

the town. Bornstein said his biggest concern is that CIRSA is an insurance company that wants to pay out as little as possible, and he doesn't want them to mediate the results of the independent investigator. He loudly exclaimed at Smith, "CIRSA does not represent the town!"

CIRSA used an independent investigator, Marilee Langhoff, and Smith said she would ask her to present her report to the board directly at the next regular meeting, in-

stead of having CIRSA deliver it.

### Loss of police officers discussed

During public comments, Terry Molnar, whose wife is a Monument Police detective, told the board the police force will probably lose four officers this year. During Board Authorizations, Clark asked for a discussion to hire not just two but all five officer candidates currently going through the lengthy hiring process in anticipation of losing more

officers. Clark said 2,000 registered voters expressed concern to her for an increased police presence. She said since a separate Tri-Lakes/Monument Fire Protection District special district mill levy increase was approved in the last election, she didn't see why it can't be considered for the police, too.

Smith said the process of hiring officers was a job for the town manager and the police chief, not the BOT. She continued by saying the 2018 budget would have to be amended if five officers were added to the police payroll and that she had already sent emails to the board about retaining police officers, but no trustees had responded. Shirk said he would present more information about this at the June 4 meeting but that he had not seen Smith's email.

Clark said people are screaming about safety and that not enough police officers are available. She said she would bring a plan to the June 4 meeting on a way to hire these officers.

### Presentations by Girls of the West and Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

Corliss Palmer, director of Girls of the West, spoke about the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo happening July 11-14 at the Norris-Penrose Event Center. 2018 Girl of the West Sierra Silva and 2018 Aide to Girl of the West Kayla Summers educated the crowd on the his-

tory of the event, which is in its 78th year. Proceeds from the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo help support service members and their families in the Pikes Peak Region.

A kickoff parade is scheduled for July 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Colorado Springs. For more information and online ticket sales, see [www.pikespeakor-bust.org/](http://www.pikespeakor-bust.org/).

Andy Gunning, executive director of Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, gave a presentation on the organization, which represents a three-county region and 16 member governments. They have four main areas of responsibility:

- Office of the Aging
- Environmental planning
- Joint military planning
- Transportation

For more information, see <http://www.ppacg.org/>.

### Liquor license application continued

The trustees considered a resolution to permit Pilot Travel Center, under construction on West Baptist Road, a new 3.2 percent off-premises liquor license application. But the trustees wanted to ask the applicant questions about previous Pilot liquor license suspensions, and the applicant was not present, so the vote was continued to the June 4 meeting by a 5-1 vote. Elliott voted no.

### Checks over \$5,000

- Triview Metro District—\$157,436
- Forsgren Associates Inc.—\$12,136
- Tri-Lakes Cares—\$5,000

### First-quarter 2018 Financial Impact Summaries

### Palmer Lake Town Council, May 10 and May 24

## Council considers updated fire ordinance and trailhead parking

By James Howald and Jackie Burhans

The Palmer Lake Town Council met twice in May, on May 10 and 24. A rewritten fire ordinance and a discussion of how to manage parking at the Palmer Lake Reservoir Trailhead were the main topics of discussion. The council also took up two requests to subdivide lots in the town, approved a contract to install a water line, and expressed their gratitude to an intern.

### After lengthy debate, council votes down updated fire ordinance

At both meetings, the council considered an updated fire ordinance, drafted primarily by new council member Gary Faust in consultation with the town's attorney, Maureen Juran, that sought to define what types of outdoor fires would be permitted in the town. Several residents commented on the ordinance as it took shape.

The version of the ordi-

### General Fund (GF) budget year-to-date March 2018:

- GF revenues were more than the budgeted amount by \$85,000
- GF expenditures were less than budget by \$338,000
- Net GF to budget was under budget at \$423,000 – This is mainly due to not expending revenues until it is easier to predict what these GF revenues will be for the rest of 2018.

### Water Enterprise Fund (WEF) budget year-to-date March 2018:

- WEF revenues were more than budget by \$110,000
- WEF expenses were less than budget by \$136,000
- Net WEF to budget was under budget at \$246,000 – This is mainly due to not expending capital line items yet.

### Ancillary Funds (AF) Budget year-to-date March 2018:

- Net AF are positive \$394,104. These funds are budgeted for specific fund projects in 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 pm on the first and third Monday of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next meeting is scheduled for June 4. Call 884-8014 or see [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org) for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for BOT or to download audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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