

added to the district's website before the next district board meeting. This information was subsequently placed on the district website and is now available at [www.co.gov/msd](http://www.co.gov/msd).

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 17 in the district conference room at 130 Second St. Meetings are

normally held on the third Thursday of the month. Information: 481-4886.

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### Monument Board of Trustees, Dec. 3

## Three planning commissioners reappointed

By Jim Kendrick

On Dec. 3, the Monument Board of Trustees reappointed Commissioners Glenda Smith, John Dick, and Brad Hogan to new two-year terms on the Planning Commission. The board also unanimously approved ordinance amendments on licenses for peddlers, solicitors, and transient merchants; parking; and rezoning requests.

Due the excused absences of Trustees Jeff Ornstein, Stan Gingrich, and Becki Tooley, the remaining board members voted unanimously to postpone the posted public hearings on the 2013 town budget and 2013 appropriation until Dec. 17, even though there were many citizens

in the audience to attend for the advertised public budget hearings.

The four trustees present elected to hold the advertised public hearing to pass a resolution to certify the town's mill levy at 6.289 mills since the documentation had to be submitted to the state by Dec. 15. This will raise a total of \$684,221 in town property tax revenues in 2013.

#### 2013 budget discussion

Town Treasurer Pamela Smith made a brief statement about two 2013 budget alternatives and answered questions from the trustees who did attend this meeting. The first option included an across-the-board 3 percent cost of living raise with a 1 percent performance increase with fully funded leased capital equipment and projects using capital leases for most of these items. The second option included an across-the-board 2 percent cost of living raise with a 1 percent performance increase with no leased capital equipment or projects funding.

Each of the budgets contained a summary page to describe the total revenues, expenditures, carryovers, and assumptions.

Monument Police Chief Jacob Shirk gave brief comments regarding raises and performance-based bonuses, noting the average town employee makes \$39,900. A 2 percent raise is about \$800, or \$36 every two weeks before taxes, and is below most cost of living index increases. He also noted that there had been no across-the-board pay raises for several years. He also asked why there was such a rush to switch to pay for performance when there has been no planning for implementing this proposed program.

There was a lengthy discussion of these issues.

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish briefly discussed the need to purchase a maintenance lift for the town repair shop to safely work on the town's large trucks during 2013.

Mayor Travis Easton asked the board to consider a third option for a 4 percent performance increase with no cost of living increase. Smith replied that this approach is not highly used in government and taking away the cost of living raise would be punitive.

No action was taken after the discussion.

#### Trustees' comments

Trustee Jeff Kaiser recognized Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman for her efforts in saving the town \$71,000 while negotiating to retain all the current existing 2012 medical benefits for the town staff in 2013 by switching insurance companies. Sirochman is also in charge of Human Relations for the town.

Mayor Easton then announced that Sirochman would receive a bonus check for \$500, to much applause from the audience.

Kaiser also thanked the Monument Police Department for safely negotiating with an armed suspect at the Kohls store in Monument Plaza on Dec. 2. The suspect was taken him into custody without incident.

Trustee John Howe thanked the Public Works Department for lighting the Christmas tree in Limbach Park and Director of Downtown Development Vicki Mynhier for organizing a great tree lighting ceremony.

#### Peddler's license ordinance approved

The board unanimously approved an ordinance that transfers the responsibility for conducting background checks before issuing a business license for peddlers, solicitors, and transient merchants from the police chief to the town clerk to expedite processing. The change eliminates the need for a Colorado Bureau of Investigation review of the applicant's background.

#### Parking ordinance approved

Some of the significant code changes to parking in the general business district were:

- Adds a provision for the maximum number of parking stalls allowed to limit impervious surface drainage issues.
- Fixes discrepancy in parking stall length—standardizes stall length at 18 feet.
- The minimum two-way circulation access shall not

be less than 24 feet in width.

- Adds a new prohibition on parking large trucks in residential neighborhoods within the public right-of-way or roadway (unless temporarily conducting business) or for living or housekeeping purposes.
- Updates standards for Americans with Disability Act accessible parking spaces and aisles—now consistent with [www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov)—to reduce the current excessive town requirement.
- Adds wording for a new section on motorcycle and low-speed vehicle parking stall standards.
- Adds parking lot landscaping as well as landscape island standards—one island per 10 parking stalls.
- Updates off-street parking space requirements for each land use.
- The table in the code at the end of the parking chapter has been edited to reflect industry standard calculations for required off-street parking depending on the use.

The ordinance was unanimously approved.

#### Public notice ordinance approved

Some of the changes proposed regarding public notice requirements for major and minor planned development site plan hearings and minor amendments to these site plans were:

- The proposed language makes it clear the town's Development Services Department will publish public notices and the required timelines for public notices.
- Public notices will now be mailed to property owners within 500 or 1,000 feet of the property lines for a development application, as determined by the town planner.
- Posting of a sign, or signs if more than one is required, on the property for a public hearing will be done by the applicant 15 days prior to a public hearing.
- An affidavit will be required by Development Services from the applicant, notifying the town of the sign posting(s) along with photographs of the sign(s) in place on the property.
- New requirements, meeting procedures, and other details are proposed for projects deemed to be controversial or of significant public interest.
- A paragraph on email notifications and collection of emailed public comments by the applicant was also proposed.
- Cross-references to the above were added to the code on final planned development site plans, major site plan amendments, and minor site plan amendments.

The ordinance was unanimously approved.

#### Staff reports

Town Attorney Gary Shupp reported that the board should be prepared to deal with determining how the town would address passing its own marijuana use ordinances in early 2013.

Tharnish briefed the board on high radium levels in the drinking water from town well 6 by Beacon Lite Road, north of Highway 105. He discussed his receipt of a letter from the Colorado Water Quality Control Division directing him to shut this well down.

Tharnish told the board a cost analysis would be completed to determine what should be done with this well, which produces about 20 gallons per minute. He stated that this well's water had been mixed with other water in a nearby pipe which has a flow of 200 to 400 gallons per minute.

He stated that well 6 had been the only town well with readings above the limit of 5 picocuries per liter, but the average for radium concentration had remained under this limit before the state ordered the well shut down.

Tharnish also stated that it is time to consider drilling a new well in any event, due to rapidly increasing water demands during the ongoing drought. However, a new well is not needed to replace the water no longer being produced by well 6.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

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