

- \$6,450 from the water enterprise debt service fund to Berkadia Commercial Finance for an annual payment of a 1979 general obligation water bond
- \$22,433 to Wells Fargo Equipment Finance Inc. for a quarterly payment for lease 401 of Public Works and water enterprise equipment and vehicles
- \$39,072 to Wells Fargo Equipment Finance for a quarterly payment for lease 402 of Public Works and water enterprise equipment and vehicles

Town Treasurer Monica Harder reported that the town's net earned sales tax through September was \$65,000 or 4.7 percent more than budgeted, for a total of \$2.19 million.

Staff reports

Some of the Development Services Department items that Kassawara reported were:

- There were 11 single-family home permits issued in September (eight in Triview) for a year to date total of 73 permits (55 in Triview).
- Two Planning Commission meetings will be held in December due to the large volume of applications (Dec. 11 and Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall).
- A new rectory for St. Peter Church at Lincoln Avenue and Jefferson Street is being reviewed administratively.
- A new Front Range Animal Hospital to be built on vacant land in the Monument Plaza shopping center on Highway 105 is being reviewed administratively.
- The speed limit on Highway 105 east of Jackson Creek Parkway has been raised to 45 mph.
- Water and sewer permits for Village of Monument Phase 3 were issued.

Some of the items that Tom Tharnish, director of Public Works, reported were:

- Well 9 repairs were underway
- October water production dropped 908,000 from 2012, or 8.7 percent.
- New equipment for the planned automated bulk water station will arrive in December.

Some of the items Chief Jacob Shirk reported regarding the Monument Police Department were:

- The department assisted the county on a double homicide and was investigating check fraud by the suspect.
- The department had performed a welfare check that resulted in the discovery of a deceased male with a non-active methamphetamine lab in the home as well two officers being exposed to the lab's chemicals.

- The Take Back Drugs program was successful in collecting 40 pounds of prescription drugs that were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for destruction.
- Two significant fires were reported: one in the county on the west side of the railroad tracks south of the Synthes industrial center and the other in Sanctuary Pointe; both fires were under investigation.
- The department's Santa on Patrol event will be held on Dec. 21 and will be supported by Donald Wescott Fire Protection District. Donations of new, unwrapped toys/gift cards can be dropped off at Town Hall and Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District buildings.

Trustees' comments

Trustee Howe reminded everyone about Small Town Christmas on Dec. 7. See <http://www.monumentmerchants.com/SmallTownChristmas.htm> for more information.) Howe noted the opening of two new businesses, 1492 Chocolates, 174 N. Washington St., and The Posh Pineapple, 251 Front St. Suite 9. He congratulated JJ Tracks for being in business for 27 years.

Trustee Dominguez noted the opening of DeVine Restaurant at 366 Second St. Suite D.

Mayor Easton commended Kassawara, saying two businesses had made positive comments to him in regards to working with the Development Services staff.

The board went into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.

The meeting was immediately adjourned after the conclusion of the executive session at 8:47 p.m. After a recess the board met informally with the staff for a 2014 budget workshop.

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Monument Board of Trustees, Dec. 2

Town to allow up to six chickens per home; 2014 budget approved

By Jim Kendrick

On Dec. 2, the Monument Board of Trustees approved an amendment to the municipal code regulations on animals in residential zones R-1 and R-2 that allows the keeping of up to six chickens, with appropriate coops, and six dogs, despite the urging of the Humane Society to use its standard limits of four chickens and four dogs.

The board eliminated the originally proposed \$25 fee that was to pay for a portion of the Development Services Department staff's time required for the new amendment's required review of the now-mandatory coop construction plan in accordance with the board's policy that Development Services pay for itself through fees. The chicken amendment was expanded to include a number of other recent Humane Society enforcement rule and policy changes in a single town document to reduce filing fees with the county.

The board also approved the 2014 budget, appropriation, and mill levy certification as presented.

Trustee Stan Gingrich was absent from the meeting.

Code amendment on chickens approved

Joe Stafford, director of Animal Law Enforcement for the Pikes Peak Humane Society, attended this board meeting to encourage the board to adopt the state ordinances used by the Humane Society to allow for more streamlined enforcement for dogs and cats as well as chickens that would be consistent throughout El Paso County. Town code enforcement officer Laura Hogan and Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman supported his request.

The ordinance for this amendment regarding chickens was continued by the board on Nov. 4 and 18. The ordinance proposed at this meeting had been extensively revised to adopt the same statute provisions in the Humane Society's standard regulations. The Humane Society performs animal regulation enforcement for the town under an annual contract. See the Nov. 4 BOT article on page 16 and the Nov. 18 article on page 18 for more details for all the issues discussed.

The following additions, deletions, and modifications to Title 6 of the town's municipal code proposed by Hogan were intended to serve the following purposes:

- To allow the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region to effectively provide animal control services in Monument as contracted.
- To allow residents to possess chickens under certain

conditions.

- To limit the number of dogs over the age of four months to four per premise in order to mitigate potential noise and sanitation issues.
- To restrict the keeping of wildlife as household pets in accordance with Colorado law.
- To remove language authorizing the town clerk to license cats when such licenses are not required by the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region.

Some of the specific new statutory state language statements added to the town "Animals Generally" sections of the town's municipal code were:

"The maximum number of dogs kept on the premises shall not exceed four after attaining the age of four months, except in properly zoned and licensed kennels."

"The keeping of chickens is allowed pursuant to the following standards:

1. Chickens are permitted only in the R-1 and R-2 zone districts. Chickens are prohibited in any other zone district.
2. The maximum number of chickens permitted on one lot is four.
3. Roosters and other types of poultry, including but not limited to ducks, turkeys, geese, pheasants, and guinea fowl, are prohibited within the town limits.
4. Chickens must be kept in a chicken coop and run in the rear yard.
5. The required chicken coop and run must provide all chickens on the lot with adequate shelter against the elements and be reasonably predator proof.
6. The size of the chicken coop and run combined is limited to 120 square feet in area and 6 feet in height. The coop must be set back a minimum of 10 feet from the side and rear property lines.
7. The coop must provide a minimum area of 4 square feet per chicken. The chicken run must provide a minimum area of 6 square feet per chicken.
8. The coop and run must be fully screened from view from public right-of-way and adjacent properties by a 6-foot opaque wooden fence.
9. The retail sale of eggs or chickens, the breeding of chickens, and/or the slaughter of chickens is prohibited.
10. The area and building(s) used for the keeping of the

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