

Resolution No. 05-2023: A Resolution to Approve a Single Water Service Connection Outside of Our Current Water Service Boundary passed unanimously. Director of Public Works Thomas Tharnish proposed allowing Palmer Lake Mobile Home Ranch to tap into Monument's water source. The park, consisting of 26 mobile homes, has radium issues with its current well, and the Town of Palmer Lake does not have the capability to help with water mains. Since the park is only 1,000 feet from Monument's boundary, they asked to pay a tap fee and take the service from Monument. Kimple asked, "If the line breaks, who's on the hook?" and "What happens if they [the tenants] want to wash their cars in the summer?" Tharnish responded that the town would be responsible for everything up to the hookup, and "I suppose [car washing] could happen." Abbott asked, "Will there be more than 26 homes in the future?" Tharnish responded that the only expansion to the park will "probably be for storage." After the unanimous vote to share Monument's water with the mobile home park, Kimple added, "This is helping out our neighbor."

KFC approved

Ordinance No. 01-2023: An Ordinance Approving a Final Planned Unit Development for Lot 3 Monument Market Place North passed unanimously. Monument's new Director of Planning Shelia Booth gave her first presentation explaining the staff's recommendation to approve the development of Lot 3 to include a new KFC. The applicant and the franchisee were present to explain the design details of the new restaurant. Councilmembers asked about sign height, traffic, and design standards. Public comment from Matthew Brunk saw KFC's working with the town as a "beautiful thing," but Patty Forester expressed displeasure with more fast food coming to town, asking "when is enough enough?" Councilmember King agreed "fast food is personally not my thing" but explained that it was not in his purview to mitigate land use. "We can't change this now," he said. "What we can do is help make the development more of a small-town feel."

Public comments and council responses
Brandy Turner congratulated the new councilmembers for "earning the trust of our community" but also warned "your responsibility is just starting." She added, "I did want to ask you to continue the investigation, hire a fully independent investigator to investigate the same questions that the prior board had." Brunk called on Abbott and King to recuse themselves in order for the rest of the investigation to be "above reproach." Another member of the public asked for

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