

being implemented such as the looping project along South Mitchell Avenue to provide Synthes, the town's largest commercial water user, with redundant capacity in the event of a water main break. To read the 75-page Water Master Plan Final Report including list of suggested projects, see the Aug. 18, 2014 board packet at <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com/>.

Gingrich and Tooley emphasized the need to also include renewable water in the town's future plans. The new master plan did not discuss renewable water in any detail, although the suggested upgrades to Well 4/5 Water Treatment Plant would help facilitate the indirect potable reuse project if and when it occurs. See www.ocn.me/v14n2.htm#bot0106 for more information on the reuse project.

Koger's report also recommended that the town consider participation in a regional project that provides renewable water from the Arkansas River system. Procurement of renewable surface water rights in Colorado is usually expensive and will take years due to challenges in water court by other renewable water rights owners who have to file challenges under Colorado water law to ensure that their separate water rights will not be harmed by the town's planned use.

Tharnish said Koger is working on a separate regional water infrastructure study addressing water storage and transmission issues will be done in another year and a half and will be compatible with the new Monument water master plan.

The trustees unanimously approved the 20-year water master plan.

Noxious weeds update

On Aug. 18, residents spoke at the Board of Trustees meeting to complain about knapweed in the vacant land next to Monument Villas. See www.ocn.me/v14n9.htm#mbot-0818.

Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman said that since then, she took Town Manager Pamela Smith and Tharnish on a noxious weed tour through the town. Laura Hogan, code enforcement officer, will continue to monitor the area where the complaint was made and remove tumbleweeds as they appear, Sirochman said. Smith's report noted that any seniors in that neighborhood in need of help clearing tumbleweeds from their doors could call 481-2954 to ask the Monument public works office for help.

Environmental Division Manager Kathy Andrew and Environmental Technician Tina Travis from the El Paso County Forestry and Noxious Weeds office presented information about county policies and control of noxious weeds—non-native "super species" with no biological controls. Travis said northern El Paso County is the "state hotspot" for knapweed, but controlling it "is not a lost cause. It's actually a fairly easy plant to control."

Since knapweed spreads

only by seeds, it can be eradicated if landowners spray it with herbicide or mow it before it blooms, she said. However, if it is not contained, it will take over an area and destroy native forage for wildlife.

The Colorado Noxious Weed Act requires every jurisdiction to have a weed management plan, and El Paso County does its own surveys to identify areas with noxious weeds, Travis said. Residents in county neighborhoods infested with noxious weeds would receive certified letters from the county identifying the problem and including fact sheets from the Colorado Department of Agriculture. Monument has ordinances regarding weed control that can be read at <https://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=16718>. It lists leafy spurge, spotted knapweed, diffuse knapweed, Russian knapweed, and Canada thistle as "undesirable plants" that need to be contained and suppressed.

Two liquor licenses approved

The trustees unanimously approved a beer and wine license for Cruisers Haircuts for Men, 481 Highway 105 Unit A, owned by Dee Tendell.

David Locke, owner of Loop Liquors at 1430 Cipriani Loop, gave a detailed presentation and answered numerous questions from the trustees in his application for a retail liquor license. The trustees approved his application 6-1. Trustee Jeff Bornstein voted no, with no comment given.

Financial reports and updates

Treasurer Monica Harder presented two disbursements over \$5,000, which the trustees approved unanimously:

- Forsgren Associates, for water line looping project, \$8,202.
- West Water Research LLC, for water resource strategy plan, \$10,181, which is over budget.

Town manager's report Sirochman presented Smith's town manager's report:

- Madeline VanDenHoek, town community relations specialist, has been selected as one of three finalists in the Business Leader in the Arts Award category on behalf of the Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region and the Colorado Springs Regional Business Alliance.
- Tri-Lakes Cares sent a thank you letter to the Town Hall for its support of the school supplies Program.
- Three quotes between \$11,000 and \$20,000 have been received for the audio/visual screens for the board room, and the board will decide soon if this fits in the 2015 capital improvement plan budget. Budget meetings will begin in October and will be posted on the town website.