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- maintenance cost to keep it running.
- Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District has purchased renewable water in Fountain. They need to build 40 miles of pipe to bring that water to Woodmoor. If they built four miles a year, they could have the water here in 10 years.
- "I approached the town as a seller's agent in 2014 with renewable water they could buy, but they did not pursue it." In 2017, Donala Water and Sanitation District finally bought this water after three years of negotiations.
- The town has not made the effort to acquire renewable water rights.
- Even Colorado Springs Utilities has recently said it would discuss regionalization and initiatives with other water partners (something they would not do before.)

Barber mentioned the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA) Area 3 study that Forsgren and Associates just completed, which looks at storage. Monument Lake will not provide enough storage space as the town acquires renewable water that is sometimes only seasonally available, he said. Forsgren engineers Will Koger and Jonathan Moore gave an overview of this project at the Triview Metropolitan District meeting on May 13 and at the Donala meeting on June 22. See related Triview article on page 8.

**2016 audit presented**

Kyle Logan, independent auditor for the town of Monument, presented the 2016 audit findings to the trustees. He said he had an "unmodified" or "clean" opinion of the 2016 financial statements.

In the management letter, his comments included:

- The general fund no longer subsidizes the town's water fund since the May 1, 2016 water rate increases took effect.
- In the town's policies and procedures that are in the review process now, be sure to address who can initiate purchases, using checks instead of invoices, approval limits for checks, etc.

A vote to accept the audit is expected at the July 17 meeting.

**Term limits set for planning commissioners**  
Principal Planner Larry Manning presented an ordinance approving an amendment to the Monument municipal code setting a limit of eight years of consecutive membership of the Planning Commission members. The ordinance was approved unanimously.

**Fireworks sales in Monument questioned**  
Kings Deer resident Steve Fogler reminded the trustees of the anxiety and clogged roads caused by residents evacuating from both the Waldo Canyon and Black Forest fires. He said the fireworks sales tents at two locations inside the Monument town limits increased the fire risk and should never have been approved.

"We have a (safe) fireworks display in Palmer Lake. Why not just go watch them?" he asked. He asked the trustees to reconsider allowing fireworks sales after all the town has been through, adding that he had talked to the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District but did not get to finish the conversation because they had to leave to fight a brush fire.

Later in the meeting, Trustee Greg Coopman asked the same question about who approved the licenses, and Town Clerk Laura Hogan said they have to apply for a business license and a temporary use permit, and if El Paso County enacted any fire

restrictions, the kiosk would have to shut down. The town always has a ban on open fires and fireworks, she said.

Vendors are only allowed to sell what is legal in the county, which are fireworks that "don't leave the ground and don't have a 'report' (boom)," Monument Police Commander Steve Burk explained. The police have officers focus on the most egregious violations of fireworks use.

Town Manager Chris Lowe said that if the town wished to ban the sale of all fireworks in the future, the trustees could consider that, but current stands already licensed and set up were allowed. "They are non-discretionary. We don't want to judge your business," he said, adding that it was not right to suggest that Manning made a careless decision.

Trustee Jeff Bornstein asked that during the July 4 parade and street fair, the town would post "no fireworks within town limits" information on the LED boards to inform the thousands of visitors who come to Monument that day.

**Second and Front Street intersection redesign approved**

Town Engineer Tom Martinez presented a resolution awarding a \$232,260 contract to Habitat Construction for the redesign of the intersection of Second Street and Front Street. The goal is to raise the elevation of the low spot in the intersection so trucks do not "bottom out," and install proper stormwater drainage. The project will be funded by the Traffic Impact and Stormwater funds. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Work on the intersection will begin soon after July 4, Public Works Director Tom Tharnish said.

**New liquor license approved**

Town Clerk Laura Hogan presented an application by 3 Agaveros LLC, DBA Don Tequila Mexican Grill and Cantina, for a new hotel and restaurant liquor license. The restaurant will be located at 15910 Jackson Creek Parkway.

Co-owner Luis Armando Gutierrez represented the business and answered questions from the trustees, who then unanimously approved the application.

**Revisions to fee schedule approved**

The trustees unanimously approved a resolution presented by Hogan authorizing a revision to the town's fee schedule, including the addition of a lake use permit fee, an increase in the research and retrieval fee in response to a public records request, and the addition of a water meter fee schedule in tabular form.

**Town manager's report**  
Lowe's written report included:

- The Police Department has reposted a police officer position, since it was still looking for qualified applicants after background checks.
- New Finance Department office space is under construction, moving to the first floor of Town Hall.
- The Planning Department is working with Classic Homes on Sanctuary Pointe residential subdivision road design.
- The Police Department has received grants from the Tri-Lakes Women's Club and two other organizations totaling over \$12,000.
- Awaiting dock installation at Monument Lake.
- The Well 9 radium piping project is under way.
- Second and Front Street intersection work to start after July 4.
- Little League fields are in full use.

**Lock your doors; don't leave valuables in your car**

The Monument Police Department's written report implored residents to be more watchful. "We have had a busy time dealing with almost 40 vehicles that were entered (CTA - Criminal Trespass Auto), due to people leaving them unlocked. We did several public announcements to

lock your car and don't leave valuables in them, and we worked with El Paso County Sheriff's Office and Colorado Springs Police to help identify suspects. Several arrests have been made and the CTA's have slowed down. One of our victims chased a suspect down I-25, during which the suspect fired rounds, striking the victim's vehicle. Since the shots fired happened in Colorado Springs, they are handling the case as an attempted homicide. Twelve of our cases have been solved."

**USAFA Chapel to close for renovations**

Mayor Jeff Kaiser shared information with citizens, including:

- Senate Bill 267 awarded \$1.8 billion to Tier 1 Colorado Department of Transportation projects, but actually \$3 billion or \$4 billion was requested, so the money falls far short.
- In September, the U.S. Air Force Academy Chapel will close for two to four years of renovations. See [www.usafa.af.mil/Leadership/Chaplain-Corps/Cadet-Chapel/](http://www.usafa.af.mil/Leadership/Chaplain-Corps/Cadet-Chapel/) for information.

At 8:31 p.m., the trustees voted to go into executive session to receive legal advice on litigation. Hogan told OCN that no announcements were made nor votes taken when they returned to open session.

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The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next meeting is scheduled for July 17. Call 884-8014 or see [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org) for information about live video streaming. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for the Board of Trustees or to download audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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**Monument Academy School Board, June 15****Board modifies policies, changes members**

By Jackie Burhans  
The Monument Academy (MA) School Board met on June 15 to modify board policies, approve a slight change to the calendar, celebrate outgoing board members, and induct new board members. Board member Andy Gifford was absent.

**Board policy changes and calendar approval**

The board unanimously approved several revisions to board policies. Policies 1518A Staff Grievance and Conflict

Resolution and 1518B Student/Family Conflict Resolution were changed to reflect the new administrative changes by including deans in the process, with further escalation to the school principal. These policies can be found at <http://bit.ly/ma-policy1518a> and <http://bit.ly/ma-policy1518b>.

Due to House Bill 17-1301, the board unanimously approved changing policy 1521 Student Fees to remove any language regarding withhold-

ing of transcripts for non-payment of fees or failure to return or replace school property. HB17-1301 removed the authority of schools to withhold records required for enrollment in another school or institution of higher learning due to failure to pay any fine or fee. Board President Sonya Camarco noted that the school can still refer the unpaid debt to a collection agency. You can read the policy at <http://bit.ly/ma-policy1521>.

The board approved a re-

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