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Trustees' comments

Drumm, who is term limited, commented on some the most memorable of the many votes he had made over the last eight years and then passed out several humorous gifts/awards to Town Manager Cathy Green, department heads, and staff.

Trustee Jeff Kaiser asked Drumm for an update on his Cemetery Master Plan. Drumm stated he would attend a cemetery committee meeting on April 18 at 10 a.m. with the other members: citizens John Howe and Sharron Williams and Public Works Director Tom Tharnish.

Kaiser asked Green if she had finalized the changes in the town's various intergovernmental agreements with Triview Metropolitan District. Green replied that Triview had hired employees, set up its own separate payroll system, and moved to the leased office space at the rear of Town Hall. She also noted that the town had extended the water operations and streets and landscaping operations IGAs through April 30.

Town Treasurer Pamela Smith noted that the Triview board is looking for a district manager as well as a part-time office/bookkeeping assistant to assist utility billing manager/finance assistant Joyce Levad. Levad had been a Triview employee for several years but became a town employee when the town took over Triview operations. Now that Triview is taking over its own operations again, Levad and four town Public Works employees have become Triview employees: Larry Bennett, Glenn Butts, Nick Harris, and Rod Wilson.

Triview has purchased some Public Works equipment and may rent some of the town's specialized equipment, such as the town grader during snow season. Smith also discussed the current financial and cash reserve status of Triview, including an annual bond payment increase of about \$1 million starting in 2013.

Mayor Travis Easton asked Green about the no-left-turn sign for the northbound lane of the alley by the former town hall building that prevents turns onto westbound Second Street. Green stated that dual no-turn center lines were painted through the alley intersection after the new asphalt overlay was completed, which also prevent this left turn. Green also noted that a plan has been completed to move the continuous dual centerline between Jefferson and Washington a few feet north to allow more room for diagonal parking in the eastbound lane.

Easton noted that the widening of I-25 has been extended north. Tom Kassawara, director of Development Services, said that the widening would extend to just north of Highway 105, and he does not expect an additional lane to be constructed between the truck weighing station and County Line Road.

Tri-Lakes Economic Development Corp. update

Mike Law gave a short presentation on startup progress to date with the Greater Colorado Springs Economic Development Corp. (EDC) and with local businesses. He said the Tri-Lakes EDC would be grateful for any contribution

that the board could make to help it get started.

The board unanimously approved two proclamations for Arbor Day, April 27, and Take Pride in Monument Day, May 26. The latter event will take place from 8 a.m. to noon and include community projects, cleanup, and minor home repairs as the successor to the very successful "Big Plant" community event.

The board unanimously approved annual liquor license and tasting permit renewals for Cork 'N Bottle at 351 Highway 105.

Financial and staff reports

The board unanimously approved a resolution proposed by Smith to authorize a small government exemption that will allow the town treasurer to collect and retain restricted fees collected for vehicle identification number (VIN) certification within the town's general fund instead of a separate fund. State law requires these funds to be segregated in a separate fund, unless the amounts are small. The amount collected for VIN certification in 2011 was \$1,280. This action will reduce accounting and auditing costs.

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

- \$122,600 to Triview Metropolitan District for February sales tax (\$115,000), March motor vehicle tax (\$7,500), and Regional Building Department sales tax (\$100)
- \$5,649 to Hart Intercivic Inc. for printing of mail ballots for the April 3 town election
- \$17,699 to Visual Systems, Inc. dba CygNet Software Inc. to upgrade and reinstate supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) software for controlling automated operating systems in town water treatment plants

Drumm asked about the landscaping issue at St. Peter Church. Kassawara explained that the contractor never finished the work so follow-up was required and that landscape guidelines for that part of downtown were out of date and in need of revision. Kassawara also stated that the study regarding water demand was out of date and inaccurate as well. Both guidelines will be revised.


There were 12 new single-family residential land use permits issued in March, with eight of those in Triview. For the year, 21 single-family permits have been issued,

and 12 of those are in Triview.

Tharnish stated that the asphalt has been removed from the old police station lot on Washington Street and that re-grading would be completed by the end of the month. The water line for irrigation of the parking lot is installed and the water meter is ready for installation. He also stated that remote radio meter readers are used for all residential customers but some direct manual reading requirements remain in commercial buildings that prevent the transponder signal from being read by a town staffer outside the building or in a nearby vehicle.

Police Chief Jacob Shirk stated that the next Citizen's Police Academy had started and the class is full. He also discussed the grant the town had received for automated license plate readers and reported that both police officer vacancies have been filled.

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