

the town's contribution to the partnership's seniors program.

Firearms ordinance amendment not approved

Shupp proposed amendments to the Monument Municipal Code to align it with state statutes and other municipal ordinances as well as add language clarifying that:

- A peace officer certified by the peace officer standards and training board shall have the authority to carry firearms at all times, concealed or otherwise, subject to the written firearms policy created by the agency employing the peace officer.
- All other peace officers shall have the authority to carry firearms, concealed or otherwise, while engaged in the performance of their duties or as otherwise authorized by the written policy the agency employing the officer.

There were no public comments during this hearing. A motion to approve these amendments adding an exception allowing a police officer to carry a concealed weapon as allowed under Colorado law failed by a vote of 2-2-1, with Trustees Jeff Bornstein and Kaiser opposed. Bornstein and Kaiser did not explain why they voted no. Trustee Becki Tooley abstained. Tooley said, "I'm going to abstain because I'm a little unsure."

Marijuana ordinance amendment approved

Shupp proposed an amendment to the Monument Town Code regarding marijuana possession by increasing the town limit from one ounce to two ounces to conform

to the state's two-ounce limit. Chief Jacob Shirk said that state law prohibits the town from arresting someone for possession of two ounces or less of marijuana because it is a petty offense, but the Town Code called for an arrest if the amount was more than one ounce, which caused him to have great concerns about liability for a false arrest.

There was no public comment on this ordinance. The ordinance was unanimously approved. The Town Code now states: "It is unlawful to possess two ounces or less of marijuana: and upon conviction thereof, or plea of guilty or not contest thereto, punishment shall not be by imprisonment, but shall be a fine of not more than (\$100)."

The board also unanimously approved a resolution authorizing a change in signature authority with Wells Fargo Bank. The affected trustees signed the new signature documents.

The board approved a new liquor license for the new Kum and Go store at 17970 Knollwood Drive. There was no public comment during this new license hearing. The board also approved an annual liquor license renewal for the Circle K store at 1190 W. Baptist Road.

Financial reports

The board approved three disbursements over \$5,000:

- \$100,000 to Peoples National Bank to purchase an annual certificate of deposit for reserves
- \$92,143 to Timberline Landscaping Inc. for Second Street landscaping.
- \$5,400 to Pikes Peak Regional Com-

munications Network for police radio mandatory user fees (27 radios at \$200 each)

Smith noted that credit card payments for water bills have been accepted since Sept. 1. In September there were 200 credit card transactions for \$17,000, 21 percent of the accounts billed. In October there were 318 transactions for \$28,000, 33 percent of the accounts billed. There has been very little marketing. Her goal is to have at least 50 percent of the transactions take place by automatic billing. The credit card transaction fee is 0.8 percent.

Mayor Travis Easton and Trustees Bornstein and Kaiser asked Smith to report back to the board about the ways that her staff can shift their time to other duties with the time saved by credit card payments. Smith said she would determine the savings in time spent by staff on deposits and postings.

Smith presented the September financial statements. General fund revenues through September were more than the amount budgeted by \$277,000, or 7.4 percent. General fund expenditures through September were less than the amount budgeted by \$217,000, or 7.2 percent. General fund net revenue exceeded the amount budgeted by \$574,000. Water fund revenues through September were more than the amount budgeted by \$150,000, or 13.2 percent. Water fund expenditures through September were less than the amount budgeted by \$129,000, or 9.3 percent. Water fund net revenue exceeded the amount budgeted through September by \$279,000. The net gain for all town funds through September was \$818,409.

Staff reports

Green advised the board that the town's water broker, Gary Barber, had resigned from his position of president of the Two Rivers Water Co. Barber had previously been the president of the Pikes Peak Rural Water Authority and was the first executive director of the Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District. He continues to be the chair the Arkansas Basin Roundtable. The town had agreed to have Barber work on future renewable water supply options from Two Rivers in September.

Green also reviewed a meeting of the El Paso County Commissioners with various municipalities to discuss ways to regionalize public services. The Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments is holding meetings with municipalities to discuss issues regarding senior services, transportation planning, air and water quality programs, military impact planning, and the Pikes Peak Regional Transportation Authority.

Shirk reported at length on the use of the town's fleet of police vehicles (four sedans and two SUVs), and how he manages them to support the department's goal of "Well Trained, Well Equipped, Well Prepared, Competitive Pay" during 24-hour operational coverage year-round. He requested that the board replace at least one if not two of the oldest vehicles in 2013.

The board went into executive session at 8:05 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. ■

Monument Board of Trustees, Nov. 9

Dominguez selected for reappointment as trustee



By Jim Kendrick

On Nov. 9, the Monument Board of Trustees held a special meeting to fill the vacancy created by the recent resignation of Trustee Rick Squires. The board interviewed Monument resident Darcy Tidd and former Trustee Rafael Dominguez for the position. Town Attorney Gary Shupp counted the six trustee votes cast in a secret ballot and stated that Dominguez had been chosen by a vote of 4-2. The board

members thanked Tidd for applying and being interviewed for the vacancy.


Dominguez was originally appointed to the Monument Planning Commission to fill a vacancy created by a resignation and was sworn in on Aug. 20, 2007. He ran uncontested in the April 2008 election for the Board of Trustees and served a full four-year term. He chose not to run for a second term in April 2012. This appointment will last until the next election in April 2014.

Left: Trustee Jeff Kaiser watched Monument Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman swear in Rafael Dominguez as a trustee at the start of the Monument Board of Trustees meeting in Town Hall Nov. 19. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*

After Shupp announced the result of the vote, the board recessed to prepare for a 2013 budget workshop, which Dominguez attended.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Dominguez was subsequently sworn in at the Nov. 19. board meeting. *See the article on the facing page.* ■

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