

Jeff Lampman

My family and I have lived in Monument for 9 years. I love and want to preserve our wonderful small Colorado town feel, make government accountable to the people, and give our citizens a true voice on the town's direction. I can't think of a better way to give back to our community than to use my experience in management and member of three boards of directors to serve on the Board of Trustees.

1. Government for the people—Transparency and Community Involvement
 - I want elected town leaders to be transparent and represent the interests of the people, not of themselves or special interests.
 - I will push to ensure citizens are involved during decision-making processes on important decisions that affect them.
 - I want no more predetermined decisions on such issues to be made by the Board prior to citizens being given adequate notice and opportunity to provide input.
 - I will let the people know what's going on with important issues as they're happening via social media.
2. Responsible Growth
 - Front Range population is quickly increasing and Monument is on the I-25 corridor, so growth is inevitable. We should go about it wisely and in accordance with the town's

Comprehensive Plan that reflects the community's vision and values.

- I will push for no more commercial and residential building where water supply and infrastructure do not clearly support it.
- I want builders to pay their fair share for infrastructure and schools that result from increased population.

Trustee Shea Medicott

(No response was received by the due date).

Ron Stephens

I have been a resident of Monument for more than 18 years. I have raised my family here in Monument, and have come to appreciate the small town feel that Monument has. In my work as a technical consultant in the IT industry for 30 years, I have become proficient as a communicator and problem solver which has allowed me to develop effective solutions to my customer's needs.

The two greatest issues that face our town are water and responsible growth. During the summer of 2016 when we experienced a major water leak in the Jackson Creek area, we were faced with overnight outages. It was at that time that we saw how low our water reserves were. I was grateful to learn that Triview Metro has recently approved the purchase of additional water rights. Since Triview provides over half

of our town's water supply, it is my hope that Monument trustees and Triview can continue to have an effective relationship that will continue to grow our water supply.

During the last election, a ballot measure was passed to raise our taxes in order to fund necessary increases to the police, fire, and emergency service departments. Monument's growth rate was unable to support these services without a tax increase. I would like to see Monument grow responsibly while still keeping our "small town" feel. We need to support the growth of Monument so that we can fund our infrastructure needs without having to raise property taxes on our citizens. www.stephensformonument.com.

Palmer Lake Town Council, Feb. 8 and 22

Council crafts resolutions and plans for election

By James Howald

The Palmer Lake Town Council met twice in February, on Feb. 8 and 22. The council worked on resolutions to make the town's water supply more robust and elected to make the election scheduled for April 3 a mail-in ballot election. The second meeting ended with an executive session.

Two resolutions and one ordinance address water issues

On Feb. 8, the council passed Resolution 6 of 2018, which created the Palmer Lake Water Enterprise Fund as a separate entity in the town's budget. Town Attorney Maureen Juran told the council that towns operating their own water systems, as Palmer Lake does, typically use enterprise funds for this purpose, and pointed out that the town would not be able to borrow money to fund a planned water tank unless this step was taken. She added that enterprise funds are exempt from some of the restrictions imposed by the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR), in particular the requirement that borrowing be approved by the voters.

The resolution passed unanimously.

At the same meeting, the council passed Resolution 7 of 2018, which engaged Butler Snow LLP as bond counsel for a proposed loan to the town by the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority (CWRPDA) to fund the construction of a second water tank. The proposed tank would hold 250,000 gallons of water, doubling the town's potable water supply, and will provide redundancy in case the first tank needs to be taken offline for maintenance. Juran estimated that Butler Snow LLP would charge the town about \$6,000 for their services.

At the Feb. 22 meeting, the council passed Ordinance 3 of 2018, which approved a loan for \$1.1 million from CWRPDA and authorized the construction of the additional water tank. Juran said the interest rate on the loan would be 2 percent.

Council opts for mail-in ballots in April

On Feb. 22, the council also passed a resolution to conduct the town's election on April 3 using mail-in ballots instead of a polling place. Voters will elect the town's mayor and four council members in the election.

There will be a meet-and-greet event for candidates on March 17 at the Palmer Lake Town Hall at 10 a.m.

Executive session held to discuss potential lawsuit

The Feb. 22 meeting ended when the council went into executive session to hear advice from Juran concerning a potential lawsuit and departmental reorganization. Details were not provided in the public meeting.

The two meetings for March will be at 7 p.m. on March 8 and March 22 at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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