworn in by Monument Mayor Jeffrey Kaiser on April 17 at the Board of Trustees meeting. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

characteristics of the Monument Planning Commission as it compares to the board.

Mayor Pro-Tem Don Wilson mentioned his appreciation of all the work that went into the Chamber event. He also said that a second round of open houses regarding the Planning and Environmental Linkages Study (PEL) would occur on April 25 and 27 regarding widening I-25 between Monument and C-470. See photo on page 28.

Trustee Kelly Elliott thank all those volunteers and town staff involved in completing the 2017 Monument Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Dennis Murphy said the last several meetings had been very good, "more of a team approach. I love it. Thanks to all."

Kaiser announced that the first phase of the extension of North Powers Boulevard (SH 21) would start this winter, taking 12-18 months to build through mostly vacant land to reach Voyager Parkway. The second phase, from Voyager to I-25, should follow that. The project is estimated to cost \$36 million and will be funded through development and residential growth, he said.

Kaiser said that on April 19 the newly-formed I-25 Gap Coalition had a kickoff meeting, and that it might rename itself "Southern Gap" to differentiate from the North I-25 Coalition lobbying for improvement of I-25 between Denver and Fort Collins.

Kaiser mentioned that House Bill 17-1242 was coming up for a vote. If approved by the Legislature and then by

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In addition to reinforcing strong character, the U.S. Taekwondo Center is the only martial arts school in Colorado that teaches the U.S. Fighting Systems Self Defense Program. The U.S. Fighting Systems was created by Dave Young, a world-renowned military and police trainer. This system differs from all other self-defense program due the following factors: Prior to teaching how to deal with a physical altercation, we teach how to manage and control distance, verbal strategies and tools to de-escalate situations, and how to create exit strategies. Most importantly, the skills taught are designed for real-world situations rather than sport situations. Although mixed martial arts and jiu-jitsu are dynamic sports to watch, they are only sports, and not all techniques done in a sport environment are practically applied to the real world.

Currently, the martial arts industry is unregulated which means that anyone can open and operate a martial arts school, regardless of

their qualifications, training, or protocols they have in place. However, many years ago, U.S. Taekwondo Center took steps to self-regulate, in the interest of providing a safe, professional, and friendly environment for students of all ages.

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- All employees, whether they work as instructors or administratively, receive a full background check to be eligible to work at U.S. Taekwondo Center. The background check includes a Statewide and County criminal check as well as a Nationwide Sexual Offender Registry search.
- The staff are required to maintain American Heart Association approved CPR, First Aid, and AED certification.
- Our locations have 24-hour a day safety cameras in all rooms (with the exception of the locker rooms).
- All employees, whether they are instructors or administrative staff, participate in an annual review of employee policies and procedures.

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