

Monument Board of Trustees, Dec. 16

Liquor license approved for DeVine Restaurant

By Jim Kendrick

On Dec. 16, the Monument Board of Trustees approved a new hotel and restaurant liquor license for 366 Beacon LLC doing business as DeVine Restaurant. The restaurant is located in leased space at 366 Second St. in Suite D of the Pankratz Building. A condition of approval was a clear fingerprint check of Stephen Rice, applicant, owner, registered manager, and registered agent of 366 Beacon LLC, by the Colorado Board of Investigation. There were no public comments during the open portion of this public hearing.

Mayor Travis Easton and Trustees Stan Gingrich and Jeff Kaiser were absent from the meeting.

This meeting started at 5 p.m., as noted and posted, rather than at its previously posted starting time of 6:30 p.m. due to its very short agenda.

The board also approved five disbursements over \$5,000:

- \$142,737 to Triview Metropolitan District for October sales tax (\$131,773), November motor vehicle tax (\$10,872), and November Pikes Peak Regional Building Department sales tax

- (\$92)
- \$47,667 to Applied Ingenuity LLC for town well 9 equipment removal and repairs, video inspection, labor, and materials
- \$5,395 to I & C Design for installation of a rebuilt supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) computer that controls the district's water treatment plants.
- \$15,804 to Jacobs Engineering for engineering work on the downtown Monument sidewalk project
- \$7,330 to Jacobs Engineer-

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There were no trustee comments or public comments on items not on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 6 at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Rd. Meetings are normally held on the first and third Monday of the month. However, the second meeting of the month will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 21, due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Jan. 20. Information: 884-8017 or www.townofmonument.org/meetings/.

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Monument Planning Commission, Dec. 11

Expansion plans approved for MVEA, animal clinic

By Kate Wetterer

Mountain View Electric Association (MVEA) and Front Range Animal Hospital both presented land use requests that were unanimously approved at the Dec. 11 Monument Planning Commission meeting.

MVEA substation could expand

MVEA applied to expand the 115kV-12.47kV Emil Anderson substation by 1.5 acres, making it 2.5 acres in all. The expansion would allow MVEA to install new transformers and infrastructure in order to be able to provide more power from this substation that has been in use since 1991. This would provide more power to homes generally east of I-25, between Colorado Springs and the El Paso County line, where demand is growing. It would also allow room for landscaping easements that will improve the substation's appearance and help it meet town codes.

This substation is located off of Jackson Creek Parkway. The proposed expansion would encroach on an adjacent Planned Residential District. MVEA hopes to rezone the encroached area to Planned Industrial District, as required for the proposed electrical infrastructure improvements.

The Planning Commission agreed that expanding the substation's existing equipment would make it easier for current and future Monument residents to be guaranteed the electrical power that will make their lives comfortable. "When the power goes off, it's amazing the amount of things we need," said Commissioner Glenda Smith. She thanked MVEA for its service to the Monument community. The planned improvements abide by all town codes and should not create any dangerous

flooding situations or height issues.

Vet hopes to expand in new location

The Front Range Animal Hospital's veterinary clinic hopes to move from its current location off Third Street to a larger plot of land on Highway 105. The suggested location, 481 Highway 105, is in the vacant lot behind Starbucks, between Serranos Coffee and the Columbine Restaurant, in the Monument Plaza

commercial center.

The proposed amendment would require a replat of the vacant lot, splitting it into two lots. The new one-acre northern lot would be used for the animal clinic. The new southern lot would be used in the future. Hammers Construction represented the veterinary clinic at this hearing.

The requested change by Front Range would allow it to expand the current operation and provide services for more

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