

Pilot J Travel Center liquor license approved

The new Pilot Travel Center being built on the corner of Baptist Road and I-25 applied for a 3.2 percent off-premise liquor license. The public hearing was held May 21, and Pilot did not have a representative at that meeting. The board cannot consider any new comments, so it did not matter that Pilot's representation was present on June 4, but they had to leave before the long executive session was over. A motion to approve the liquor license passed unanimously.

Public comments

Nancy Swearegin said Coopman, Clark, and Bornstein had brought the town to a screeching halt by choosing not to attend the May 16 special meeting where they were expected to be and by not appointing a new trustee now, forcing this to a November election.

Six public remarks were positive comments reflecting favorably on Shirk and asked for budgeting for more officers. Shirk's daughter Shawna Arrington encouraged the trustees to find common ground in their decision making.

Similarly, five people expressed appreciation to the board for what they do but reminded them "to do their job." Cassie Olgren reminded the trustees of their obligation to do what is right and not just always vote in opposition to their opponents. "We are all your constituents now."

Board comments

During board comments, Coopman said he is hopeful that the board can progress forward and work together.

Board authorizations

Smith asked that the board

review the staff hiring policy and procedures at the next regular meeting. As acting town manager, she is trying to define hiring responsibilities and policies. The board scheduled a water workshop for June 25. Shirk will make a police presentation at the July 16 meeting. The town auditor will be at the June 18 meeting to present the 2017 audit. The BOT unanimously agreed to Wilson's request for the Institute for Excellence in Governance to give a class for the elected officials.

Checks over \$5,000

These items were approved as part of the consent agenda:

- Common Knowledge Technology, software licensing—\$16,060
- Rocky Mountain Com Systems Inc., new and used police radio equipment—\$7,227. This was not a 2018 budgeted item, so this expense was taken from Tactical Equipment fund.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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